NAZI DEFENSE LINE

City Today Joins U.S. In Launchi Parade Of Ships ships ghters

William Moultrie Is Among 27 Going Down Ways Today

Observance of "Maritime Day" today will be marked with the launching of 27 ships throughout the nation, one of them, the S. S. William Moultrie, from the ways of the Air Raids Are Made Upon North Carolina Shipbuilding company here.

George W. Jeffrey, president of

through ships must be ours."

The program at the shipyard

chairman; J. T. Hiers, V. E. Crew,

Saying, "I'm Nervous

And Can't Go On"

The William Moultrie will slide into the Cape Fear river at 4:40 o'clock following brief addresses the club, received a message from by Representative J. Bayard Clark, Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the U. S. Maritime Comof the Seventh North Carolina disrict, and S. Duvall Schell, executive director of the Maritime Commission, as follows: mission. The exercises will begin cast over Radio Station, WPTF.

er of Robert I. Pretand, are beneficiaries of the men who today. ampany and comptroller of the build and load and take our vic-News Shipbuilding and tory fleet to sea. You are fighting Drydock company, will christen our fight as strongly as are the Her maid of honor will armed forces.. You are as vital to he Miss Linda Drexler, daughter this effort as if you were on the of Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Drex- firing line. Carry on, and victory

The nation-wide observance is being carried out in accordance will be followed with a dinner towith a proclamation by President oosevelt and will witness one of Club at which Mr. Schell will dethe largest mass launching of liver the principal address. hips in the country's history. The bservance here has been proclaimed in a supplementary procamation by Mayor Hargrove Bel- posed as follows: H. E. Boyd

The program is being sponsored to the Propeller Club of the Port Vendig, W. S. MacMahon, W. E. Wilmington, and yesterday (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

Hopes Of Securing

Shipping Brighter

Maritime Official Inspects

Wilmington Port Facilities

district manager of the U. S. Mar-litime Commission in Norfolk, vis-

Plaza.

ing secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Captain F. F. Nann, assistant¥

ited the city and made a complete

inspection of the port facilities,

After inspecting the warehouse

cilities. Captain Nann expressed

his approval of the port's capa-

Captain Nann announced at the

end of his investigation that the

city's port facilities were good and

that he intended to make a def-

inite recommendation to the Mari-

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announced upon hearing of Captain Nann's recommendation, "I'm A

lative answer from the Mari-

"Captain Nann's visit and ap-

sociation, the Port Commission,

and the Chamber of Commerce,"

city, the county, the Port Traffic fore his death.

time Commission."

Mr. Moore revealed.

ruiser,

Action Is Carried Out In Southwest Pacific By Submarines

14 PLANES DESTROYED

Enemy Bases In New Guinea And Timor

ALLIED HEADQUAR-TERS, Australia, Friday, May 22.—(A)—Allied submarines "On this observance of National mission. The clock and will be broad- Maritime Day the Maritime Com. have sunk a 7,100-ton Japamission wishes to express appre- nese cruiser of the Kako class ciation of your contribution to the and two Japanese cargo ves-Miss Marjorie Fletcher, daught-nation's ship building and operat-er of Robert I. Fletcher, a director ing effort. The American people it was announced officially it was announced officially

General MacArthur's headquarters also said that 14 Japanese planes had been destroyed or damaged in air raids on Japanese invasion bases in New Guinea and

(There are four ships in the Japanese Kako class, each carrying a normal complement of 604 night at the Cape Fear Country They are the Kako, Huru-Kinugasa, and Ooba, all completed in 1926-27. They are Arrangements for the affair are armed with six 8-inch guns).

being made by a committee com-The communique said: 'Northwestern sector. Nev Lae-A surprise attack by Allied aircraft from a low altitude destroyed two enemy bombers and one fighter on the ground and extensively damaged two bombers The enemy intercepted with eight fighters. Three were shot down. We suffered no losses.

"Naval operations: Our naval forces in underwater action destroyed the following enemy ves-(Continued on Page Ten; Col. 2)

ON NORMANDIE

The outlook for lend-lease shipments through the port of Wilmington is very good at the present, following an It Will Take Year To Raise Hull Of Burned And inspection of the port by a Maritime Commission representative yesterday, it was announced by Louis T. Moore, act-Sunken Liner

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, May 21-P-The Means Committee for authority to Navy undertook its greatest sal- require all employes to deduct ad-FALL TO DEATHS

vage operation today, to raise the burned, mud-laden, waterlogged, hull of the former French liner Normandie from the bottom of a slip in New York harbor, where it turned over after a fire Feb. space, stevedores and docking fa- Broker's Wife Leaves Note it turned over after a fire Feb- excess of a fixed scale of per-

Work preliminary to the delicate in most cases, would fall far short salvage operations has been under way for some days, and an unman and a woman plunged to after he had been told by a special death within 3 1-2 hours today from advisory committee of experts that upper floors of the RCA building, the huge ship could be raised.

however, that a decision as to Congressional sources indicated Leaving a note addressed to her whether the ship should also be that the committee favored the S. M. C. to the effect that the husband saying "I'm nervous and can't go on," Mrs. Jean Haskell of Bronxville, N. Y., 30, mother of lease-lend traffic in the of Bronxville, N. Y., 30, mo therest of the nation is expected, a three-months-old infant, leaped the future can be more exactly de- wives, from the trouble of becomat 4 p.m. from the cocktail lounge termined.

Addison Hewlett, chairman of the county board of commissioners body landed on an 11th floor off- there is a possibility that the war ton would be similar to the Social tonight, were being heavily engaged by the defenders county will be glad to know that York City, was found on a sixth made to expedite the salvage." is efforts have at last borne floor extension on the other side

The Normandie, which the Navy of the building. H. E. Boyd, chairman of the Police, who listed Mrs. Haskell refitted as a troop transport when the fire which led to its capsizing broke out. Now it will be at least with port of Wilmington, while not as large as many other.

Police, who listed Mrs. Haskell refitted as a troop transport when the fire which led to its capsizing broke out. Now it will be at least of the committee has decided to respect to Police, who listed Mrs. Haskeil after a meeting of the popartment during which share of lease-lend traffic. We've worked hard to get it, and I hope that we'll soon get a definite affir lative answer for latic lating and lating answer for lative answer for latic lating and lating answer for latic lating and lating answer for latic lating and lating answer for lating and lating answer for lating answer Mutual Life Insurance Company,

WEATHER

NORTH CAROLINA—Little change in temperature Friday with scat-tered thundershowers east and cen-SOUTH CAROLINA—Little change in temperature, scattered thundershowers Friday.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours
nding 7:30 p. m. yesterday):
(By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature:
1:30 a. m. 71; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m.
19; 7:30 p. m. 75; maximum 80; minimum
18; mean 74; normal 72.

Lew 10:06a. 10:11p. 6:32a 6:48p. 3. 6:32a 12:35p. 6:48p. Sunrise 5:05a; sunset 7:12p; moonrise

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette.

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Germans Start Counter-Blow



Led by great 52-ton tanks, Russian armies rolled ahead over fields littered with German dead in the Battle of Kharkov. Meanwhile, the Nazis sought desperately to ease the pressure with a diversional attack 80 miles to th southeast in the Izyum-Barvenkova sectors. This German counter-stroke was made 30 miles east of Lozovaya, highway junction of Nazi roads serving Kharkov. In the Crimea (1), a second major battle was proceeding on the Kerch peninsula. Russians said the Red garrison of the naval base at Sevastopol was aiding in the continued re-

Salary Deduction Of Tax Is Asked

Proposal Would Make Levy 10 Per Cent Of Wage Earned

WASHINGTON, May 21. - (AP) - The Treasury asked today for a vast check-off system under which income taxes would be deducted from nearly everybody's regular pay

envelope.
Randolph Paul, tax adviser of that he had made a formal request to the House Ways and

onal exemptions. The deductions collection dates.

time Commission upon his return of the recommended, of the recommended, day before making any decision. ing tax collectors.

emergency may make the recon- Security taxes that they already for them.

Paul said the proposed personal renamed the Lafayette, was being exemptions were based on the reg-

It would work this way: taxable at the rate of 10 per cent him back in at least one sector. Which would be \$1.40 each week. About 1,500 miles to the west, on

Hitting Knockout Blow At The Chinese

way for some days, and an unqualified go-ahead order was is-NEW YORK, May 21— (P) —A sued by Secretary of Knox today between the annual income tax areas which some day might cradle direct attacks on Japan, Paul said the committee would have supplemented their broad of study the proposal at least another fensive in Chekiang province with a landing in force near Foochow, Fukien province.

The Chinese high command announced that a dozen Japanese transports yesterday steamed up the Mim river a short distance from Formosa strait, and unloaded ed by the defenders.

cover of a barrage laid down by escorting warships, it was said. With perhaps 25,000 men in the

second highly active front in the tive of the police department, it A single person would pay out and constituted a new threat at Commission is composed of five of his regular pay check 10 per the rear of Chinese forces which members; a labor representative, cent of everything he makes over only a few hours earlier claimed \$11 per week. Thus, if his wage to have curbed the enemy on the were \$25 a week, \$14 would be 150-mile Chekiang front, throwing

BREACHED BY REDS

WPB To Limit Supplies Held By Retailers

Action May Be Prelude To Extended Rationing Consumer Goods

WASHINGTON, May 21.-AP) — The War Production Board announced tonight it was taking steps to limit the volume of all types of merchandise which may be held in inventory by retailers and wholesalers. Heavy buying by some firms is

preventing others from obtaining merchandise in sufficient quantities to supply the needs of the communities they serve," the WPB

"Forthcoming regulations will specifically purb inventories of all ypes of merchandise in a way deigned to assure that quantities on hand are reasonable and that equitable distribution among dealers is provided for."

The action was viewed in some quarters as a preliminary to greaty increased rationing of consum-

WPB said it proposed to set "an over-all dollar limitation on invenories of goods for sale."

No details were divulged, but it was known that one plan tentatively proposed would prevent any merchant from building inventory beyond his 1940 level in dollar val-

Companies which have accumulated swollen inventories would be forbidden to buy more goods until their stocks were whittled down to "practicable working mini-

by firms holding excess supplies,

The WPB announcement, touch- railroad, it was announced yester- sula. ng on this point, said the inven- day following a meeting of the di-Invaders Extend Plans For tory control would mean that "the rectors in New York. presence of excesses in one or more lines of merchandise will operate to prevent purchases in oth- er, who will serve as vice-presier lines which the retailer or dent-operations.

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SHACKLEFORD WILL

He Is Shown By Police For Vacancy On Civil Service Board

C. W. Shackleford, well known owner of a radio repaid business 1920, successively holding the ofhere, was appointed to the City fices of General Freight Agent,

The appointment of Mr. Shackleford was announced last night by Chief of Police Charles H. Casteen

The new member of the commission will act as the representawas pointed out .The Civil Service a minister, a specially selected man to represent the police department and two others.

It was impossible to contact Mr. Shackleford last night to get a statement from him.

E. M. Beery, chairman of the board, declared last night that the appointment of Mr. Shackleford was "news to him" and that he had not received any notification

"However, as soon as the board has been officially notified of Mr. Shackleford's appointment, a meeting will be called," he continued, 'and it will probably be some time early next week.'

99 Per Cent Of Ships For Britain Arriving

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, May 21. Donald declared today 99 per cent of the ships leaving North Amerition, to be read personally before his presidential predecessor, General Lazaro M. Cardenas, and high -(P)-Navy Minister Angus Maccan shores for Britain are getting a special session of Congress withthrough safely under convoy of in the next few days, demanding warships of Britain, the United that war be declared.

Downed Two Nazi Planes

Flight Sergeant C. W. Harp (above) of Columbus, Ga., shot down two German Focke-Wulff

fighter planes over northern France May 19, the British Air Ministry in London has an-

nounced. Harp is a member of the

DOSS, SIBLEY GET

Officials Of Railroad Pro-

moted By Board Of Di-

rectors In New York

Mr. Sibley succeeds F. W. Brown,

vice-president and general manag-

road, in 1900. He entered the serv-

ice of the Atlantic Coast Line in

vannah, Ga. He was appointed As-

at Wilmington in 1916 and during

the period of federal control was

attached to the staff of the South-

ern Rate committee of the United

States Railroad administration at

eral Traffic Manager on May 15,

Mr. Sibley entered railroad serv-

In 1918 he became Superintend-

Atlanta, Ga.

1941.

American Eagle Squadron.

GUARDING KHARKOV

ADVANCE SIX MILES Reds Skirt Enemy Flank In Karelia And

Kill 3,000

40-Minute Action Wipes

Out Key German Stronghold Before City

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, May 21.—(P)— The heavily fortified Nazi defense line guarding Kharkov has been breached at one point in a furious 40-minute onslaught which wiped out a key German stronghold and carried Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's tanks and troops on six miles into an open battlefield held only by German infantry and scattered pillboxes, Red Star asserted tonight.

Along with this swift new sweep toward Kharkov, prime prize of ten days of the fiercest fighting of the spring campaign, the army newspaper outlined these developments on the eve of the twelfth month of the war:

In the far north: picked Russian troops, wading waist-deep in icy water, skirted twelve and a half miles around an enemy flank in Karelia, killed or wounded 3,000 Finns and Germans in a surpise assault then pushed on twelve miles more, cutting one of the enemy's main roads to the north.

In the south: Gen. Viktor Von schwedler's German counter-drive into the Barvenkova-Izyum sector 80 miles southeast of Kharkov, menacing the flank of the Russian offensive, has been checked. In the Crimea, outnumbered but determined Russian troops still clung to the eastern tip of Kerch peninsula, blocking the short cut to the

The midnight Soviet communique said merely that "our offenmum." This would mean considerable unloading of merchandise by firms holding excess supplies, it was predicted, through sales back to manufacturers or whole-R. J. Doss, former General Trafback to manufacturers or whole-salers or to other retailers. general manager, has been ap-pointed general manager of the eastern part of the Kerch penin-

Adding to this, Pravda, the communist party newspaper, said that guerrilla forces recaptured an important city of several thousand population deep in Nazi - overrun White Russia, driving the Germans Mr. Doss entered railroad servfrom a large section and holding ice with the Atlanta, Knoxville & it against dawn-to-dusk German

Northern Railway, now a part of the Louisville & Nashville Rail-This may have occurred in the Smolensk area because a supplementary communique tonight said 1913 as Chief Rate Clerk at Sathat a guerrilla detachment had killed more than 3,000 Germans sistant to General Freight Agent in action there.

Destroy 74 Tanks The Red air force was credited with destroying or damaging 74 Nazi tanks, 23 German trucks with troops and supplies, 55 am-

munition wagons and 31 guns Wed-He returned to Wilmington as nesday in various sectors. assistant General Freight Agent in Elsewhere on the central front Russian infantry was said to have slipped through German lines on of Wilmington Civil Service board Assistant Freight Traffic Mana- a raid along rear lines, blowing up two troop trains and killing

> prior to his appointment as Gen-On the Kharkov front, where the mid-day communique reported only that the Russians "continued offensive battles," Red Star said ice in 1899 as messenger in the offices of the Plant system, now "in a number of sectors our troops again advanced.

1,100 Germans.

a part of the Atlantic Coast Line, (Close military observers in Lonat Savannah, Ga. In 1914 he be- don said most of the Russian gains came Trainmaster of the Atlantic during the past 48 hours apparent-Coast Line at Savannah, later be- ly were on the northern half of the ing assigned to the staff of the Kharkov front, a 125-mile arc from Regional Director, United States Belgorod to Lozovaya, but that Railroad administration, Atlanta, German resistance and the danger from Von Schwedler's scyth-like flanking thrust had brought the ent and later General Superintend-Russians to a halt on the south. ent of the Winston-Salem South-

(This version was borne out by bound Railway company, return-ing to the service of the Coast Bern which said the Russians were (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) (Continued on Page Ten; Col. 3)

Mexico Believed Ready To War Against Axis

MEXICO CITY, May 21— (P) —
Mexico was reported tonight to be preparing to declare war on the Axis following receipt of an unsatisfactory reply from Berlin to the note of protest over the recent sinking of the Mexican tanker Potrero Del Llano off the Florida December.

The press reported Avila Came

President Manuel Avila Camacho was said authoritatively to be

Although some members of the

The press reported Avila Cam-

acho had summoned his cabinet, National Palce tomorrow to discuss the crisis.

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(Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) Strict Nation-Wide Gas Rationing Asked

proval is the culmination of a six office on the 31st floor shortly bemonths effort on the part of the fore his death.

WASHINGTON, May 21.— (A) strict nation-wide gasoline rationbiles for the performance of es- jobs. tential services. It foresaw prob-

L. Dearing of the private research institution's staff estimated that some 27,000,000 automobiles were how in civilian operation. If this number drops below 20,000,000, it said the complete will be completely exhausted by 1945, and the number of cars left in operating condition

The Brookings Institute argeding ration." First and hardest hit would ing today for the primary purpose be rural areas and the transportaof conserving rubber and automotion of workers to and from their

where Litzrodt was employed as

an instructor of agents, said they

had seen him in the company's

"I was just talking to Litzrodt

a few minutes ago," Victor Hol-

able government requisitioning of privately - owned automobiles in 1943. A survey and report by Charles dealers and government agencies.

aid, "the civilian economy will (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

Randolph Paul, tax adviser of the Treasury, revealed to the press JAPANESE TROOPS **LAND AT FOOCHOW**

CHUNGKING, May 21.-(P)-The

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New Synthetic Rubber Process Is Developed

NEW YORK, May 21.— (P) —A by 2 1-2 to 3 times the potential new process by which the raw materials for synthetic rubber and an improved quality of aviation gasoline can be produced simultaneous annumed.

We estimate that the new methods were program.

scientists of the Standard Oil Development Co., a subsidiary technology of "Bunas" rubber and 240. nical organization, will be made available to other oil companies under the system of patent licenses now being used, Farish said. He estimated it would increase

000 tons of Butyl rubber a year, Farish said.

ly from petroleum was announced today by W. S. Farish, president of the Standard Oil Co. (New Jer-from plants already underway and The new method, worked out by creased potential capacity of raw tons of "Bunas" rubber and 240,-