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## MACARTHUR SOUN WARNING ON EN SEA CONCENTRATION

Allied General Says Powerful Units Within Striking Distance

MUST CONTROL SKIES-

#### Defenders Must Maintain Superiority In Air To Hold Land

ALLIED HEADQUAR-TERS IN AUSTRALIA, Wednesday, April 14.—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur, whose planes have blunted two big Japanese aerial thrusts at New Guinea by shooting down 76 of the enemy, warned today that powerful Japanese naval forces are within striking distance COUNTY BIRTHS of Australia which can be held off only if the Allies keep command of the skies. "The Allied naval forces

can be counted upon to play 35 Per Cent More Babies Fifteen Large N. Y. City their own magnificent part but the battle of the western Pacific will be won or lost by the proper application of the air-ground team," his statement said.

First Line Of Defense He asserted that "the first line

of Australian defense is our bomber line" and "the range of our air force over surrounding waters

Thomas A. Blamey that the Japine troops in the arc of islands county in 1941. above Australia, was issued on a day when the communique from his headquarters made clear that

which a 10,000 ton ship was left

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## **COLUMBUS YOUTH** DIES IN MISHAP

#### 15 Year Old Boy Succumbs From Exposure After Boat Capsizes

WHITEVILLE, April 13. — Le-Grand Hyatt, 15-year-old Whiteville youth, died shortly before 4:30 p. m. Tuesday, victim of exposure, after the boat in which he and four high school companions were sailing capsized on Lake Waccamaw around 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, and the group was forced to cling to the sides of the small vessel for five and a half hours.

High winds tossed the boat over approximately one mile from shore throwing the occupants into the water. They were forced to grab the sides of the vessel and to hold fast until rescued by A. F. Goldston, who happened to pass the scene in his own boat at 4:30 p.m. Although suffering from the shock of the experience, none of the four who were brought in alive required hospitalization.

According to the story of the rescued boys, it was necessary for them to support LeGrand Hyatt (Continued on Page 10; Col. 5)

## NEAR AUSTRALIA U. S. Bombers Striking Hard At Jap Airfields

WASHINGTON, April 13 .-(AP)—American bombers are striking repeatedly at Japanese plane concentration centers northwest of Guadalcanal, the Navy reported today as evidence mounted that the Pacific war is approaching a crucial new

A communique disclosed five attacks against enemy bases in the Solomons Sunday evening and Monday. American fighter planes strafed Rexata Bay, silencing anti-aircraft positions. Flying Fortresses attacked Kahili. A Catalina patrol bomber raided Munda. Avenger torpedo bombers and Wildcat fighters bombed and strafed Vila and nearby Ringi cove in the central Solomons, starting fires. All these are points which the

Japanese might use in building up their air strength in the northwestern Solomons for such raids as their 98-plane attack on Guadalcanal last Wednesday and their 100-plane assault on Port Moresby, New Guinea, over the week-end.

That such concentrations are in progress not only in the Solomons area but also in the islands north of Australia is a fact on which practically all authorities have now agreed although there is a question as to whether they are primarily offensive or defensive.

General Sir Thomas Blamey, chief of Allied ground forces in Australia, said there today that the Japanese had not only massed a great air force but also

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## **ARE INCREASING**

### Born In 1942 Than In Preceding Year

There were 35 per cent more ty last year than in 1941, figures department stores and the Retail sales, sponsored by various wocompiled by the county health de- Dry Goods Association of New men's organizations here, showed partment revealed Tuesday.

cent higher than that for 1941. ,According to a report made by His statement, coming on the heels of a warning by Gen. Sir officer, the total number of births

May.

Counsel for the stores and as-

The numer of deaths in 942 once more the Allies held the aeriduring the first three months of Today's communique told of a in excess of last year's high totals.

the current year are considerably heavy raid at low level by Allied There were 723 children born in four-motored bombers on Japanese shipping in Hansa bay on the north coast of New Guinea, during were white and 192 Negro

Deaths for the three-months period, January, Feruary, and March, have totalled 216. Thus the difference between the number of births and the number of deaths this year is 507, it was explained. Because there are no accurate

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#### Plans Are Complete For Annual Meeting Of Commerce Group

Plans for the annual meeting of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, to be held at 7 o"clock Thursday night in the St. Paul's Lutheran church parish house, have been completed, according to F. O. Fockler, secretary of the organization,

Some 200 members of the chamber, and their wives, are expected to be present.

Features of the dinner meeting will include the introductory speech of E. A. Laney, president; Mr. Fockler's annual report; introduction of the chief speaker by H. A. Marks; the address of James Gheen, prominent public relations counsellor of New York City; and invocation by the Rev. James Lawson.

Mr. Gheen, nationally known authority on public relations effort, is described by Mr. Fockler as "a business man with a keen sense of humor."

Village Is Given FPHA Approval

# PRESS BOYCOTT

### Stores Fined For Action Toward Newspaper

NEW YORK, April 13.-(A)-Fifbabies born in New Hanover coun- teen of New York city's biggest York were fined a total of \$80,000 that: By contrast, the death rate for in federal court today on charges New Hanover county's greatly in- that they conspired to boycott the by the Eastern Star under the dimarks the stretch of no man's sea creased population was only 20 per which is the measure of our safeed advertising rates effective in stamps during the first two days.

recorded for 1942 was 2,283; 1,549 sociation entered pleas of nolo Wilmington Army Information and "The New York Times did not sold \$3,560.40.

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### **ASSISTANT CHIEF** UF PULICE NAMED

#### Capt. J. F. Jordan Promoted To Post; Fire Department Men Elevated

Captain J. F. Jordon, veteran Wilmington police officer, was procommission Tuesday night in a series of police and fire department promotions. C. W. Shacklecommission secretary, re-

vealed after the meeting. Lieut. John Davis, head of the

carry an increase in salary. of Fire Chief J. L. Croom, the retary, declared Tuesday. commission made the following

romotions: Captain L. R. Frost, now in charge of the fireboat Atlantic, were administered.

Lieut. C. H. Register to captain liles and individuals who had rein charge of the fireboat.

ols said last night:

Service commission saw fit to con- division. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

## Community Center For Maffitt

Village Is Given FPHA Approval

The Federal Public Housing authority has approved the construction of a \$50,000 community commercial center for Maffitt village, huge war housing project of the pleted by the architects, Lynch

He said the commercial center and similar establishments. Funds was the first of three such build- will be provided by the FPHA. ings projected for construction on shipyard working housing projects cated south of Sunset Park and the shipyards, has been underway

here. The second center is also planned for Maffitt village, which will provide homes for some 5,000 pany are handicapped, Mr. Emory the Maffitt village center will be (Elmore's) shipyard workers when completed, while the third is scheduled to be erected on Lake Forest, white to the project.

pany are nandicapped, Mr. Emory the Maffitt village center will be (Elmore's Sunrise, 5:42a; sunset. 6:42p; rise, 1:19p; moonset, 2:28a.

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mercial center for Maffitt village, huge war housing project of the Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington, Henry R. Emory, executive director of the local authority said Tuesday.

be asked as soon as plans are completed by the architects, Lynch and Foard of Wilmington.

See Int to establish branches in the three community commercial centers to serve shipyard workers and their families living on the projects.

A move to establish a branch of the month, 6.72 inches.

Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

A move to establish a branch of the Tide Tables published by Cery store, drug store, shoe shop, office at Sunset Park, because of

# Sell \$13,437 In War Bonds

Booths Placed In Downtown Stores Report Good Sales Here

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVE

#### Students Purchase \$4,-868.93 In Issues During First 2 Days

In the first two days of the Treasury - sponsored Second War Loan drive here, booths sponsored by the Women's division of the War Savings staff have sold a total of \$13,437.50 maturity value war bonds, Mrs. Bereniece Stellings, county chairman of the group, revealed Tuesday night.

A second drive report showed that students at New Hanover high school have purchased \$4,868.93 in War bonds and stamps during the HEARING ENDED first two days of the thirteen billion dollar April 12-30 cam-

County Quota High

The quota for New Hanover county for the War Loan drive, whose motto is "They Give Their Lives, You Lend Your Money," is \$2,594.00 in government bond pur chases, exclusive of purchase by

The report on the bond booth

The booth at Efird's, operated

The booth in the postoffice lobby sponsored by the volunteers of the anese have massed 200,000 first babies were born in the city and contendre and were given 48 hours Filter center and operated under Lacablishment Of Additionto pay their fines of \$5,000 each. the supervision of Mrs. R. C. Gray,

was 897; in 1941, there were 746. initiate the investigation, nor did The booth at Belk's, operated by The record also shows that births it file a complaint with the anti- the Ministering Circle under the direction of Mrs. Winder Hughes,

The booth at Penny's, operated

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# **RED CROSS HAS**

## moted to the rank of assistant chief by the City Civil Service Home Service Unit Aids Record Number Persons

Here In March

fic squad, Mr. Shackleford said. iced more individuals and families or soliciting of alms within the Both promotions, he said, will than in any other previous month city limits", except by permit in Acting on the recommendations ma D. Howell, home service sec- ommended by the North Carolina secretary Robert P. Patterson of attacks with "heavy losses" to the an Axis commander, General von

According to Mrs. Howell, there were 129 new individuals and fam-In addition, there were 237 fam-

A. Russ to lieutenant on the who sought Red Cross aid again. ceived assistance previously and Lieut. H. W. Ebert to captain. helped, 27 were given financial aid. Of the total number of persons of Captain Jordon and Lieutenant with clients, 13 office reference There were 199 office interviews Davis, City Manager A. C. Nich- interviews, 45 h o m e interviews, "We are gratified that the Civil office made by the home service

### WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Cooler today.

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## FINAL EDITION ESTABLISHED 1867. Local Women GERMANS' TUNISIAN HOLD FAILING FAST UNDER ALLIED FIRE

American and British Foorces Joined In Tunisia



British armored car patrols (left) and American soldiers (right) pause to exchange greetings at the Gabes-Gafsa road where units of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Army Second Corps were joined by a column from Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Brit ish Eighth army April 7 after Axis Gen. Rommel's Mareth line defenses were broken. This picture was radioed from Cairo.

## **NEW METER ZONE** TO BE DISCUSSED

al Two-Hour Spaces To Be Considered

The establishment of an additional two-hour parking meter zone by the Social Service league under here wil be one of the matters prethe direction of Mrs. J. M. Dan-sented to the city council for dis-

operating on Chestnut street be-sibilities of a speeded up camtween Second and Third streets paign against the Japanese would and, City Manager A. C. Nichols be brighter. And new jump-off said Tuesday, two prospective places for Allied invasions of Hitsites for the second zone are now ler's continental fortress would

under consideration. The first is on Second street, ad-ranean.

stand available along the MediterRussians Hurl Germans jacent to the present zone, and the second is on Market street, between Dock and Water Both advices from Allied military headprospective zones have their ad-quarters in North Africa that all vantages.

Also to be presented to the council Wednesday is a prospective ordinance, drafted by City Attorney dict. Presumably reflecting Allied

in the division's history, Mrs. Em- special cases which have been rec-

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### Hugh MacRae, Local Realtor, Ends Work With Shipyard Board

Hugh MacRae, prominent Wilmington realtor and business man, announced Tuesday night that he had submitted his resignation as a director of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company to Captain Roger Williams, president of the firm.

His resignation from the 10man board, of which Bruce B. Cameron is the only other local member, will presumably be acted upon at the annual meeting of the board of directors which is scheduled for next Thursday.
Mr. McRae gave no reason

for submitting his resignation. He was one of the leaders of a group of local citizens who played a prominent part in the establishment of the yard here by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company two years ago.

leave your copy of the Wil-Phone 2-3311 before 9:00 a. m. and one will be sent to you by special messenger.

## Final Cleanup Believed Near In Tunisian Fight

WASHINGTON, April 13 .- (AP)-The final cleanup of Axis forces in Africa is almost in sight, it was indicated to- rearguard defenses below both day, and the capital began to talk anew of greater battles to Enfidaville and Djebebina, towns come - on the continent of Europe.

Just over five months from the onset last November, the Anglo-American nutcracker attack in Africa is closing dio broadcast that the Allies had its steel-shod jaws on its ultimate objective, the Tunisian occupied Enfidaville, 27 miles

With that wrested from Axis hands, Allied control of ally all of the Italian Vittoria division had been captured, it was the direction of Mrs. J. M. Daniels, sold \$152.70.

And a fifth booth, opened in Woolworth's late Tuesday aftercity hall Wednesday morning at the Tuesday afterwoolworth's late Tuesday aftercity hall Wednesday morning at all fronts. The grim threat of the Tunion of the Tunio the central Mediterranean could be established, shortening said.)

The first two-hour zone is now could be incalculated lessened; post- FOE DISLODGED operating on Chestnut street be-shilling of a speeded with the could be incalculated by the could be incalc

There are broad hints in press of that may be closer to realization than any authorized military of a few weeks, at most.

the War Department, testifying to- Germans, Moscow announced ear- Arnim, would have at their comday before the House Military com- ly today. nittee, although he described the

he conflict is yet to be joined. Testifying in support of national service legislation, he said: "The means of victory are in during the day," but all these

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## NEAR SMOLENSK choun, bebina. From Fortified Positions Of 'Importance'

LONDN, Wednesday, April 14.

Russian patrols thruting British First Army, striking out in the Medjez-el-Bab sector only Reflecting increased Red Cross W. B. Campbell, which would out- staff estimates, front line news forward on the Smolensk front about 40 miles from Tunis, swept reports strike a note of confidence dislodged the Germans "from for- over a number of hill vantage department's traffic squad, was made a police captain but will retain the leadership of the traffic at the leadership of the traffic north on the Leningrad sector the that in pulling back into a rough That confidence of speedy vic- Soviets have turned back an out- rectangle before Tunis and Bizerte tory was also reflected by Under break of Nazi tank and infantry Rommel and the northern Tunisi-

> battle as "merely a preliminary killed by Russian patrols that skirmish" in the war as a whole.
> "Eisenhower's armies are doing through mine fields in the heavily ed that Axis tank and motorized well in North Africa' he said fortified Smelengly southern through mine fields in the heavily of the said through mine fields in the heavily of the said through mine fields are the said through mine fields in the heavily of the said through mine fields are the said th well in North Africa,' he said, fortified Smolensk sector west of forces had thrown in counterat-They will drive the Nazis and Moscow to seize the strategic but tacks above the Sousse-Kairouan the Italians into the Mediterranean or force their surrender.'
>
> Yet he warned that rich terried by the Soviet monitor. Two withdraw.'')
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> While the Axis in France.

n the Leningrad front "Ger- fleets continued to strike powerman infantry supported by tanks ful and crippling blows on the

## FORGING FORWARD

British And Americans Driving Ahead On All African Fronts

NO BATTLE OBSERVED

### Axis Shows No Indication Of Joint Decisive Fight With Pursuers

A L L I E D HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 13.—(A)—The Axis Tunisian bridgehead was shrinking rapidly today under pressure of general Allied advances at the south and northwestern sides of the envelopment box being drawn up before Tunis and Bizerte, and nowhere along the front had the enemy shown any disposition to attempt a decisive stand.

Everywhere, the Allied forces were making progress. The British Eighth Army and part of the British First Army, moving up inexorably from the south, beat on beyond Sousse and Kairouan, smashing at Marshal Rommel's rearguard while his main bodies were withdrawing through the Enfidaville line, which runs inland and

northwest from the sea. Allies Punch Through Enemy Battlefront advices late this afternoon said Allied armored units punched through meager enemy 17 miles apart and 50 miles south

of Tunis. (The Allied-controlled Algiers ranorth of fallen Sousse. Substanti-

As British First Army advance patrols drove north in the direction of Djebebina, an important inland road junction, French troops mopping up the Grand Dorsal range captured Djebel Kera-

choun, 12 miles southwest of Die-The Eighth Army, advancing along the coastal highway from Sousse, pushed back the enemy rearguard which attempted resistance near Lake Kelbia.

The French forces announced the capture of almost 1,000 Axis prisoners.

mand an aggregate of about 210.-Several score Germans were 000 men, 150,000 of them Germans.

Yet he warned that rich terried by the Soviet infantry tories seized by the Axis in Europe companies of German infantry and the Far East are the "chief were wiped out by artillery and infantry fire it added.

While the Axis land forces thus were being pressed into an ever-narrowing area, the Allied a ir attacked our positions continuously enemy, extending the assault to enemy airdromes around Tunis. In what the Allied communique

## (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) Citizens Urged To Cooperate In Coming Clean Up Campaign

If crowded Wilmington is to re- is a concentrated effort to make debris. There are even public main a community, disease-free this community a said to be "in dire need" of scrub in which to live.

gency, it is imperative that citigency, it is imperative that citigency is a said to be "in dire need" of scrub brush and paint.

"The campaign committee has the city with the cit

for city trucks early next week," tation.

committee, declared. "This is not a superficial at- of the town are "almost disgracetempt to beautify Wilmington. It ful" with their clutter of trash and (Continued on Page 10; Col. 6)

the forthcoming clean - up camman but one thing: We must keep not overlooked the fact that it is paign scheduled for next week, streets and yards absolutely clean not possible to purchase quanti-NOTICE!

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both yards and houses, immedinot afford the loss of man hours public building anywhere in this mington Morning Star, ately, so that their deposits of that may result from a wave of trash and garbage will be ready disease brought on by lack of sanieffort of scrubbing, cleaning, and

E. A. Loney, chairman of the Investigation by the committee

main a community, disease-free this community a sanitary place buildings in the city which are

trash-removing. Lack of sufficient personnel and has disclosed that many sections facilities in the city sanitation de-