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# You Tines BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY Expected To Be Set Up

An Axis View Of Tunisia

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BIZERTE

Americans And British

road amid desert wastes 42 miles from Gabes today.

-(Delayed)-(A)-"Hello, you Limey!"

"Very glad to see you,"

blue beret, stepped forward and

shook hands for the first formal

contact uniting British forces

which had pursued Field Marshal

Americans who slapped the Ger-

mans back '40 miles from Kasser-

This is Acland's own story of the

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### FDR Issues Drastic Order For Control Of All Wages

President Freezes Practi- Official Of Shipyard cally All Prices At Present Levels

TO COMBAT INFLATION

Move Is Latest Effort To Fight Rising Cost Of Living In Nation

WASHINGTON, April 8 .-(P) - President Roosevelt tonight virtually froze all prices and drastically tightened barriers against wage increases in a sweeping "holdthe-line order" against infla-

To back up his wage controls, he authorized Manpower Commissioner Paul V. Mc-Nutt to forbid anyone to take a new job at higher pay una new job at higher pay un-less the change would aid the DRIVER IS HELD war program. And, as a fourth step, he asked that I rate regulatory bodies refuse rate increases to utilities and carriers and reduce them where possible.

Calls On Congress

Yet these actions alone would not suffice to halt inflation, Mr. Roosevelt said, and called on Congress to enact tax and savings legislation to hold in check excess purchasing

ment. "I am sure that Congress will cooperate.

Mr. Roosevelt issued both an executive order and a statement in explanation of it.

His order directed that the price modities affecting the cost of living, meaning that fresh fish, all and Orange streets Sunday.

The jury found that \$1.0 place ceiling prices on all com-

under price controls.

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#### M'ARTHUR LAUDS MEN OF BATAAN and Orange intersection.

Southwest Pacific Commander Notes Anniversary Of U. S. Defeat

ment commemorating the first an-MacArthur said today:

tered and died. Its prayers by ning over him. that time, and it prayed as well as fought, were reduced to a sim ple formula rendered by hungry men through cracked and parching lips: 'Give us this day our daily bread.' The light failed. Bataan starved into collapse.

"Our flag lies crumpled, its proud pinions spat upon in the gutter; the wrecks of what were once our men and women groan and sweat in prison toil; our faithful Filipino wards, 16,000,000 souls, gasp in the slavery of a conquer-(Continued on Page Seven: Col. 2)

Resigns Position To Accept Florida Post

0. M. Richardson, assistant personnel director of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here for the past two years, an-nounced his resignation from the shipbuilding company Thurs-

day. Mr. Richardson said he had accepted a position as personnel director of the Saint John's River Shipbuilding company at Jacksonville, Fla. He said he planned to leave the company here around April 15.

In addition to his other duties. Mr. Richardson is a member of the price panel of the Nev Hanover War Price and Rationing board and a member of the War Housing committee of the New Hanover defense council.

He said he planned to submit his resignation to the two bodies within the next few days.

## IN ROAD DEATH

Davis Soldier's Death Due To Operator

street, a truck driver for Mac-Railroad company. Millan and Cameron Oil company possess to preserve our stabilization program," he said in a statener's jury, meeting Thursday afternoon, had implicated him in the seven candidates including the redeath of Pvt. Lloyd W. Slover of maining three members of the Camp Davis.

Slover died in the post hospital Tuesday afternoon of injuries re- nicipal primary under the new govadministrator and the food admin- ceived when he was struck by an istrator take steps immediately to oil truck, allegedly driven by

vegetables and fruits and any other items now exempt must be brought resulting from his being struck by "I regret deeply that my busi-

rected that they "immediately use | Keese is free under \$2,000 bond council." all discretionary power vested in at present and Coroner Asa W. "My term of office on the council them by law to prevent further Allen said after the inquest that has been most enjoyable." Mr. price increases direct or indirect, he thought the bond was sufficient Brand declared. He said that the British restraint.

to prevent profiteering and to re- to hold the driver for the grand pressure of business would not per-Pvt. Thomas Saad of Camp Davis. who was with Slover at the time of the accident, testified that he and Slover left the USO club

> and Orange and walked across the At the time, he said, he noticed an automobile (later testified to

have been driven by J. A. Varga) stop at the stop sign across Orange Three Year Old Son Of "My Buddy was about two feet

up on the sidewalk when the truck hit him," Saad, whose home is SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA, Friday, April 9.—(P)—In a state-

Other witnesses told how the niversary of the surrender of truck, proceeding west on Orange American and Filipino forces on street, swerved sharply to the mobile on the Caroline Beach high-opening fire on A year ago today the dimming on the northeast corner of the in- at noon Thursday.

Two wheels of the truck were as satisfactory.

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#### DEADLINE TODAY

Friday, April 9, is the last day for filing in the forthcoming city election.

Chairman H. G. Carney, of the city elections board, warned that his office would close promptly at 6 p. m. and after that time no candidates would

## To Run Again DRIVING AFTER ENEMY For City Post

Mayor Will Not File For Re-Election: Brand Also Out Of Race

**REASONS DIVULGED** 

Gulf of

Gabes

Mahdia

Enfidaville

Both Men Declare That Pressure Of Businesses Require Move

With the closing time for iling for the municipal primary less than 24 hours away both Mayor Edgar L. Yow, head of the city government for the past five months, and Councilman J. N. Brand, Jr., the city treasurer, announced last night that they would not be candidates for re-elec-

Both gave the demands of their individual businesses as Coroner's Jury Finds Camp the reason for not seeking council seats for a second term. The mayor is an attorney while Mr. Brand is an auditor of passenger receipts O. H. Keese of 314 North Second for the Atlantic Coast Line

Little Interest Noted

To date, the municipal election has attracted little interest and only present council, have filed for the primary, as against 36 candidates for the council in the first muernment two years ago.

Keese, at the intersection of Fifth of pleasure to serve the people of "It has given me a great deal Wilmington as their councilman The jury found that Slover and as their mayor,' Mr. Yow said

ander price controls.

In addition, Mr. Roosevelt diKeese."

an oil truck driven by O. H. ness interests will not permit me to again be a candidate for the

mit him to devote enough time helmeted, grinning American and

(Continued on Page Eight: Col. 4) the freckled, red-haired Briton with

## he and Slover left the USO club CHILD INJURED

Maffitt Village Family Seriously Hurt

Freddie Pate, three-year-old son Jerry all the night before and all of Mrs. Fannie Pate of 105 Davie this morning we had been picking drive, Maffitt village, was seriously up Italian prisoners. the Varga automobile, and ran up way near the war housing project when we saw a big gun sticking

Attendants at the hospital Thurs- we got the idea it was you. We were \$117,564.20. "A year ago today the dimming on the hortifeast corner of the light of Bataan's forlorn hope flut-

cident said the boy left Reed's hicles we recognized you. Grocery store and ran out on the highway, apparently right in front once. We were in a big stretch of of an automobile driven by Joe wasteland in the middle of nothing. \$117,564 outlay for the month was Powell, Negro.

Powell, they said, swerved his your side - your half tracks with automobile off the highway to three armored dingos or scout cars, bile was travelling at a moderate each holding two persons." speed at the time, witnesses said.
"Sonnie Boy," Pate's brother, was with him at the time but was not injured in the accident.

ed offering us American cigarettes (Continued on Page Seven: Col. 1)

There were five armored cars on

### WEATHER

"There was a lot of handshaking.

A small community took form on

the spot. Some of the Yanks start-

Humidity
1:30 a. m., 81; 7:30 a. m., 76; 1:30 p.

Total since the first of the month, 500 to the month, 500 to the control of the month, 500 to the mont m., 0.00 inc Total sin 5.89 inches.

Montgomery's Forces Now Nearing New Junction With Americans

General Anderson In North

Drives To Within 27

Miles Of Tunis

**ALLIES HOLD SOUTH** 

ALLIED HEADQUAR-TERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 8.—(AP)—The British Eighth Army, gaining 15 miles in the coastal pursuit of Marshal Rommel's forces, was reported tonight only 25 miles from a junction with another American column, which was driving toward the sea in the Maknassy-Mezzouna sector of Central Tunisia.

In the north Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's British First Army, striking out northeastward in the Medjez-el-Bab region, reached a point within 27 airline miles of the Axis stronghold of Tunis.

Field dispatches said all southern Tunisia now is in Al-The Axis high command, looking toward Tunisia from the north, beholds a shrinking sector of once-buge holdings, with: The British Eighth Army and the Americans scoring fresh gains in south Tunisia after a long awaited junction with U. S. forces from the west; and the British First Army threatening the strongholds of Tunis and Bizerte. lied hands after the British shattered the wadi Akarit lines and made their first junction with the Americans on the Gafsa.

New Juncture Expected

The next juncture of the British with an American column vas ex-Swap Tunisian Trophies pected in the area between Mezzouna and Graiba, more than 50 miles up the coast from Gabes. WITH U. S. FORCES IN SOUTHERN TUNISIA, April There were indications that advance Eighth army troops already

had swept beyond Cekhira (la That was the affectionate hail given by Sergt. Joseph A. Skhirra), a coastal settlement within 50 miles of Sfax. Randall of State Center, Iowa, to Sergt. A. W. Acland of Twenty-five miles to the north-Maida Vale, London, as reconnaissance patrols of the Britwest U. S. troops under Lieut.-Gen. ish Eighth Army and armored forces of the Second U. S. George S. Patton, Jr., were bat-

Army corps met in a historic juncture on the hard-surfaced tling German armored columns W. D. Thompson, Promin-Hanover, Columbus and Brunsnear Mezzouna in an effort to break through to the sea and cu off Rommel's retreat. The swift Eighth army pursuit also indicated 'hat Rommel would

be unable to make another defensive stand in Cekhira sector between the sea and the Sebkret salt

(Continued on Page Eight: Col. 3) ing a sudden heart attack.

#### **DIRECTORS NAMED** FOR TRADE GROUP

Balloting Completed For Chamber Of Commerce Yearly Election

Balloting for the Chamber of night. Commerce board of directors was the 15 men to serve the organiza- ties. The entire department regrets was saying we would meet the ery source of revenue the income tion for the 1943-44 session were his loss." Officers from the sheriff's de- Yanks today and when you fellows has far exceeded budgetary esti- announced by F. O. Fockler, sec- Harry E. Fales, superintendent of partment who investigated the ac- started running out of your ve- mates, City Manager Nichols said retary of the Greater Wilmington the New Hanover bureau of investigated the ac-

\$117,564 outlay for the month was
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W. E. Curtis, W. A. Fonveille, N.
L. Foy, E. L. White, E. A. Laney,
W. D. McCraig, H. A. Marks, F.
Sgt. Thompson received a major P. O'Crowley, D. H. Penton, L. share of the credit for the solution peace.'

According to election rules for viction of the men responsible; the greeted with cheers. (I Washing the Chamber of Commerce, "not apprehension and conviction of five invitation, but had not yet made

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# In Northeastern Area

\$2,000,000 Already Appropriated For Construction; Final Cost May Run Above \$10,000,000 According to Estimates

By HOWARD SUTTLE

Star-News Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Navy department has allocated \$2,000,000 for the "initial development" of a \$10, 200,000 Naval air field near Wilmington, N. C., Representative J. Bayard Clark of North Carolina, revealed tonight.

Although the department has yet to make an official announcement concerning the location of the ten million dollar installation, it is understood that an area in northeastern New Hanover county, just south of Scotts Hill, has been selected for the base.

Architectural and engineering supervision for the monster project will be handled by George Watts Carr of Durham, whose firm has played a prominent part in the contonments and bases along the At-

Reynolds said tonight that Navy

Secretary Frank Knox had advised

Construction of the air field is

expected to further the boom in New Hanover county, whose pop-ulation has already been boosted

to near the 100,000 mark. Compar-

atively, the initial appropriation

for the establishment of Camp

Davis, large anti-aircraft training

center near Wilmington, was only

\$9,000,000 although additions to the

camp since its construction in 1941

has increased its value consider

Representative Clark said that

he was told that the \$2,000,000 ap-

propriation, already approved,

would finance "acquisition of land,

clearing, grading, drainage and

The Favetteville congressman

was of the opinion that, because

of the immediate need for bases

such as is planned by the Navy

for Wilmington, it is anticipated

that work on the location will be

moved forward speedily, with its

occupation by a detachment of the

Navy's air force expected within

The Scott's Hill site was selected

by the Navy after surveys had

been made of locations in New

Details of the base, it was point

Funds for the base will come

from the \$1,256,607,000 Naval Shore

A breakdown of the billion dol-

ed out, will be kept secret because

of war-time security restrictions.

construction of runways."

only a short while.

Policeman Succumbs lantic seaboard, Senator Robert R.



SERGEANT W. D. THOMPSON

# LOCAL DETECTIVE

ent City Police Officer, Dies Here Thursday

Detective-Sergeant W. D. Thomp- Establishments appropriation bill, son, head of the detective squad of enacted by the House. the Wilmington police department, The Americans fighting near died in James Walker Memorial hos- lar appropriation, according to pital at 6:35 p. m. Thursday, follow- Rep. Clark, authorizes the Navy to order construction of the Wil-He was 44 years old.

mington port at a cost not to ex-The detective-sergeant, who has ceed \$10,000,000. played a leading role in the solution Construction of the project will of the major crimes committed here give New Hanover county two of in the past few years, had just re- the finest airports in the state. turned home Thursday from a trip Work is now nearing completion when he was stricken by the heart on the Wilmington Army Air base, attack. He was taken to the hospital where he died within a few its lease to the War Department

Funeral arrangements have not een completed.

"Sergeant Thompson was one of our finest officers," Chief of Police Charles H. Casteen said Thursday "He was both capable and effi-

completed Thursday afternoon, and cient in the performance of his du-

tigation, who worked closely with dell Hull to visit Britain this sum Named to the board of members, voting by mailed ballot, were bers, voting by mailed ballot, were vestigations here, also praised the British-American relations which

Raney, H. C. Rorison, J. G. of the \$5,000 Coca-Cola Bottling Thornton, E. R. Toms, J. K. Bancompany plant robberies here last
fall and the apprehension and conUnited States and Canada, was

To Visit England For Further Talks LONDON, April 8 .- (A)-Foreign

Eden Invites Hull

Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today that be Sgt. Thompson received a major terest in maintenance of world

## Russians Defeat German Forces In Bitter Fighting Near Izyum

Russian troops fighting bitter but Russians said. apparently localized tank and infantry battles in the Izyum sector artillery and mortar fire," said the of the Donets basin scored success- communique. "When the German Russians have driven to approxies both in offense and defense formation was disorganized our men mately 30 miles from the big Nazi against the Germans Thursday, launched a counterattack and hurl- base of Smolensk, the Soviet troops the Soviet midnight communique ed back the enemy to his initial po-

front the Russians attacked the en- wiped out. Four German tanks the midnight bulletin said, adding emy and "occupied a favorable de- were burned or destroyed." fense line,' said the communique recorded here by the Soviet mon- after Moscow dispatches, quoting man officers and men, and silenethe bulletin continued, "about a Red Star, told of the Russians company of infantry was wiped routing the enemy from several ad- on the front west of Rostov, was

railroad from Kharkov, the Ger- or ten days. mans attacked with an infantry Elsewhere the front remained

"The Hitlerites were met with sition. Three hundred and fifty On one unnamed sector of this German officers and men were ducted fighting reconnaissance,"

itor. "In fighting for this line," the official Soviet army newspaper ed two artillery batteries." vantageous positions in the Izyum reported in which occasional blasts South of Balakleya, which is 27 sector after taking a heavy toll of from artillery pieces were

battalion supported by a dozen quiet, the communique noting that (Continued on Page Two; Col.

anywhere. On the western front where the

"fortified their positions and conthat "our artillery and infantry These successes were reported arms wiped out more than 150 Ger-

A flare-up of action to the south miles northwest of Iyum on the Nazi casualties in the past week changed. One Soviet unit reported destroying six Nazi blockhouses

#### American Airmen Down 37 Jap Planes Over Guadalcanal Island The Aleutian islands or Kiska and Attu "increasingly precarious." He said U. S. attacks are being stepped up despite adverse weather. In addition to the enemy aircraft wrecked at Guadalcanal another: TORECAST: North Carolina: Continued warm today. (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., 58; 7:30 a. m., 63; 1:30 p. m., 76; 7:30 p. m., 66. Maximum 77; Minimum 51; Mean 64; Normal 60. WASHINGTON, April 8 .- (P)- fighters escorting them, according the Aleutian islands or Kiska and The Japanese, in their greatest to the Navy: 21 Zero fighters, 5 dive- Attu "increasingly precarious." He

hurled almost 100 planes Wednes- Japanese plane crashed. cept, shot down 37 enemy planes and lost seven, the Navy disclosed today-a ratio of one to five.

Speculation immediately rose here on whether the assault signaled the American strength has been increasbeginning. beginning of big new Japanese ed also—"and further increases are hoves some have expected for in immediate prospect" in India, came late on the second of two days Weeks. Not since early February China and the southeast Pacific. had the enemy shown up in force

against the Guadal- bombers and 10 planes, "of types said U. S. attacks are being stepcanal area since last November, unreported," destroyed; another ped up despite adverse weather.

bing off that battle-weary isle. Airacobra fighter and six Wildcat plane, a four-engine flying boat, American fighters, rising to inter- fighters. One American pilot was was destroyed Wednesday when

Whether any hombers got through ference at which Secretary of War planes in that one day's fighting to attack the ships was not made Stimson said that Japanese air known.

Stimson said that Japanese air craft shot down or bombed to pieces

Here's what happened to the force in the north Pacific are making the

day against precious American ship- United States planes lost were one wrecked at Guadalcanal, another

American Avengers and Dauntlesses The Navy communique was re-leased coincidental with a press con-bel island. The destruction of 38

The action around Guadalcanal China and the southeast Pacific.

At the same time, Secretary Stimon asserted that American airmen son asserted that American airmen sides in the Solomons sector. American airmen sides in the Solomons sector.

Japanese bombers and 48 Zero positions of Japanese garrisons on (Continued on Page Eight: Col. 5) (Continued on Page Seven: Col.

## WILMINGTON CASH BALANCE REDUCED

answered Acland, with typical

Erwin Rommel 1,500 miles and the Expenditures By City Government Exceed Revenues In March

meeting, to which soldiers of both organizations had been awaiting The city's financial outlay during the month of March exceeded "At first we thought you were revenues for the month by approx Jerries because of your helmets. imately \$50,000, reducing the cash We had been having trouble with balance built up in the city treasury over the nine months since the fiscal year began to \$364,278.44, City Manager A. C. Nichols said "We were seriously considering

Revenues totalled \$68,554.53 during the month while expenses

out of your armored lorries. Then Pointing out that on nearly evthe decrease in the cash balance Chamber of Commerce. was anticipated.

He said the major item in the

Blaze Extinguished In Record Room Of Local Customshouse

A slight fire which broke

out in the court records room

of the U.S. customshouse ear-Thursday afternoon was quickly extinguished by fire-Damage to the store of records in the room was slight, as the flames appeared to have

scorched only a few papers. Officially, no reason for the fire was ascribed. However, some observers believed spontaneous combustion promoted the flames; others believed the fire sprang from a lighted cigarette accidentally dropped in

NOTICE!

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