**Army Chief Presents Old Friend** 

Eden Pledges British Aid

score to settle with the Jap-\*

in the Pacific has been cut

back. We shall be with you in

come when the Burma road will

Britain's foreign secretary men-

tioned only briefly his fortnight of

conferences with President Roose-

velt, Secretary of State Hull and

sudden and sensational develop-

ments. For there will be none.

But there has been a meeting of

minds between us about the pres-

ent and the future that will, we

dwell on the question of close col-

have learnt from the distresses

of those years, it is surely this:

that we cannot shut our windows

We cannot have prosperity in one

Eden emphasized but did not in New York.

tween the two world wars the in- with the National Anthem.

careless of what is happening next will be accepted by John S. Gris-

street. No nation can close its division of W. & J. Sloane com-

"You will not expect, I trust,

couragement for China.

once again be open."

are sure bear fruit."

tice weak. Eden said:

war in the other."

To Crush Japanese Empire

erty Ships Here To Be

Honored Today

Program

time Commission here. The award

ger of the Company of Master

be presented to H. J. Sloop, repre-

senting the employes, by Mr.

Boyd. The program will close with

address by John Sloane, chairman

The Sloane factory at Oneida,

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

Asked To Report To

All solicitors for the Red

Cross war fund were urgently

requested Friday night by cam-

paign officials to turn in their

collections by noon Saturday,

the last day of the drive, at cam-

paign headquarters in the Tide

Water Power Company show

from residential collections.

Headquarters Today

Red Cross Workers

of the board of the company.

Coupons Worth About 100,000 Gallons Taken from Local Stations

HUGE LOSS EXPECTED

Ration Board Head Says No Replacement Of Lost Tickets Possible

Negligence of dealers in securely locking up their suplies of gasoline ration couons has resulted in thefts, over a period of several stimated 100,000 gallons of rasoline, officials of the New Hanover War Price and Ration board announced Friday

Filling station dealers have neen the victims of the thefts and as a consequence stand to se the gasoline equivalent of the paper units, O. H. Shoemaker, chairman of the

Insecure Receptacles

"It is impossible for us to make nd to dealers the loss through heft of gasoline tickets," he said. In many cases, we know that ne filling station operator whose stolen has deposited a place as insecure as Thieves have been ble to help themselves. We want urge all dealers to lock up ir coupons as soon as they re-

Shoemaker vesied one dealer reported the gallons to Friday lay deeming of smaller quantities of anese; nor shall we cease deeming of smaller quantities of fighting until that evil growth Gasoline thieves loaf around fill-

stations until the opportunity nts itself to seize the cou- this to the end.' the ration official explained. Eden had a special word of en arby and dispose of the coupons "Let China not misdoubt us," a another filling station dealer, he said. "We shall not forget how had dealer is able to sell gasofor years she resisted aggression." m the amount of the coupons single-handed. . . . The day will legally purchased, to motorists are willing to pay excessively ich prices for the extra gasoline.

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#### CONTRACT OKEHED

A water contract between the North Carolina Shipbuilding company and the Housing authority of the City of Wilmington was approved Thursday afternoon by the commissioners of the authority, Henry R. Emory, the executive director, said

He said the contract was for arnishing water from the shipard's deep wells to the authorii's trailer camp near the shipard. A similar contract existed between the shipbuilding compaby and the Farm Security adinistration, former operators of the trailer camp.

The commissioners approved the selection of the name "Vance" for the community building on the prefabricated section of Maffitt village, and the name "Hewes" for the community uilding of the war worker partment section of the village. Vance is taken from Zebulon aird Vance, former governor of the state and Hewes from loseph Hewes, Edenton patriot in the Revolutionary war.

Employment Heads Say:

# High School Pupils To Enter Industries

ver High school. bolstering possible was worked aited States Emplyment Serv-

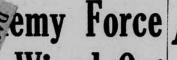
and the public schools. g youths to war jobs by of the Employment Service. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

Plans for guiding this year's Present for the session in addiop of high school graduates into tion to Mr. Justice, a nationallywhere they are vitally known authority on occupational feeded were mapped out in detail guidance, and the school delegates, Thursday, when an area con- were H. B. Griffen, representatence, under the direction of S. tive of the planning section of the arion Justice, director of occu- state central office of the War al information and guidance Manpower Commission, New Hanle State Department of Pub- over High vocational coordinators, instruction, was held at New Miss Mabel Bacon, of the Wildigh school.

plan for the utilization States Employment Service, and 1943 High school graduates here Dr. W. J. McKee, University of labor market that needs all North Carolina extension division.

Contributions by Friday night To assure that all seniors destood at \$26,638.50, and the goal as a joint proposition of the siring work are directed to it, the of \$35,000 was \$8,361.50 short. graduates will immediately begin Citizens were asked again to holding occupational consultations bring their contributions depresentatives from schools in with appointed counselors in the eampaign headquarters if solici-Hanover, Brunswick, and schools. It will be possible for a tors had overlooked them. der counties were present for senior to fill out his job applica-Donations received Friday meeing, and all indicated their tion card himself, wait for interamounted to \$1,806.04, with the largest share, \$790.63, coming

iion of adopting the system view with Miss Bacon, who in-



German Garrison Annihilated At Strongpoint Near City Of Smolensk

HOLD FIRM IN DONETS

New Central Front Gains Said To Be South Of **Bely Vicinity** 

LONDON, Saturday, March 27. — (P) — Russian troops beating against Smolensk's distant defenses wiped out a German garrison at one strongpoint and captured another, while holding firm against Nazi counter-assaults on the Donets river front near Kharkov in the south, Moscow announced today.

The new central front gains announced in the midnight On an inspection tour of Fort Benning, Ga., with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden (left), General George C. Marshall, U. S. Army chief of staff, introduces the British diplomat to an old friend he spotted, Sgt. Tom Tweed (right). Tweed, game warden at Fort Benning, is a former companion of the Army chief. communique recorded by the Soviet monitor were said to be south of Bely, presumably near Dukhovschina, 32 miles from Smolensk.

Reds Break Into Dorogobuzh A Stockholm dispatch said Rus-

sian tanks already had broken into Dorogobuzh, 50 miles east of Smolensk, in a frontal assault supporting the northeastern wedge in ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 26 .- (P)-Britain is out to Smolensk's outlying defense belt. The communique said 500 Gercrush Japan as well as Germany, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden assured Americans tonight; there will be no rest mans were killed in the capture of the two enemy points, 300 of them in the garrison which was until both ends of the Axis have been smashed.

"Let there be no mistake," Eden said in an address outflanked and then attacked from prepared for the Maryland state assembly and broadcast the rear after a group of Red army men stole across a river. to the nation over CBS; "we shall not rest upon our arms Four enemy guns, 20 machine until every one of our enemies has unconditionally surrendguns, five anti-tank rifles and other ered. We, no less than you, and our partner China, have a war materiel was captured in one of these actions

Several populated places were taken in this continuing drive over difficult terrain, but the communique suggested part of the their hard won gains in the great salient which so long had threat-

ened Moscow. Firm Doing Work On Lib-Approximately 1,100 Germans forts to breach Russian positions on the airdrome, docks, town between Belgorod and Chuguev in and shipping in the harbor. the Kharkov sector of the Ukraine during yesterday's fighting which The Maritime commission's "M" found the Germans still using a ton merchantman "which was pennant for production excellence considerable number of tanks. will be presented to the W. and J.

joinery work fo rall Liberty ships said numerous tank and infantry built here, at a brief ceremony at attacks were repulsed, one Soviet the yards of the North Carolina unit alone destroying 42 Nazi tanks others. He said he was "well Shipbuilding company here at 11:15 and wiping out a battalion of inpleased at the result," but added:

a. m. Saturday.

The Sioane Company of Master Craftsmen plant, at Oneida, N. Y. Kharkov, 100 Germans fell and Near Belgorod, 50 miles above received its "M" pennant a few two tanks went up in flames in all Allied planes returned to their days ago and the blue flag with an unsuccessful attack, and near its white block "M" has also been an unidentified height the Rusraised over the executive offices sias said a company of Germans maua, Finschhafen, and Mubo was wiped out and two big guns farther south also were bombed destroyed in another repulse of

the enemy. dwell on the question of the distribution laboration with Russia, mentioning it only in connection with the broader theme of United Nations broader the United Nations broader the United Nations broader the United Nations b The presentation program, over Declaring that in the period bewith the National Anthem

master of ceremonies, will open and a firm stand in the Ukraine.

the Russians are advancing within in the vicinity," the communique nishing convoy protection, having railway station. "If there is one lesson we should speak and his remarks will be 20 miles of Novorossisk, Black Sea reported. followed by the presentation address by Francis Boyd, principal naval base.

Greatly increased air fighting in the bright, cloudless skies above day on Amboina, 500 miles north-

planes, for a three-day total of 58. bombs. frontiers and hope to live secure. pany and the "M" pennant and (The German communique said its companion Victory Fleet flag that all fighting on the Russian will be raised over the company's front was minor and that the power bor, peace in one hemisphere and shops. An address by Ralph Keller, of Russian attacks south of Lac Ladoga had decreased consider-

Craftsmen, Inc., of Oneida, will ably.) German resistance increased on follow. A Labor Merit badge will the approaches to Smolensk, the nearest Russians are where reported but 32 miles away.

### WEATHER

FORECAST:

North Carolina: Showers Saturday.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperature

1:30 a. m., 53; 7:30 a. m., 55; 1:30 p. m., 68; 7:30 p. m., 63.

Maximum 68; Minimum 51; Mean 58; Normal 56.

Humidity

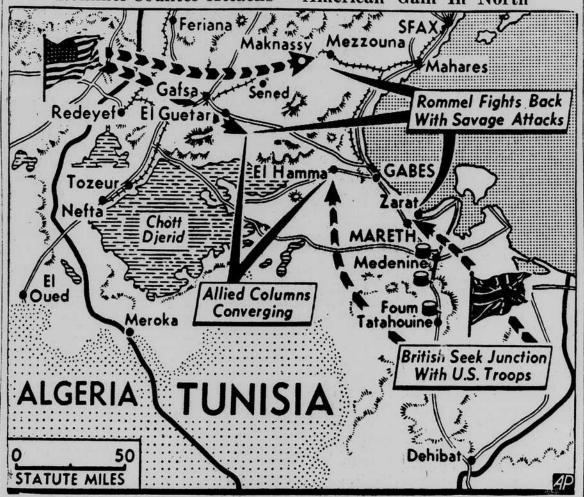
Humidity 1:30 a. m., S; 7:30 a. m., 78; 1:30 p. n., 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month,

11:42a (Elmore's) p 6:05p (All Times Eastern Standard) p 6:05p (All Times Eastern Standard)

Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville on Friday, at 8 a. m., 18.65 feet.

ESTABLISHED 1867.

# Established Seemy Force BRITISH 8TH ARMY INFANTRY Wiped Out INCHING CLOUDE INCHI INCHING SLOWLY AHEAD INTO MARETH LINE FORTIFICATIONS Rommel Counter-Attacks — American Gain In North



British forces were reported to be warding off fierce Axis counter-attacks at the coastal end of the Mareth line in Tunisia, while to the north, American units made local gains in the Maknassy area and were shelling the Mezzouna airfield. Arrows indicate Allied drives, designed to close a trap on Axis forces, with Americans pushing eastward toward the sea, while the British thrust generally northward.

Auxiliary Units In

Combat Areas

WASHINGTON, March 26 .- (A)-

Converted from merchant - type

iaries, these carriers have a force

of aircraft adequate to patrol vast

reaches of the ocean in convoy

duty and the Navy secretary said,

provide a "triple menace" to the

enemy's undersea, surface and air

Vice Admiral Frederick J. Horne,

vice chief of naval operations, join-

ed Knox at a press conference to

Horne reported that the auxil-

Some have already been in com-

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### Flying Fortresses Blast Jap Units At Wewak

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Saturday, March 27.—(P)—Flying Fortresses in one of their greatest attacks in the Southwest Pacific blasted Wewak, Japanese New Guinea base, and also hit a 4.000-ton merchant ship, the Allied command announced today.

The attack on Wewak lasted three hours, and the fourwere reported slain in futile ef- motored bombers going in low loosed 19 tons of explosives Intruder planes, taking off from 20 miles from the Axis supply port

Two direct hits with 500-pound NEW U. S. CARRIERS bombs were scored on the 4,000ton merchantman "which was badly damaged," the bulletin said, Near Chuguev, 22 miles south- and 1,000-pound bombs were re-Sloane Company, manufacturers of east of Kharkov, the communique ported to have "caused especially

Wewak is approximately 360 miles above Port Moresby, main Allied base in New Guinea.

Intense anti-aircraft fire was en countered in the night attack, but bases, it was said. Japanese positions at Lae, Sala-

and strafed. Mescow announcements yester- fires which were started "gradu- and Pacific coasts.

Allied airmen made 14 passes help smash the German U-boat sights of Rome, the filer concen-The noon communique said sev- over the Mubo positions where fires tentions of the peace-loving nations were excellent but their practions were excellent but their practions. Shiphuilding company will be kuban below Rostov where silenced the company will be kuban below Rostov the Kuban below Rostov where silenced. "No enemy planes were are oy no means limited to fur-serving the capital and an outlying

the Leningrad front suggested a west of Darwin, Australia, said that battle below, as well. The Rus- two enemy cargo vessels were set of 'he force would be disposed. sians said they destroyed 13 more afire by direct hits with 500-pound

### TAXI ORDINANCE IS NOW STUDIED

#### Model Law, Based On Kermon Bill, Before City Attorney Here

A model taxicab ordinance, tell of the auxiliary aircraft probased on New Hanover Rep. R. M. gram as "coming along very rap-Kermon's taxi regulatory act idly." which was adopted by the general assembly, has been referred to lary carriers have "been very suc-City Attorney W. B. Campbell for cessful, but the nature of a carstudy and will be considered at rier of this type without high the next council meeting, City speed" has limitations due to Manager A. C. Nichols said Fri-

The model ordinance was draft- bat, ne said, and have been in ed by the North Carolina League "all of the seven seas." of Municipalities after passage of the Kermon bill, Mr. Nichols said. The taxicab act gives the city

control over all taxi companies control over all taxi companies operating here by requiring a municipal license for every driver 2:009 9:20p
Inlet \_\_\_\_\_\_11:37a 5:50a
It empowers the city to refuse It empowers the city to refuse licenses to operators or drivers 6:01p who have been convicted of felonies, liquor law violations, or to habitual drunkards and violators

The bill also allows the city to revoke taxi operating permits for the above reasons and permits a (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7) city tax on each vehicle.

### **RAF WINGS OVER** ITALIAN CAPITAL

#### Fast Bombers Raid Railways On Outskirts Of Rome Proper

battered Malta where for months of Gabes, were meeting an ne words "Bomb Rome" have been chalked on the walls of ruin-IN OPERATION ed buildings; sallied boldly over dominating Gabes. The the Italian capital and environs Allied confirmation of this report.) last night, and one o fthe pliots (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) serious damage among shore in- Navy Discloses Fleet Of on his return expressed regret at not having been able to single out

the "big bullfrog"-Mussolini. First reports from Malta quoted only the pilot who wanted to find Mussolini, but later it was learned a number of attacking The Navy disclosed today that the craft had flown over the capital first of a fleet of auxiliary air- area for the first time.

craft carriers are in combat areas | Early editions of the London and scores of others are building display and the Daily Mail headline display and the Daily Mail headline In the Lae sector numerous in shipyards on both the Atlantic said: "RAF Over Rome Suburbs." Only one pilot told of what the The primary function of the aux- Italian capital looks like at night

iliary carriers at this time is to from the air. offensive in the Atlantic, but they trated a strafing attack on trains uses also as ferrying craft and in "The moon was quite bright,

fleet operations. The greatest need the pilot said, "and although it was for them now, however, is in the very hazy we could see flashes of North Atlantic and indications electric trams or trains in Rome were that that was where the bulk itself and the buildings of the city." Enemy planes, apparently at-The report on the new program tempting a reprisal for the closest was made public at a press conknown hostile approach to Rome, ference of Secretary of the Navy caused an alert today on Malta for the first time in 22 days. RAF planes rose to meet them, and one vessels or built keel-up as auxilenemy raider was reported down-

ed on two approaches to Malta.

### **UNDER MUCH FIRE**

Hail Of Bullets Surrounds Montgomery's Forces In Bloody Advance

AMERICANS HOLD FAST

Patton's Troops Fight Grimly To Keep Axis Pinned Near Coast

A L L I E D HEADQUAR-TERS IN NORTH AFRICA. March 26. — (AP) — Infantry of the British Eighth Army inched slowly forward into fortifications of the Mareth line under a hail of gunfire today while American forces 70 miles away fought grimly to keep Marshal Erwin Rommel's flank pinned to the Tunisian coast.

The seventh night of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's attack on the deep Mareth belt of minefields and pillboxes backed up by concentrations of armor and artillery found the British and the enemy still locked in a struggle reminiscent of the first World War's many "battles of position and attrition.'

Absence of Information

There was complete absence of information on the situation in the el Hamma area, where daring units of the Eighth Army had struck far around and into the rear of the Mareth line. But continued heavy attacks by the Allies' armor in the vicinity of el Hamma indicated that the flanking British force was holding its initial gains there despite its long supply line.

LONDON, March 26—(P)—RAF ish before el Hamma, which is tremely dense anti-tank defense

#### SHAKEUP IN VICHY

By The Associated Press The Berlin radio anounced last Friday night a shakeup in Pierre Laval's Vichy cabinet in which five ministers were dismissed, and this development came amid continued desertions from the Vichy government by foreign diplomats who were switching their allegiance to Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, French high commissioner in Allied Northwest Africa.

The ministers "taking leave of Chief of State Petain," said the broadcast recorded by the Associated Press, were:

Joseph Barthelmy, justice; Admiral Jean Marie Abrial, navy: Gen. Jean Francois Jannekyn, aviation; Jules Brevle, colonies; and Rear Admiral Rene Platon, secretary of state in the foreign ministry held by Laval

The Berlin radio stressed that the shakeup was "harmonious. insuring unconditional support of the Laval government," and said some of the posts were being telescoped to give a greater concentration of power.

Walter Lippmann Says:

## John Lewis' Actions **BelieHisArguments**

John L. Lewis's arguments and O. P. A. fixed prices are the na. his actions is so glaring that he tional chain stores. . . . Company ought to be asked to explain it. stores owned by coal companies For his case, as set forth in his have never paid attention to oraddress to the Appalachian joint dinary restraints of that characconference, cannot be reconciled ter. Least of all do they now. with his threat of a coal miners' strike and his contemptuous de- discredit the figures in this report fiance of the War Labor Board because it is backed by unassailand of the Office of Price Admin- able logic, computation and data.'

miners are entitled to an increase though, in fact, as published in in their wage rates because "in "The United Mine Workers' Jourmining communities retail food nal," they are unintelligible. For, prices have advanced 124.6 per with the exception of fresh fruits ent from August, 1939, to Febru- and vegetables, they compare ary, 1943. . . . It is notorious pub- August, 1939, prices with Februlic knowledge that O. P. A. has no ary, 1943 prices, and there is no control whatsoever over the aver- way of telling, therefore, how age retail establishment in America's industrial regions, and least

The discrepancy between Mr. consequence who pay attention to . . . I challenge any attempt to

At the moment there is no need Mr. Lewis's case is that the to challenge Mr. Lewis's figures,

of all in the remote mining com- (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)