

phrey: William Hooper school, 410 Mr. Jones selected the following Meares H. L. Herrin: New Hano- men to represent the various

on our shores.' **Invasion Fear Renewed**

seaborne invasion, but the Japanese

tions overrun.

plane-landed troops was not known although this would be the tactical sequel to seizure of any landing

tine flight when they apparently encountered difficulties, offo isiness Mayor Hargrove Bellamy, representing the city government; Ad-dison Hewlett, Sr., chairman of

island forts were erected to repel The fear of invasion arose once broarcasts did not make clea that a powerful German fleet could strike at vital Atlantic sup-Island, N. Y. **Tanks In Action** A German radio commentator The Singapore broadcast heard in said this: Batavia said British tanks went "We see proof that today passage around the northern part of (Continued on Page Five; Col. 2) England by German sea forces is decidedly within the realm of pos-**AUSTRALIAN FORCE**

villages were reported recaptured and freshly-built German fortifica-

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) WPB TO CONTROL county board of commissioners, to represent county government; At-1942 RAW SUGAR torney Harriss Newman, as na-tional councillor of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce; George Trask, prominent rogram Of Allocation To farmer and member of the county board of commissioners, agricul-Refineries Is Instituted tural phases; J. G. Thornton, president Wilmington Savings an dTrust company, banking; Karl Fern-By Agency

MASHINGTON, Feb. 14.-(Phe War Production Board today wok control of available supplies d 1942 raw cane sugar, and instiuted a program of allocations to

The refineries were told that they would be given a total of 2,567,368 shut tons to cover their requirements for the Jan. 1-Sept. 30 peri-

lader the board's orders, no permother than a refiner or manufature may purchase, import or enept delivey of raw sugar this

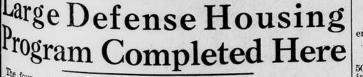
yer and no refiner may buy, im-"It is doubtful if ever in the his- as available." of accept delivery of more than is alloted to him by the WPB. tory of Wilmington there was a committee of more importance determined that offenses "have

Officials indicated the purpose of and a scramble among refineries said. w available supplies. A price ceil-

"This committee will plan the as already has been placed on post-war future of this area; pro-" cane sugar at \$3.74 a hun- vide a "cushion" for that grim era ted pounds, New York basis. These allotments were fixed for by our businesses, industrial enthe refineries: terprises, agriculturists may con-

American Sugar Refining com- terprises, agriculturists into te Mary, 668,723 short tons: J. Aron Mi Company, Inc., 23,992; Cali-ture may be developed to absorb

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The four million dollar defense tamority of the City of Wilming-train to completion Saturday at 163 homes in Lake Village to Lake Village, the last of the state of the last of the last

Lake Village, the last of the Lake Village, the last of the projects in the vicinity of tetion of the city, is composed of prefabricated, demountable more shuld the need for them tage here thorized to begin construction of

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PROBE STARTED

Demands Develop For Congressional Inquiry Into Liner Disaster

strom, general manager of N. C. Shipbuilding company, marine in-WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.- (P terests; Frederick Willetts, Real Secretary of the Navy Knox dis- in "aconstant state of repair" and closed today that a naval court has prevent their joining the powerful Estate Development, real estate; J. C. Williams, of Belk-Williams, 35,000-ton battleship Tirpitz for a retail trade; Bruce Cameron, of begun an investigation of the Nor- foray against Allied lines of com-MacMillan-Cameron firm and oth- mandie disaster while at the capimunications.

ment.

er interests, wholesale trade; J. tol demands developed for a con-Informed parliamentary sources Holmes Davis, Sr., president of gressional inquiry into the fire mentioned with increasing free Spofford Mills, manufacturing; C. which swept the former French quency the name of Sir Stafford quency the name of Sir Stafford McD. Davis, executive vice-presi-dent of Atlantic Coastline Railroad, A three-man court of inquiry A three-man court of mquiry A three-man court of mquiry

transportation; and J. L. Smith, headed by Rear Admiral Lamar district manager of Wilmington R. Leahy, retired, is investigating, inet. branch of Southern Bell Telephone the Navy announced, and informa-

company, utilities. **Duties of Committee** curity will be released as so on

the allocation program was to pre- Planning committee," Mr. Jones incurred it will recommend what

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FORECASTS: NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA and GEORGIA — Slightly higher temperatures Sun-

Slightly higher temperature day. FLORIDA — Slightly higher temperatures over north portion and little change in temperature south portion Sunday.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hour nding 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau)

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 Temperature:

 1:30 a. m. 34; 7:30 a. m. 30; 1:30 p. m.

 50; 7:30 p. m. 45; maximum 55; min

 imum 28; mean 42; normal 48.

 1:30 a. m. 49; 7:30 a. m. 76; 1:30 p. m.

 39; 7:30 p. m. 65.

 Precipitation:

 Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30

 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 1.47 inches.

 Tides For Today:

 (From Tide Tables published by U. S.

 Coast and Geodetic Survey):

 Wilmington

 9:55a, 4:25a,

 10:11p. 4:53p.

Low 4:25a. 4:53p. 1:21a. 1:50p.

 Masonboro
 Inlet
 10:11p.
 4:53

 Masonboro
 Inlet
 7:46a,
 1:21

 Sunrise
 6:57a;
 sunset
 5:56p;
 moonris
 9a; moonset 6:26p. (All Times Eastern Standard) :59a

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ville on Feb. 14, at 8 a. m., 11.10

the schedule given by the engi-(Continued on Page Nine; Col. 6) neers

sibility.' 'The German squadron now is either at much-bombed Wilhelm-

SENI shaven or Kiel, a British authority said, promising that heavy air raids will seek to keep the ships

Government Weighs Question Of Calling Airmen Home From England

SYDNEY, Australia, Feb. 14.-

East Indies today and the governboomed for a place in the war cab-

ing home Aussie airmen from Eng-Some politicians forecast that tion "compatible with military se-curity will be released as so on pore and Libya would break the defense of the southwest Pacific.

as available." - Churchill cabinet but it was be-It was added that if the court determined that offenses "have the conservative government was Allied to be a southwest Pacific. The commonwealth forces, ac-companied by other Empire and the conservative government, was Allied troops, were moving into named to serve than the Post War been committed or serious blame the only man able to form a new defense positions on Java, site of government. The conservatives the United Nations general staff hold a topheavy majority in parlia- headquarters and vital island base

expected to be the target soon of a Japanese invasion thrust.

Cripps Mentioned Importance of Java to the whole Cripps was mentioned as a possible minister of defense oversee- Allied cause was stressed by some ing the Army, Navy and air force commentators who said its retena job which Churchill now holds. tion would shorten the Pacific con-

Leslie Hore-Belisha, who was war minister under Neville Cham- "Java can be def "Java can be defended if fightberlain, was the first political ers and bombers arrive in time,'

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Government Rejects Bids

An official announcement to said that on this front 1,600 German officers and men were killed and six inhabited places recaptured

by Soviet forces. At one fortified junction the Germans were said to have lost 200 troops; at another, Russian ski troops accounted for 170; in a third encounter, the 323rd German infan

try regiment was scattered. Guerillas aided the operations. Ski Troops Used

German counter-attacks were de-INTO INDIES tailed on the southwest, northwest river near Paan but the fragmenand the southern part of the central tation bombs of a squadron of Britfront. In the latter area Finnish ish Blenheims have thinned their and German ski roops tried to rush ranks so frightfully that enemy a Russian-held village, but were dis- pressure eased tonight along the

persed. The night Soviet information bureau communique was confined to Pagoda-studded jungle hills, a the usual generalization that during heavy force of Blenheim bombers the day "our troops, overcoming dropped thousands of pounds of de-

vance

A Red cavalry unit which broke miles from Paan on the road to the German Leningrad front recent- Thaton, important railroad town ment weighed the question of call- ly was reported by the army newson the line that skirts the Gulf of Martahan fron Rangoon.

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Prominent Physician Resigns As Chairman Of The Wilmington Board

Dr. W. Houston Moore, chairpoint. nan of the Wilmington Civil Serv-

ice board since its establishment in June of 1941, has resigned from he group, according to a letter he sent the New Hanover county Medical society Saturday. The resgnation is effective immediately. Dr. Moore was appointed by the Medical society as its representaives on the board and he was

elected chairman by the other members.

In a letter to the medical so- in the vicinity of Camp Davis is regarding the incident. In a letter to the medical so-ciety, Dr. Moore pointed out that his various civic duties and the calls of his practice do not allow him time enough to fulfill his work in the civil service board. Ed Carr, secretary of the board, in commenting on the resignation of Dr. Moore declared that his Wednesday.

northeast of Durham. It will conof Dr. Moore, declared that his Wednesday. sist of 1,600 buildings and will pro-

services had been of the highest The civilian pilot was detained quality, and that the organization until Friday afternoon while his case was investigated. When he landing to Camp Davis. would miss him very much.

A successor to Dr. Moore, to was released, a Camp Davis represent the medical society, is spokesman announced: "As far as expected to be appointed at the this camp is concerned, the case next meeting of that body. is closed," putting an end to a

SALWEEN AGAIN field by the parachutists Center Of Rich Field Palembang itself, center of what

probably is the richest single oil **Bombs From British Planes** field between the Persian gulf and Thin Their Ranks Near the United States, was not entered by the Japanese and was not immediately threatened, the communi-Paan, However que said, but three places in the area were attacked by the Japanese

who drifted from the dawn sky and RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 14-(R) received reinforcement from -Japanese troops have forced a eeding waves of air-borne fighters. second crossing of the Salween There was no word yet of the Dutch applying their scorched earth policy to the refineries and oil

fields, representing an investment of hundreds of millions of dollars, but it was assumed the defenders entire east Burma front. would not hesitate to apply the Flying at treetop level over the torch if the plants actually became

endangered by the Japanese invaders. enemy resistance, continued to ad- layed action fragmentation bombs on the main Japanese forces two

Prime Objective It was believed that one of the prime objectives of the attack was Pladju, about three miles west of Palembang along the Musi river, an important refining center for the south Sumatra oil fields.

American fliers of the volunteer Observers said the Japanese apgroup and RAF fighters escorted parently had resorted to aid invathe bombers. sion because Palembang is difficult

Huge explosions crisscrossed the to attack from the sea. More than jungle clearing as the last of the 300 miles south of Singapore and Blenheims turned home, unofficial about 250 miles northwest of reports said. Batavia, the city lies 56 miles in-A communique from battle land. It is connected with the headquarters of the Burma com- Strait of Bangka, which lies be-

mand said some of the most bit- tween Sumatra and the tin smeltter fighting of the war in Burma ing island of Bangka, by the Musi had taken place in the last few river which threads almost impenedays. The Japanese made thrusts trable marsh and jungle. across the Salween at Paan and Capital of the Palembang resi-Martaban with Indian troops bear- dency, Palembang is a city of about ing the brunt of the attack at each 110,000 which spreads on both sides

of the river, with many of the na-

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Civilian Pilot Released By Authorities At Davis

An incident illustrating the thor- wild series of rumors beginning to oughness with which the coastline circulate in this section of the state

tribute to the residents of Fulcher's Landing for the presence of mind

they displayed in reporting the Late Wednesday afternoon, ac-

cording to the official account, the aviator, whose name is being with-

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vide for "about 35,000 people." The hospital will be of semi-fire proof construction. The entire work will be divided into the following parts:

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On Large Durham Camp The bids received Wednesday by The final completion date for the the Wilmington district army engientire work has been set for Auneers for construction of the Durgust 1. However, earlier compleham Triangular Division camp tion dates will be specified for va-

have been rejected by the govern rious parts of the project, accordment and will be re-advertised, dividing the project into fifteen parts, ing from the statement from Col.

Lieut. Col. R. A. Sharrer, acting Sharrer. district engineer, announced Satur-The camp will be located 12 miles

day. Five of the fifteen parts will be for utilities and the remaining ten

will be for housing, it was said. Dates for opening of bids on the

varouis sectons range from February 26 to March 9, according to