

SALVATION ARMY BAND ENTERTAINS

Musical Group Presents Program At Lion's Weekly Meeting

Music provided by the Salvation Army band from the Atlanta Training school, a group presented by Salvation Army Captain James Neighbors, was the feature of the Lions club meeting Thursday at the regular luncheon meeting.

The band was composed of cadets M. Farrell, J. Wynn, L. Mire, E. Frierson, E. Smith and V. Vansyckle.

Introducing the group was Captain Neighbors, who spoke of his life prior to and during Salvation Army days. He came from Newfoundland, where he began his working career as a printer's devil. Cadet C. W. Jaynes, representing the visitors, spoke of cadet life in the Salvation Army. He pointed out that Salvation Army captains have been given a choice of becoming chaplains in the United States Army. Graduates of the Atlanta school were said to be serving on all foreign and home fronts during the present war.

POSTPONEMENT ASKED

WASHINGTON, March 25.—(AP)—The National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers asked the Office of Price Administration today to postpone new regulations on rayon hose, scheduled to go into effect April 15.

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Application Blanks Ready For Tests For Navy Training Course

Application blanks for the qualifying tests on Friday, April 2 for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Training Program are now available at the office in New Hanover High school, T. T. Hamilton, Jr., principal of the high school, announced today.

Properly filled out, these applications will admit qualified high school seniors or recent graduates to the tests. Each applicant may indicate in his blank whether he prefers the Army, or the Navy which includes the Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

FOE CLOSES HOLE NEAR MARETH LINE

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out, braving death, to repair the damage.

During those three days the Mareth line was first cracked and then broken, with the 100-yard road the only tenuous line over which men, tanks and supplies could move.

Then the Germans attacked in force yesterday and closed the breach.

The British managed to send some tanks across the shell-swept road to support the infantry holding the bridgehead on the west bank of the wadi, but there were not enough anti-tank guns in position to hold the wadi of 30 which the Germans sent in to support the Nazi infantry in the counterattack.

The "highway to hell" was a bottleneck for tanks and guns.

There were some stirring tales of courage in that furious battle inside the Mareth line: of one who stormed a concrete stronghold in a chilling red hall of machinegun fire, of engineers who built the road, and of the troops who held out as long as they could against odds.

And there were the padres — one was a Catholic, one a Baptist and one was of the Church of England. They went across the wadi with the troops to minister to the wounded, bury the dead and cheer the fighting men. The dusty, tired-eyed little cure of Greensboro, Ga., the Rev. Arthur Garbutt, was one of them.

"We carried the wounded from the battlefield onto the bank of the wadi," he said "and dug each man a slit trench to protect him from shell burts. There was a regular curtain of shells falling into the wadi.

"I helped bury the dead, dig graves and slit trenches and carry the wounded. You know, since joining the army I've done a lot of peculiar things.

"The men were wonderful. They lay uncomplaining in the slit trenches for hours as the shells fell. One of them said drily, 'just wait a minute and they'll be throwing their meskits over.' We wouldn't have been surprised.

During the first two days and nights of fighting the British took some 800 German and Italian prisoners.

Hundreds of Italians cracked under the strain of the bombardment and machinegun fire and surrendered or deserted. In some cases it was reported the men in the ranks forced officers to surrender with them.

One young Fascist officer wept in humiliation because his men laid down their arms and marched out of their concrete pillboxes.

In the enemy counterattack 300 Italians were in the spearhead of the move. When faced by heavy British fire they threw up their hands in surrender, but the Germans behind them opened up on them with machine guns. In another case the Germans shelled Italians who surrendered to the British.

Many of the Nazi captives fought the Americans at Gafsa and ex-

CITY PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS

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go out immediately after the sirens blew for the first blue signal last night, followed considerably more slowly by the city street lighting system, the North-East river bridge and the Broadfoot Iron works.

After the red signal sounded, the entire town south and east of Chestnut street was entirely darkened. A few scattered lights were observed in the northern section.

The lights in the building and auditorium of the main USO club at Second and Orange streets came on at the second blue signal as did the lights in the city jail. Both were extinguished hastily.

Elsewhere over town there was little confusion occasioned by the third siren signal.

The lights of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company and of fertilizer plants at Navassa remained on during the entire test period.

As late as 10 p. m. telephone calls were being received at the Star-News to inquire if the all-clear, given by radio, telephone and air raid wardens under the new system of signals, was in effect.

LOSSES ARE SEEN FOR U. S. TROOPS

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ently have had a major effect in forcing withdrawal of Nazi fighter planes from the Tunisian and Russian fronts.

The secretary asserted that the German people are demanding "greater fighter plane protection against daylight attacks. We have reason to believe that many such planes have been brought back to Germany from Russia and from Tunisia. Since the Germans do not know where we will strike next with our long-range bombers they are forced to disperse their fighter planes over the entire country, as well as the occupied territory."

pressed high regard for their fighting qualities, saying the Yanks "fought like tigers."

They are amazed at the fine quality and great quantity of the American soldiers' equipment. One described it as "fantastic." They had never seen anything like it.

But while the Italians were cracking up it would be a mistake to misjudge the German soldiers' morale.

General Montgomery told his officers last month in Tripoli there was no evidence the German morale was shattered and that this army was still a big factor to counter.

Americans Seize Control Of Vital Tunisian Area

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several tanks and a number of vehicles.

The Allied aerial armada, believed to be the strongest yet used in Africa, continued to pound Axis troops and airfields in the narrowing enemy pocket, dumping thousands of tons of bombs along the Mareth line and in the path of the twin American drives to the sea.

The outcome depends mainly on how long the enemy can withstand such punishment. Thus far there were no signs of a German collapse.

Front dispatches said the Americans closing in on Mezzouna, itself only 22 miles from the Gafsa-Sfax coastal highway, were fanning out on either side of the road along which they are driving after taking the heights overlooking the coastal plain.

One patrol clashed indecisively with Axis troops at the town of Meheri Zebbeus, five miles north of Maknassy. The forward elements last were reported only six miles from Mezzouna.

The U. S. column operating be-

yond el Guetar is about 65 miles northwest of Gafes. In visiting these troops General Patton several times left his car and continued on foot as German shells landed nearby.

Throughout Tuesday night and yesterday Allied airmen continued their assault on Axis lines, airfields, and transports on the coastal highway.

U. S. heavy bombers plastered the docks at Ferryville on the southwestern side of the huge port of Bizerte in the north. "Hits were observed all over the dock area and large fires started," the communique said.

Three merchant ships were believed to have been hit, and a British pilot escorting the bombers said the attack was one of the most accurate he had ever seen.

PHILADELPHIA PHILS

HERSHEY, Pa., March 25.—(AP)—President Bill Cox and Manager Bucky Harris of the Phillies are both pleased with the two unnamed players they are receiving from the New York Yankees in place of Ed Levy and Allen Gettel, received in the original trade for Nick Etten.

ANOTHER GERMAN STRONGHOLD HIT

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Russians said their mortars disabled or set afire seven Nazi tanks and five self-propelled guns when the Germans threw 20 tanks and a regiment of infantry into an attack.

"Our troops repelled the enemy attack and held their positions," the communique said.

In another unidentified sector on this southern front the communique said 500 Germans were killed in an attack which collapsed under concentrated Soviet artillery fire.

One Russian guerrilla detachment operating in the Kharkov region was said to have killed 70 Germans and derailed an enemy troop train.

The noon communique yesterday had announced the capture of several more charred settlements on the central front, one a strongly fortified village where the Germans left 100 dead on the field after hand-to-hand fighting.

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