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Job of Building Three More Here Awarded to The Present Contractors

ROOSTS TOTAL TO NINE

Yards Will Employ 4,500 Men Per Shift During Peak Production

contract for the construction of nee additional shipways at the inset Park yards of the North arolina Shipbuilding company, ringing to nine the total ways of the concern, was warded in Washington, D. C., yeserday by the U. S. Maritime com-

The additional ways for the yard ere, according to the Associated ss were included in contracts 32 shipways awarded by the nmission yesterday, to be built yards throughout the United tates. Some of the 32 ways au orized yesterday will, as locally, erease existing shipbuilding falities, and in other instances eate altogether new yards, as in lew Orleans for the Cleveland hipbuilding and Iron company.

Price Not Announced The associate contractors of Unerwood, Orrell and Loftis, now nstructing six ways and yard ildings at Sunset Park at a cost bove \$3,000,000, will build the three additional ways. No contract price for the new ways was an-

Unofficially, it was learned that he North Carolina's nine ways nid-August. At least two ways, ork on which began in February. ll be ready for their first keels before July 1. At full capacity, the ocal yards will be capable of contructing nine 10,400 cargo vessels t a time. At peak production, it

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DIES WILL SEEK

Post Left Vacant By Death of Sheppard

ORANGE, Tex., April 16.—(P)— Charleston will be awar Rep. Martin Dies (D.-Tex.) asked 000 college scholarship. exans today to elect him to the Inited States senate to press legistion which would "safeguard our ture against enemies that threatn from within and from without." From his ranch at Jasper he ormally announced his candidacy or the seat left vacant by the eath of Morris Sheppard. The

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WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina—Considerable cloudiss Thursday and Friday, possibly
stered thundershowers in the mounins and extreme north portion. No
cided change in temperature.

ending 7:30 p. m. vesterday).

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Temperature

\$6: 7:30 p. m. 73: maximum 88; min
innum 61; mean 74; normal 62.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 77: 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p.

Executive for the 24 hours

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 77: 7:30 a. m. 67; 1:30 p.

Precipitation

Precipitation

of the month 1.98 inches.

Tides For Today

(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

Wilmington 2:15a. 9:32a.

Masonboro Inlet 2:28p. 9:52p.
12:30s. 6:22a.

Sunrise 5:38a; sunset 6:45p; moonrise

2:36a; boonset 10:49a.

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Building And Loans Here Boost Loans 100 Per Cent where he obtained the old-model gun and beat the girl. Neither has he amplified on his at-the-scene as-Reflecting in undisputable figures the months to come, Gaudian presharp upturn of private busi-dicted that Wilmington building and he had kent almost steady com-

the stimulus of millions of dese dollars, the five Wilmington ling and loan associations and noan associations year, Gaudian's statistics the same approximately one-third of the \$808,the first three months of 1941. This figure, released here last shi by Martin F. Gaudian, execu-Secretary of the North Caro- of old homes and buildings, and the a Building and Loan League, repsents approximately a 100 per cent crease in the loan figure of the me five companies for the corres-

buildings.

A Champion Receives Congratulations

Adjudged the champion high school orator of the south in competition against two other splendid speakers, Harris Proctor, a Durham High school senior, last night won the right to compete tomorrow night in the national finals of the annual American Legion High School Oratorical contest at Charleston, S. C. Above, the 16-year-old Durham youth is being congratulated on the stage of the New Hanover High school auditorium by R. Dave Hall, State Department Commender of the Legion, right, and Robert S. Kirby, of Charlotte, director of the state department's Americanism program.

that lost M. S. Richardson his

The city was placed under a

rabies quarantine and Rich-

ardson was hired under an

agreement whereby he was to

get \$1 for each dog he captur-

In 29 days he brought in

Said Dr. R. C. Farrier,

ment soon would be broke, so

we're retiring from the

sale dog business."

health director:

position as dog catcher.

Harris Proctor, Durham, PRICE OF STEEL Wins Oratorical Contest

WILL GO TO FINALS Illinois Dog Catcher

ill be in simultaneous use about Defeats Virginia and Mississippi Youths in Sectional Finals Here

> Harris Proctor, a Durham High school senior whose hobby is American history and whose ambition is to enter the ministry, last night in Wilmington won the right to represent the south in the national finals of the American Legion's annual High school oratorical contest tomorrow night at

Speaking on "The Constitution, Announces Candidacy For It's Benefits," young Proctor in the New Hanover high school auditorium to win the sectiona finals of the nation-wide competition, whose winner tomorrow in STATE TO DEMAND Charleston will be awarded a \$4,-

> The North Carolinian defeated, by the closest of margins, Alf J. Mapps, of Portsmouth, Va., and James Horton, of Doddsville, Is Scheduled to go on Trial

Survived Eliminations

The Durham youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Proctor, was representing North and South Caroline, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, having survived eliminations against the champion high schools orators of each of those states. on trial in superior court here next The Virginia entrant, Alf Mapps, month for the murder of his forwas the survivor of competitions in his home state, West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Young Horton, a Mississippi Delta farm boy, had previously won the championship girl's slaying, David Sinclair, disological data for the 24 hours of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama

Each of last night's contestants was required to deliver a prepared 10 to 12 minute address on some phase of the constitution of Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 m. 0.00 inches: total since the first of the month 1.98 inches.

The state of the month 1.98 inches.

The state of the upon to speak extemporaneously for from between four to speak extemporaneously for from between four to sit minutes are some subject.

The state of the united States, after which each gators have found thus far indicates cold-blooded, rughless, premote the solicitor minutes are some subject. to six minutes on some subject decreed by the contest committee, and pertaining to the first 10

and Arkansas.

amendments of the constitution. address, on the subject "What proaching the theme in the first younger sister, looked on helpless-Americanism Means To Me," apperson singlar from the viewpoint of a typical young American. In

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ORDERED FROZEN Showdown May be Forth-

coming on Federal Price-Is Too Good for Job Fixing Authority EAST ST. LOUIS, III., April 16.—(A)—It was a job well done

Leon Henderson, price adminis-"He proved to be a hound for that the wage increases made price would retaliate—"a hundred-fold." niversary of Adolf Hitler's 52nd work. At that rate the departrises inevitable.

would be obeyed.

ticipated full cooperation by the tal to the attack. industry. It was learned, however, that if any company attempts to raise prices, on the ground that it tel lobbies were crowded with cannot do business at the fixed levels, the office of price administration probablf will call upon it to prove that higher charges are

Henderson emphasized that the price schedule would be subject to revision. He said that his office. which was created by President state when the youthful slayer goes Roosevelt in an order last week, study of prices and costs in the steel industry.

Steel men, who declined to be quoted by name, expressed belief the order would be challenged because they said, recent wage increases meant that many comparaising their prices.

acted without authority when he and Church streets. established the price administra-

Henderson said the price schedule was issued only after it had been submitted to the newlyformed price administration comtil the arrival here of a Federal mittee which includes Secretary assigned to make a soldiers' recrea-Morgenthau, Secretary Jones, Sectional survey of Wilmington. retary Wickard and Defense Directors Knudsen and Hillman.

timony before the senate defense

investigating committee, while Sec-

retary of the Navy Knox was tell-

Patterson said that with \$15,000,-

He made these statements in tes- men under arms eventually.

AtLondon

WILMINGTON, N. C., THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 1941

Dive-Bombers Subject City To Most Destructive Attack of the War

GROUND GUNS ROAR

Casualties Believed Heavy As Wave After Wave Of Craft Rain Bombs

LONDON, April 17 .- (Thursday) (P)-German bombers diving low in a steady procession through fierce anti-aircraft fire smashed at London last night and early today for their heaviest raid of the war on the capital.

bombs whistled of the sleepless city, and casualties and damage were expected to

At 4:22 a.m. London time, (10:22 temporary delay in communication during the devastating attack a stand. last Dec. 29, when the Associated Press building was destroyed by

Earlier, in New York both the National Broadcasting Co., and the Columbia Broadcasting system re- the airports of Larisa and Trikkala ported buildings housing their of- to the west and the seaports where ices had been struck.)

this was the heaviest blow yet loosed on London.

One Plane Downed A curtain of anti-aircraft fire bagged at least one bomber, which burst with an eerie flash and fell in bits.

The raiders dived low to loose and prompted immediate specula- their bombs and scurried off, fol- tion of the last of five army groups tion that a showdown might be lowed by others in procession that thrown into battle by Yugoslavia. forthcoming on federal price-fixing kept coming over into the early authority. morning hours.

that it was precipitated by recent their heaviest raid on Berlin April in order to make a great showing wage increases in the industry. 9, after which the German press by issuing a number of important Some steel men have contended published threats that the Nazis announcements April 20 on the an-

from either government officials or Dec. 29 when incendiaries rained steel executives as to how the price fire and incredible damage on the order would be enforced or if it ancient "City of London," the financial district.

Officials parried such questions | Explosives were the main fare with the statement that they and today, however, with fires inciden-

Lobbies Crowded For the first time in months ho-

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NEGRO HUT MEET SCHEDULED TODAY

would inaugurate an immediate Federal Representative Is Scheduled to Confer With Boards Today

The city and county boards of com missioners are scheduled to meet this nies could not do business without morning at 10 o'clock at the courthouse to continue their discussions Some congress members, notably on the proposed immediate construc-Senator Taft (R.-Ohio) have con-tion of a city-county financed negro tended that President Rooseveit soldiers' recreational hut at Tenth

Last Monday, in a meeting marked for its verbal fireworks, the joint boards voted three-to-two - county formed price administration com- Works Administration representative

The government representative, J. W. Faust, has arrived here and last In making it public, he said a night it was understood that he steel price increase now "might would meet with the two boards to touch off a general increase in the amplify what the Federal governcost of living and start the country ment proposes to do about recreationoff on the road to price infla- 21 facilities in this vicinity for Camp 1 Davis and Fort Bragg soldiers.

Capt. Adriane Merlano Berasia and Surveys For 28 New Army

Cantonment Sites Begun eral court here Monday afternoon, facing charges of sabotage and conspiracy to commit sabotage in con-WASHINGTON, April 16.—(P)— gineers had been or would be rePrecautionary plans for housing tained to make the cantonment surThe Italians are being held at 800,000 additional troops, just in veys. He was emphatic in telling present in the U. S. immigration de-

with a disclosure that surveys for measures being taken were entire- charged with offenses carrying 28 new cantonment sites had bely precautionary. Plans long apmaximum penalties of \$10,000 fines
gun.

The proved call for having 1,400,000
and 20 years imprisonment, each. "This is the sort of thing," Pat-

terson said, "which, if we could First official word that the Italhave done it two years ago, would ians were to be returned to Wiling the house naval committee that have done it two years ago, would mington for trial was learned from have saved a great deal of exefforts to legislate on defense labor pense and time in getting camps the clerk's office of the Federal court the clerk's office of the Federal court disputes should be confined to stat. ready when men were called out."

While Knox had approved the "spirit" of a bill, introduced by for government witnesses.

The trial will be presided over by

The trial will be presided over by (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 4) Judge I. M. Meekins.

Luftwaffe Germans Penetrate Deep Smashes Into Central Greek Lines; Nazis, British Battling

Now 'in Full Progress'

LONDON, April 16.-(P)-The

Athens radio in a broadcast heard here said fighting which

opened Monday in western Ma-

cedonia now is "in full pro-

The Germans on Tuesday

tried a further advance by

throwing large forces into ac-

The radio quoted the follow-

"The battle which began the

day before yesterday in wes-

tern Macedonia is in full pro-

gress. The Germans yester-

day attempted a further ad-

vance and threw very consid-

erable forces into play, sup-

"The Greek army which had

to meet these attacks inflicted

serious losses on the enemy.

Al lordered movements were

carried out by Greek troops to

new positions. British and Im-

perial forces succeeded in re-

pulsing the German mechaniz-

ed forces everywhere. The

Germans nowhere were able to

break through the main line."

May Have Recovered Des-

ert Outposts of Fort

Capuzzo, Salum

have been wrested from the Axis.

that the Nazi-Fascist Blitzkrieg

its force-at least for the moment

Simultaneously, British headquar-

ters announced that the Duke of

Oasta, Italian Viceroy of Ethiopia,

had sent an envoy by plane to Dire-

dawa. It was not known here wheth-

er he sought to negotiate for the sur-

render of the 40,000 Italian and 36,000

East African wilderness or to ar-

lange for the withdrawal of Italian

The admirality announced the Ger-

mans and Italians were being "con

from the sea, particularly west of

Salum where the road is exposed a-

A curio of war was the announce-

ed destruction by naval cannon of at

least five Axis planes parked at El

Gazala airport, west of Tobruk. The

RAF said it destroyed four German

planes at Fort Capuzzo and another

A British ministry of information

announcement, first made public in

Military sources here, however,

shelled and set on fire."

women and children.

at Derna.

AXIS IN AFRICA

BRITAIN STRIKES

ported by aircraft.

ing Greek press ministry com-

gress."

tion, it said.

SERB ARMY IS TAKEN Fighting in Western

German, British Soldiers Reported Fighting South Of Mt. Olympus

AIRPORTS ARE BOMBED

Little Information Is Given **Out About Operations** In North Africa

BERLIN, April 17 .- (Thursday)-P) -German troops collided with the British today south of Mount and Olympus, major eastern Greek decrashed into buildings and streets fense bastion, as the high command reported that the entire Serbian second army had put down its arms at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. Military headquarters gave few

.m., E.S.T.) the Associated Press details of the ensuing battle but the office messaged that there was a version here was that the withdrawing British were pushed so hard tions, recalling a similar interrup- they were obliged to turn and make What started as a mere rear

guard action may develop into a great engagement, it was said. Bomb Airports Ahead of the German ground

orces was the airforce, bombing the Germans said British transports Seasoned observers agreed that were ready to evacuate the British Larisa is about 100 miles straight south of the Yugoslav border. The Germans said they smashed

22 airplanes on the ground and an arched across the starlit skies and additional 17 were shot down in acrial combat over narrowing Greek territory.
Semi-official sources admitted that

the British in Greece were "show-Casualties were not announced ing more fight than heretofore." German newspapers hailed the surrender of the second Serbian army at Sarajevo as the capitula

Information of North Africa was scant and it was It was the first big assault on thought that the high command trator, issued the order and said London since the British made was holding back news of that front

There was no immediate word new destruction with that of last Capitulation of this Yugoslav force, new speculation as to whether an armistice might now be expected with Yugoslavia, but informed Germans said this was extremely un-

likely. "It Takes Two"

"It takes two to make an armisice," they said, "each side agreeing under certain conditions to stop fighting But there doesn't seem to be any Yugoslav government left and certainly the army isn't under unified control. So there is no Serb competent or with authority to me an agreement about anything in behalf of the Serb people."

Announcement of the capitulation was made in a special high command bulletin, issued hours after the morning's official report of capture of stantly and successfully" bombarded Sarajevo and the surrender of "thousands of Serbs." (Yugoslavia's government for a time was reported at top the Palisades.

Berlin sources said they had no information as to the present whereabouts of King Peter or the Simovic government, although they said they believed that Premier Dusan Simovic himself had left the country.

Alse Get Supplies In the long run, Nazi spokesmen said, the Yugoslav captives will amount to hundreds of thousands, long with vast amounts of arms,

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FASCIST SAILORS

Are Scheduled to Answer Charges of Sabotage Here On Monday Afternoon

nine of his crewmen of the U. S .seized Italian vessel Villarperosa will go on trial in the U.S. district Fed-

case they should be needed, were revealed today by Robert P. Patterson, the undersecretary of war, with a disclosure that surveys for

SEEKING KALABAKA Part of Macedonia Is

British Say Heavy Fighting in Progress Along The Front

TOWNS ARE ATTACKED

Germans Admit British Are 'Showing More Fight Than Heretofore'

ATHENS, April 17.—(Thursday) -(A)-A Greek high command comnunique early today disclosed a German penetration deep into the Greek-British central front, declaring that the Nazis are in action in the Grevena region and trying to advance towards Kalabaka.

Grevena is 60 miles south of the Yugoslav frontier and baout 25 miles southwest of Kozane, which the Germans already have occu-

Kalabaka is another 30 outh from Grevena.

The Greek command attributed the advance to the German forces which penetrated the upper valley of the Aliakmon river on the west. Kalabaka is the northern railhead of a line running to Trikkala and connecting with Larisa, Athens and the main Greek rail network. Farther east, the Greek command said, the Germans had

crossed to the south bank of the Aliakmon from the heights of Kozane. This is about 15 miles south of the town of Kozane. The Aliakmon describes a sharp "V" across the Greek peninsula before emptying into Salonika bay.

South of the Albanian town of Corizza (Koritza), the Italians were CAIRO, Egypt, April 16.-(P)-A acknowledged to have taken the ightning-like British blow at the Ger- gorge of Kiasma Marit (apparently nan-Italian rear in Fort Capuzzo and on the Devol river).

hand-to-hand fighting just across the The Athens radio, which broadcast the communique, said the inborder in the Egyptian village of Salum, both backed up by guns of though it admitted that "it prethe Royal navy, were announced by sents all those difficulties which the British today with intimations are natural after enforced evacuathat these desert outposts might tion and transfer of defensive lines

under fire." Previously, the British declared that heavy fighting was in progress in several sectors of the defense along the narrow strip between the line they and the Greeks threw desert and the sea has about spent across the Greek peninsula for a decisive stand against the mechanized hosts of the Nazi invaders.

> The British war office in London said there was no confirmation (Continued on Page Five; Col. 3)

native troops still at large in the **NORTHERN IRELAND** RAIDED BY NAZIS

Attack Is Described as Intense as Any Suffered **By Midland Ports**

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, German bombers blasted a path of havoc across loyalist North Ireland last night in a raid described as in tense as any suffered by British London, said "in Libya our forces have successfully attacked the rear midland ports.

of the enemy position in the Capuzzo Hundreds of homes in the work area, where enemy vehicles were ing class area of this city of over 400,000 population were destroyed and considerable loss of life here said the much-battered Italian fort and in surrounding smaller towns facing the Egyptian frontier had was reported.

changed hands time after time before Rescue workers digging into the the British grabbed it. (It was not wreckage of bomb shelters, homes made clear who holds it at the motwo churches, a/moving picture theater and library here indicated (A German high command statement, apparently referring to the casualties were heavy. same action, said a thrust at Salum

During the four-hour raid hun ly British armored vehicles support- dreds of bombs were dropped, and is physicians and nurses removed pa-

(Continued on Page Five; Col. 2) Three Axis Destroyers,

Five Cargo Ships Sunk LONDON, April 16.-49-An en-|fleet, with units freed at length tire convoy of three Axis destroy- from convoy service to Greece ers and five cargo ships bound for returned to the job of blocking

squadron last night at the cost of one British destroyer, the admiralty announced tonight.

ed by warships was r-pulsed.

implied German occupation of Sa-

Disclosure of the annihilationso described-followed announceperial desert armies.

Thus the British Mediterranean

Africa with troops, munitions and Axis supply lanes to Africa. It is mechanized equipment was blown generally believed that German up and sunk between Sicily and mechanized forces reached Tripoli Tripoli by a British Mediterranean for their drive into Egypt largely because the British fleet was engaged in protecting the transport of imperial troops from Africa to Greece. It also has been suggested that the Italian fleet served as a ment that the Mediterranean fleet lure for the British warships late is continually bombarding the Ger- last month, when the Italians were man and Italian troops, airports caught off Cape Matapan and batand forts along the Libyan shore tered by both light and heavy Britin support of the hard-fighting im- ish units. Meanwhile, this theory

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nding months of 1940. Using the first quarter of the ear as a measuring yardstick for

this district brought about loan associations would lend in excess of \$4,000,000 for building and pany for four years. refinancing in this area during 1941. Of the leans made to April 1 this aware, Westcott has not retained

943 was for new building, mostly balance toward the purchase of refinancing of existing homes and (P)-The attention of Sidney Hillman

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Here Next Month For Slaying Girl

A demand for the life of Roland Paul Westcott will be made by the mer sweetheart, 18-year-old Mil-

dred Lee. On the basis of investigation and circumstances surrounding the trict solicitor, yesterday said that the state would have no alternative but to press for a first-degree murder conviction and a death sen-

tence in the gas chamber of the state prison. "Everything officers and investigators have found thus far indi-

Westcott shot and then clubbed mendments of the constitution.

Horton spoke, for his prepared

Miss Lee fatally last Saturday night in the 700 block of North en crowd, including Miss Lee's ly. Halted by a policeman in his jealousy-maddened clubbing of the girl's head with the butt of a pistol, Westcott cried that he was

'glad' he had committed the act. In jail this week, Westcott has continued his uncommunicative attitude, refusing to divulge to police where he obtained the old-model he amplified on his at-the-scene assertion that he was "glad" he had

Insofar as police officials are legal counsel, though one attorney has visited with the youth, presumably to discuss the murder charge against him.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 16 .-

disputes should be confined to statand William S. Knudsen, co-heads utes intended to bring both sides A preponderant majority of the of the office of production manageto the conference table. loans are under \$4,000 each; and ment, today was called to the strike at the Appalachian mills here where 000 recently made available, en-2,000 workers are idle.

WASHINGTON, April 16.-(A)-The government to day ordered but it was feared they might be steel prices frozen at their levels heavy. in the first quarter of this year