

WILMINGTON FIRM GOES OVER QUOTA

Sprunt Companies Exceed Community Chest Subscription Early In Drive

Glowing returns seem to be the order of the day, as Wilmington's business firms start turning in early reports. Alexander Sprunt and Son, Wilmington Terminal Warehouse, Champion Compress Company turned in the largest oversubscription reported to date, when that firm reported 190 per cent of its quota.

Close on the heels of this report is a partial report made by the Raney Chevrolet company reporting 130 per cent of its quota, with more coming in.

Two other firms, the Wertheimer Bag company in the Industrial and Wholesale Division and the LaMode Deluxe store in the mercantile group reported 100 per cent quotas.

Associate campaign chairman, the Rev. Walter Freed said last night, "Wilmington firms apparently are out to do their bit in this first all-out United War Chest campaign. These early reports certainly are gratifying to the committee, and we urge all firms who have been invited to participate in the Unit account plan, where they handle their own community chest campaign within their organization, to accept their quotas as soon as possible, and get their own campaigns under way. We have found employee groups most enthusiastic about this drive, and by giving them an opportunity to participate in your own firm campaigns, they have the privilege of aiding in this campaign."

All firms were invited to attend a series of group meetings held this week, where the entire plan was outlined. Firm heads who were not able to attend will be contacted directly by a committeeman, and asked to participate in the unit plan.

Nearly a hundred of these firms have already accepted quotas, and the remainder are urged to do so, so that their individual campaigns can get under way at once, ahead of the huge Sales Army drive slated to open next week.

Wrightsville beach has challenged Carolina beach in Wilmington's United Community and War Chest campaign. Dropping into the Community Chest office Friday afternoon, Mrs. J. Russell Wood, general of the Wrightsville campaign, threw out the challenge that will no doubt be accepted by the Carolina beach volunteer army.

Mrs. Wood took workers' kits and supplies, and expected to hold an organization meeting of her captains within a few days. She stated that volunteer members of the air craft spotting post would handle the Wrightsville campaign, and said she expected fine cooperation from the citizens of that community.

Another voluntary effort on the part of the Wrightsville Beach group, is the request that the town's public employees be included as a unit, and operate their own campaign. This will be done, and the entire personnel will be reported as a unit.

R. M. Kermon, representative-elect from New Hanover county, spoke before the George Washington Club in Wilmington on the Community Chest campaign. He said that the Community Chest is a unit, and the entire personnel will be reported as a unit.

He explained the work of the Community Chest and the distribution of its funds among the various participating organizations.

Mr. Kermon urged all of those present to take all of the contributions that they made last year to the various agencies within the fund, as the basis for their quota.

REDS BEAT NAZIS NEAR STALINGRAD

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ovik planes flew in with their cannon spitting. Parachute troops were dropped to carry out demolitions, and these fought back to safety under the cover of bombers. The Maikop field had been the base of 800 German planes which had been attacking Black Sea ports and the fleet.

The current German offensive at Stalingrad started in a heavy zero dawn yesterday with a heavy artillery and mortar barrage. Units from five divisions, led by tanks, attacked while bombers in groups of three to four swooped over the Russian lines.

The Germans were held until afternoon. Then fresh reinforcements pushed the garrison back for 200 yards. The Soviets immediately counter-attacked on the German flanks, receiving pressure on the main positions.

Red Star said the attackers came in "overwhelming numerical superiority" but by noon today to be holding all their positions and repulsing every German thrust.

Nevada is the only state in the Union that does not levy an inheritance tax.

SKIN ERUPTIONS

RELIEVE ITCHING PROMOTE HEALING

Gets RCAF Wings



Van Kennedy, Rocky Mount, N. C., has recently graduated from a Royal Canadian Air Force school and is now serving abroad. Flying Officer Kennedy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Kennedy of Rocky Mount and the grandson of J. Herbert Johnson of Wilmington.

ROOSEVELT GIVES GOODS TO AFRICA

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would do more to cement good relations than any number of Allied proclamations.

Throughout the winter to come, these dispatches said, supplies pouring into North Africa would provide a promise to the enslaved peoples of Europe what to expect when the Allied invasion of the Continent begins.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has repeatedly said that "food will win the war and write the peace."

There was some speculation here that the President's order might be an indirect bid to the French fleet, supposedly still off Toulon, France, to come over to the United Nations' side. Supplies would presumably be given to it and its men.

Stephen Early, White House secretary, said arms would be supplied to the Army, Navy, Air Force and citizens of the occupied areas to carry on the fight against their common enemies.

Meanwhile the Office of War Information listed a number of vital foods and materials captured by the American forces in North Africa and predicted German stomachs and production would suffer as a result.

Part of the predictions were based on studies by the Board of Economic Warfare, but OWI also said that the German controlled radio Toulon had complained publicly about the same type of losses.

The radio station was quoted by OWI as saying that American occupation of North Africa would cost Europe, particularly Germany, 50,000 sheep per year, thousands of barrels of wheat and flour, 80,000,000 kilograms of olive oil, 2,000,000 tons of phosphate, 2,000 tons of rubber, and quantities of cocoa, coffee, tobacco, dates and bananas.

The Board of Economic Warfare commented that the loss of phosphate, a fertilizer, would have an important effect on food production in Germany. This agency also said that the Axis formerly received small but important quantities of cobalt, manganese, molybdenum and antimony from North Africa.

"There can be," OWI said, "little doubt that loss of these supplies will hit Nazi war production seriously. More, the loss will hit German people in the stomach—a good way to break morale."

HOPE IS RENEWED FOR MISSING ACE

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route to the South Pacific fighting zone were ordered to fan out and cover as much of the Pacific's surface as possible.

With seven Army fliers, Rickenbacker was en route to the war zone himself, to make a survey of air force operations there for secretary of War Stimson. He had previously conducted a similar study in the European war theater.

On October 21, a radio message was received from his plane saying it had slightly more than an hour's supply of gasoline.

In the days that followed, two people had refused to give up hope that he would be found. One of them, his wife, said:

"Eddie will turn up. He's too old a hand to get lost in any airplane now."

The other was Secretary Stimson, to whom Rickenbacker is a confidential advisor. The flier he said was "an exception to ordinary rules."

In addition to Rickenbacker and Cherry, those on board the missing plane were: Col. Hans C. Adanson, Washington, D. C.; Lieutenants James C. Whittaker, Burlingame, Calif., and John J. De Angelis, Nesquehoning, Pa.; Staff Sergeant James W. Reynolds, Fort Jones, Calif.; Sergeant Alexander T. Caccamarcio, Torrington, Conn.; and Private John F. Bartz, Freehold, N. J.

Snails travel at the same speed over glass, wood, gravel, or any other substance, since they travel on a band of slime laid down as they go.

STALIN ANSWERS CASSIDY LETTER

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authorized English translation follows:

"Dear Mr. Cassidy: I am answering your questions which reached me on November 12th.

"One. What is the Soviet view of the Allied campaign in Africa?"

"Answer. The Soviet view of this campaign is that it represents an outstanding fact of major importance demonstrating the growing might of the armed forces of the Allies and opening the prospect of the disintegration of the Italo-German coalition in the nearest future.

"The campaign in Africa refutes once more the skeptics who affirm that Anglo-American leaders are not capable of organizing a serious war campaign. There can be no doubt that no one but first rate organizers could carry out such serious war operations as the successful landings in North Africa across the ocean, the quick occupation of harbors and wide territories from Casablanca to Bougie, and as the smashing of Italo-German armies in the western desert being effected with such mastery.

"Two. How effective has this campaign been in relieving pressure on the Soviet Union and what further aid does the Soviet Union await?"

"Answer. It is yet too soon to say to what an extent this campaign has been effective in relieving immediate pressure on the Soviet Union. But it may be confidently said that the effect will not be a small one and that a certain relief in pressure on the Soviet Union will result in the nearest future.

"But that is not the only thing that matters. What matters first of all is that since the campaign in Africa means that the initiative has passed into the hands of our Allies, the campaign changes radically the political and war situation in Europe in favor of the Anglo-Soviet-American coalition; that that campaign undermines the prestige of Hitlerite Germany as a leading force in the system of Axis powers and demoralizes Hitler's allies in Europe; that the campaign released France from her state of lethargy, mobilizes anti-Hitler forces of France and provides a basis for building up an anti-Hitler-French army;

"That the campaign creates conditions for putting Italy out of commission and for isolating Hitlerite Germany; finally, that the campaign creates the prerequisites for establishment of a second front in Europe nearer to Germany's vital centers which will be of decisive importance for organizing victory over Hitlerite tyranny.

"Three. What possibility is there of Soviet offensive power in the east joining the Allies in the west to hasten the final victory?"

"Answer. There need be no doubt that the Red army will fulfill its task with honor as it has been fulfilling it throughout the war.

"With respect, (signed) J. Stalin."

HOUSING CENTER SLATED FOR AREA

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Creighton revealed that the definition of "war worker" for housing purposes will be broadened considerably. It is expected that this action will serve to alleviate the critical housing conditions for many classes of people formerly not eligible as tenants in war housing because the term war worker was restricted to those working in the shipyards or serving in the armed forces.

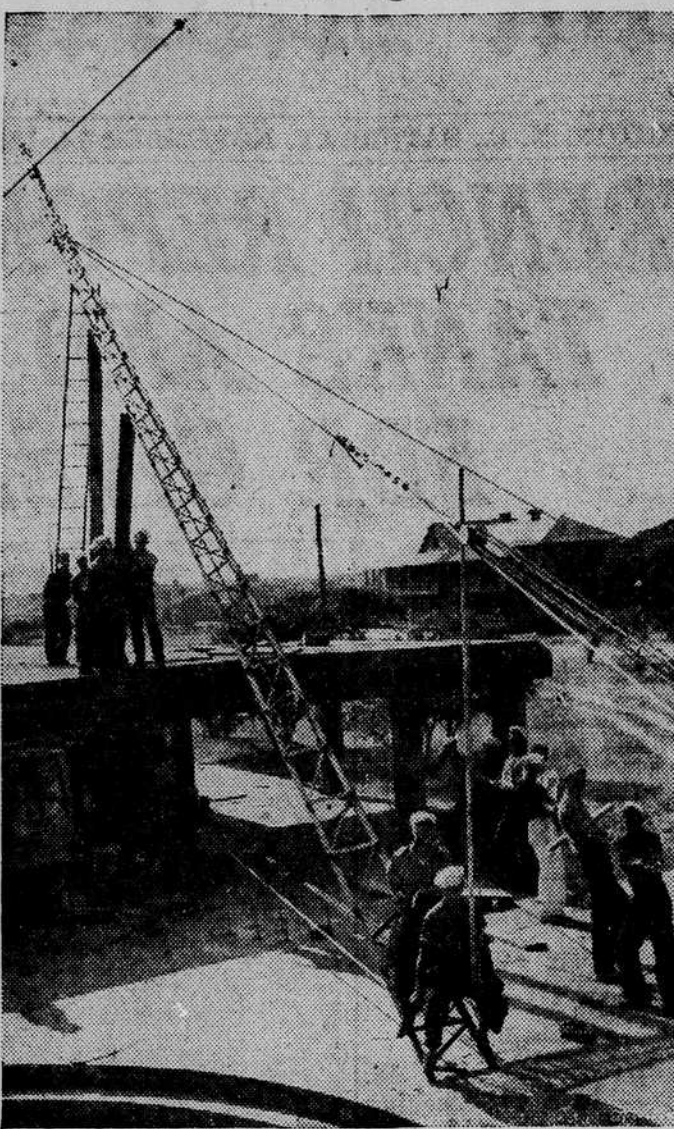
Creighton told the committee that he hoped organization of the War Housing Center would progress with sufficient speed that applications for conversion can be received by the middle of next week. Clarence Walker, homes use specialist from the NHA Regional Office in Atlanta, will arrive in town Monday to assist the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington in organizing the War Housing Center. Administration of the War Housing Center will be through the local authority.

The method of operation of the conversion program was explained at a special session of the Wilmington Real Estate Board, called by Frank G. Harriss, chairman, by H. A. McNeely, regional manager of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, from Atlanta. The H.O.L.C. will act as an agent of NHA in making the lease for the properties, converting them into additional living units and for the operation, maintenance and operation of the properties for the period of the lease.

Following McNeely's discussion of the program and its method of operation, Hugh MacRae, prominent Wilmington real estate operator, described the program as "sound and sensible" and called upon the board to lend its fullest cooperation in making it successful.

James E. L. Wade, state senator-elect and member of the Real Estate Board introduced a motion that the board give its "unqualified endorsement and support to the Homes Use Service of the National Housing Agency". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Navy Patrol Salvages A War Mast



Members of the Navy Inshore Patrol at Southport, N. C., are doing their part in conserving steel, as evidenced here. They are erecting a tall signal mast which was used as a radio tower in the first World War and later abandoned.

French Reported Fighting Nazi Troops In Tunisia

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responding to Admiral Darlan's appeal, but it was apparent that French hatred had precipitated the battle with the Germans and this was viewed here as favorable to the Allied position. Algeria and Morocco already have swung mostly into the Allied fold and French dock workers are aiding the Allied advance. U. S. and British airmen also were said to be taking a heavy toll of Axis armor trying to stem the surge toward Tunisia.

Gen. B. L. Montgomery, commander of the Army chasing Marshal Rommel said the enemy had been "completely smashed," losing at least 30,000 prisoners and vast stocks of war material. He named 12 Axis divisions, four German and eight Italian, which he said were no longer effective fighting formations, and ordered his clean-up forces onward with the words "good hunting to you all."

Unconfirmed reports said also that Axis ships were setting sail from Bengasi, port on the Libyan coastal hump which lies 400 miles across the Gulf of Sirte from Tripoli itself.

The amphibious American-British armies under Brigadier Gen. K. A. N. Anderson and American Major General Charles W. Ryder presumably were straddling the Algerian-Tunisian frontier when the first Nazi transports began taking off from Tunisian airports. Six of the big planes were shot down by RAF fighters operating, probably, out of Malta. At the time they were intercepted they were headed due north.

Across Libya to the east, the British Eighth Army was reoccupying the scarred battlements of Tobruk, which it lost so tragically last June 22 with 33,000 of its garrison.

The fleeing Germans left Tobruk's stores afire. Berlin boasted they had removed or destroyed everything of value. The Rommel columns, so relentlessly cut apart in Egypt, were pounding pell-mell toward the Gulf of Sirte.

It seemed probable they would attempt no stand short of El Agheila, in a bottle-neck of the Gulf shore. El Agheila is about 150 miles southwest of Bengasi by the road around the Gulf. It is 450 miles east of Tripoli.

But the Anderson-Ryder armies, measuring from the western Tunisian border, are only some 400 airline miles northwest of Tripoli. The radio at Rabat, which is American-occupied, reported: "Axis ships have left Bengasi, probably after evacuating the port."

Thus it appeared that Rommel would cut across the coastal hump below Bengasi to El Agheila. On leaving Tobruk, he already had fled more than 300 miles from the British Eighth Army. He must travel somewhat in excess of that distance to get to El Agheila, with the British always at his heels.

There was no immediate way of telling whether the air-reported Germans who left Tunisia were men whom Hitler had counted on to hold up the Allied advance from Algeria, or whether they were demolition experts engaged with the destruction of installations which might have been of use to the Allies on arrival.

In any event, the news strengthened confidence in Allied circles that the Germans will have very little chance of keeping the Alexander-Ryder armies out of the French Protectorate. No more than a few thousand Germans are believed to have reached Tunisia, at any time.

NAZIS WATCHING FLEET OF FRANCE

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tion here, the Germans now have at least 13 divisions in previously unoccupied France, so that it would have been a simple matter for them to have taken over the fleet by force.

"But Hitler knows if those ships put to sea with orders to fire on the Americans their crews would refuse to load the guns," a source here declared.

Without their French crews, it was pointed out, the three battle-ships and supplementary cruisers and destroyers composing the force would be of little immediate value to the Axis. Months would be required, it was believed, for German crews to familiarize themselves enough with the complex machinery and armament to fight the vessels effectively.

The reported presence at Toulon of Nazi Grand Admiral Eric Raeder was believed associated with the ticklish situation confronting the Nazis.

The German radio has confirmed the fact that special provision was made for handling the Toulon area and that its defense would be left to the French.

"It must be expected," a Berlin broadcast said, warningly, "that this confidence which Germany and Italy have expressed to France will be fully satisfied."

SCHOOL CHANGES SET FOR COUNTY

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now about 95 per cent complete, according to Mr. Roland, and when it is fully finished, it is expected to relieve the congestion now existent in the high school.

The present student body of the Isaac Bear school will be transferred en masse to the Chestnut Street school, and Mr. Roland anticipates an enrollment of about 800 in the Chestnut Street school by Christmas.

The high school will now use the Isaac Bear school as a vocational annex, and to take care of the overflow of students.

All the remaining buildings which have recently been constructed are fully occupied now, Mr. Roland said. However, so great has been the increase in the student population of the county, that it will still be necessary to have double sessions in the most crowded localities.

ROOSEVELT SIGNS YOUTH DRAFT BILL

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of the last war," the President said. "This time we are planning in advance."

"Finally we are announcing in the near future a plan providing for the utilization during the war of the facilities of certain colleges and universities for the training of a limited number of men of the armed forces for highly specialized duties. These men will be selected solely on the basis of their ability and without regard to whether or not they are now in college or whether they could otherwise afford to go to college."

REGRET PLANE LOSS

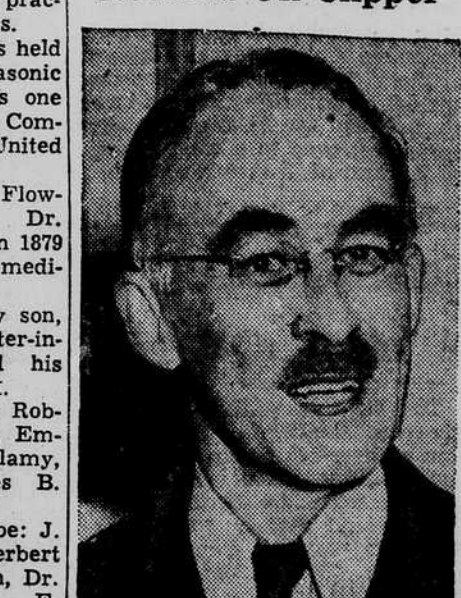
LISBON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Safe after coming down in the Atlantic ocean, 15 members of a crew of an RAF bomber tonight regretted only that they were obliged to destroy their sturdy plane.

The machine came down 200 miles from land because of lack of fuel. They kept the bomber afloat until they were picked up by the Spanish trawler Miraflores. The trawler brought them to Bar Tagus where they were transferred to a Portuguese pilot ship which came on to Lisbon.

MOON'S TEMPERATURE

The moon has no atmosphere to shield it from the sun's burning rays. In spite of the fact that its surface may have a temperature of 275 degrees when the sun is overhead, the heat disappears with the sun, and on the dark side the temperature sinks to 307 degrees below zero.

Returns On Clipper



Pictured after his arrival in New York City on the Pan-American Clipper is Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America. He visited Switzerland, Spain, Portugal and Unoccupied France where he studied the church situation and investigated conditions of prisoners of war.

Downed 29 Nazis



Resting in a hospital in London is Pilot Officer George Beurling, 20-year-old Canadian ace, after he crashed up at Gibraltar. He is credited with shooting down 29 Axis planes, 26 of them over Malta. This is a radiophoto from London to New York. (Central Press)

City Briefs

NEGROES WILL LEAVE

Negroes who were inducted November 9 through county Draft Board No. 2 will leave from the bus station Monday morning, November 16, at 7 o'clock for Fort Bragg. Transportation will be furnished through Acting Corporal Stewart Johnson.

SUPPORT CHEST

The Citizens club has voted unanimously to support the United Community and War Chest campaign. Dr. J. Watts Farthing, president announced yesterday. This civic group was among the first in Wilmington to recommend establishment of a Community chest.

ILL AT HOME

Friends of Mrs. Charles M. Block will regret to learn that she has been ill at her home in Forest Hills for the past week.

CLUB TO MEET

The Myrtle Grove Home Demonstration club will meet Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 o'clock for a pot luck lunch and meeting at the Myrtle Grove club.

SMALL FIRE

A small fire was reported to the Wilmington fire department last night from the North Carolina Shipbuilding company. According to Chief J. L. Croon, a fire boat was sent to way number four, but the damage was slight.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Cape Fear Gospel Tabernacle located at the Trailer Defense camp will have services Sunday beginning at 10 o'clock for Sunday school. The sermon will begin at 11 o'clock and again at 7:30 in the evening. The evangelist will be Roy T. Richardson.

TO PREACH

Chaplain W. B. Lowrance of Camp Davis will preach Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, in Wrightsville Beach. Sunday school will be held at 10:00 a. m., under the supervision of Mr. E. J. McIntire. This chapel is operated jointly by the First Presbyterian church and St. James Episcopal church.

TEACHERS NEEDED

The Carolina Beach day care center for children of working mothers needs teachers from the Carolina Beach area. Will any persons in that community who have training and experience in child development, apply to Mrs. Percy Morton at the post office or Mrs. F. L. Ludwig, Carolina Beach. Salaries comparable to those of public school teachers may be paid.

IN HOSPITAL

Friends of Miss Louise Butler will regret to know that she is a patient in the Bullock hospital.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

Lieutenant and Mrs. L. T. Truits announce the birth of a daughter who has been named Kitty Dianna, on November 6 in the Community hospital in Grinnell, Iowa.

Mrs. Truits is the former Kitty Holton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Holton of Carolina Beach road.

County Schools Accept Quota In Chest Drive

The schools of New Hanover county have accepted their quota for the United Community and War Chest drive, Superintendent H. M. Roland announced.

Mr. Roland has called a meeting of all school superintendents for Monday, November 16, at which time the working kits will be distributed to them. Each school will be handled as a unit.

Mr. Roland expects the campaign in the schools to be completed Monday, November 23.

FAMOUS NAMES SEEN AT DAVIS

Camp Files Reveal Napoleon, Washington, MacArthur And Others

CAMP DAVIS, Nov. 13.—Washington, Napoleon, Wellington, Marshall... sounds like a history lesson, doesn't it? No, it's just the roll of famous military and naval names to be found in the locator files at camp headquarters.

If names made soldiers, Camp Davis would be blossoming forth with generals and admirals enough to run a couple of wars.

Harking back to the 18th century, for example, the camp has soldiers with names like Washington, Lafayette, Montcalm, Greene, Schuyler, Wolfe, Burgoyne and even Napoleon.

Big names in the following century include Grant, Lee, Early, Pickett, Perry, Jackson, Marion, McClellan and Pope.

Chief of Staff for the Union in the war between the states was Scott. Naval heroes we can't forget are Dewey and Perry. Lost in the shuffle a few moments ago was Jones who was one of the country's first naval men of might and there before entering the twentieth century, also included on the roster are Boone, Crockett and Wayne.

Long remembered for the role they played in World War Number One are Joffre, Beatty, Pettain, York, Wood, Duffy, Donovan, Mitchell and Gort, not to mention Briscoe, all represented at Davis.

Big names of contemporary history are not lacking. Take for example Marshall, King, MacArthur, McNair, Hart, Lear, Ney, Krueger, Kelley and Arnold.

There are dozens of others among the locator cards who bear illustrious names. If you've got the time to look for them, it's cheap fun and a great time-killer for the Charge of Quarters at Camp Davis Headquarters.

30 LARGE PLANES LOST BY JAPANESE

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12 miles west of the American airbase on Guadalcanal.

The communique added, however, that in the Caribbean the gunboat Erie, commanded by Capt. Andrew R. Mack, of Londonderry, N. H., was damaged by an enemy submarine attack yesterday and beached off the southern coast of Curacao. No casualty reports have been received from the Erie.

The 2,000-ton Erie, which had accommodations for a crew of 245 officers and men, was launched at the New York Navy Yard in January, 1936. She was armed with four six-inch guns and two saluting three-pounders.

The San Francisco was launched March 9, 1933, at the Mare Island Navy Yard. She is 388 feet long and has a standard displacement of 9,950 tons. She is armed with nine eight-inch guns, eight five-inch anti-aircraft guns, and two small saluting cannon, and carries four planes. Her normal complement is 44 officers and 680 enlisted men.

The Buchanan, of 1,700 tons, was authorized in July, 1940, and was built by the Federal Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, Kearny, N. J. Her armament is four five-inch guns and ten 21-inch torpedo tubes.

WEATHER

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Weather Bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m., at the principal cotton growing areas elsewhere:

Station	High	Low	Precip.
Asheville	58	45	0.00
Atlanta	58	45	0.00
Boston	53	35	0.00
Burlington	44	27	0.00
Chicago	58	39	0.00
Cleveland	51	28	0.00
Detroit	51	28	0.00
El Paso	69	41	0.00
Galveston	68	41	0.00
Little Rock	73	56	0.00
Memphis	63	44	0.00
Miami	74	56	0.00
Mobile	71	56	0.00
New York	52	40	0.00
Pittsburgh	41	28	0.00
Richmond	74	56	0.00
San Antonio	60	43	0.00
Tampa	72	49	0.00
Washington	58	46	0.00

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