

He'll Know Better Next Time



This is a sad moment in the life of "Commando," the mascot of the Amphibian Engineers of the 3rd Special Brigade. He was court-martialed and reduced in rank for going A.W.O.L. twice. Sgt. Paul Gilham, New Marshfield, O., tapes pfc. stripes on him as "Commando" sniffs goodbye to the major's oak leaf he wore before his demerits.

Shipyard Worker Found Not Guilty Of Murder

Joseph D. Hinson, young white shipyard worker, was acquitted of the murder of Milton B. Jackson, a taxi driver, on July 24, by a superior court jury Wednesday afternoon.

Charged by Judge John J. Burney to find a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree, guilty of manslaughter or not guilty, as the evidence directed, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The defendant, who pleaded not guilty and contended that he shot Jackson in self-defense in an argument over the amount of a taxi fare to Lake Forest, was set free immediately afterwards.

He immediately asked Judge Burney for permission to shake the hands of each juror and thank him personally. Failing that, he shook hands with his defense attorneys, David Sinclair and Aaron Goldberg, and with Alfred T. Surles, whom the two attorneys are defending on charges of first-degree murder.

Jack's widow, who was seated in the courtroom with a child in her arms, had to be forcibly removed from the courtroom after she had threatened Hinson and cried: "You think you got away with it, don't you?"

Nine of the 13 jurors who will render a verdict in the Surles case, in which Surles is charged with shooting his wife, Gladys Branch Surles in the bedroom of a Colonial Village home on June 23, had been selected by the time court recessed at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Solicitor James L. Moore and Attorney Clifton King, who are aiding the state in prosecuting the case, are expected to present the first evidence against Surles Thursday.

PLANNING BOARD TO MEET TODAY

New Group Handicapped By Shortage Of Members On Initial Session

Handicapped by a member shortage, the city's new planning and zoning board will hold its initial meeting at 4 p. m. Thursday in city hall.

The purpose for which the board was set up by the council early in the summer is the drafting of a master planning and zoning ordinance, to be submitted to the council for consideration and adoption, and members of the board are expected to begin work on the task Thursday after electing a chairman.

Dr. W. Houston Moore, prominent physician and civic leader, vent his regrets at his inability to attend to City Manager A. C. Nichols Wednesday and added that the planning board was a matter "near and dear" to his heart. He has been seriously ill since his appointment to the board.

A second member of the board, Henry R. Emory, executive director of the Housing authority of the City of Wilmington, is out of town.

Expected to be present at the meeting are W. A. Fonville, Mayor.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for North Carolina, including high and low temperatures for various locations like Wilmington, Manteo Inlet, and New Topsail Inlet.

Powerful American Naval Task Force Bombarads Japanese Held Marcus Isle; German Taganrog Army Is Liquidated

Roosevelt Churchill War Talk Resumed In Capital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—(P)—War discussions which President Roosevelt and Winston Churchill adjourned in Quebec eight days ago were resumed here tonight with the emphasis, apparently, on greater collaboration with Russia.

CASUALTIES HIGH Killed Or Captured By Russians

8 DIVISIONS MAULED 6,000 More Axis Troops Fall Trying To Stem Drive On Stalino

LONDON, Thursday, Sept. 2.—(P)—The Red army advancing in the Donets basin has wiped out the German Taganrog army, killing or capturing more than 41,000 enemy troops and routing or mauling eight divisions totaling 120,000 men, Moscow announced early today.

Berlin Is Rocked Again By Hundreds Of Bombers

Hundreds Of RAF Planes Tear Through Heavy Fighter Screen Which Backfires On Luftwaffe; City Left In Flames

LONDON, Sept. 1.—(P)—Hundreds of RAF heavy bombers are through a powerful German fighter screen last night to rock Berlin with a 45-minute deluge of block-leveling explosives that again gutted sections of the Axis military heart and left flames visible 70 miles away.

TAUNT IS HURLED Nipponese Navy Practically Dared To Come Out And Fight

TOKYO APPREHENSIVE Radio Declares That U. S. Units Could Have Raided Mainland

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—(P)—In a direct threat to the security of the Japanese homeland, a powerful task force of the United States Navy has bombed and shelled Marcus island, outpost guarding the approaches to Tokyo.

RECREATION PLAN TALKED FOR CITY Program Designed To Be Effective Now And In Post War Period

A general picture of the proposed wide-scale recreation program, designed to serve Wilmington during the emergency and many years thereafter, was sketched by new City Recreation Director Jesse A. Reynolds before the recreation division of the Council of Social Agencies at City Hall, Wednesday afternoon.

HOSPITAL BIDS OPENED AT MEET City Council Appoints Former Mayor Yow As Acting Juvenile Judge

Bids for new equipment for Community Negro hospital, furnished under a Federal Works agency grant with the City of Wilmington as sponsor, were opened at a special session of the city council Wednesday afternoon.

FOE AT SALAMAUA NOW PUSHED BACK 2 Strong Positions Overwhelmed By Americans and Australians

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Thursday, Sept. 2.—(P)—Japanese in two strongly dug-in positions south and southeast of the Salamaua, New Guinea, airfield finally have been overwhelmed by American and Australian jungle fighters now closing in on the enemy base.

PISA SHUDDERS UNDER BOMBING Mighty Blow Delivered By Fortresses On Italian Rail System

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 1.—(P)—Suddenly switching their hammer assaults to northern Italy, U. S. Flying Fortresses delivered a mighty blow to vital railroad yards at Pisa of leaning tower fame yesterday, while Britain's big battleships Nelson and Rodney led a thunderous shelling of the western Italian toe.

Whiteville Attorney To Teach Swimming In Caribbean Area

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Sept. 1.—Lee J. Greer, former county judge of Columbus county and resident of Whiteville, N. C., has been sent to the Caribbean area by the American Red Cross to teach classes in wartime functional swimming, first aid and water safety, both to civilians and the American military and Naval personnel.

Walter Lippmann Says: U. S. Must Make Foreign Policy Decisions Soon

By WALTER LIPPMANN Although we are advised in high quarters not to think about such things, the war is at a stage where it is impossible to postpone any longer the making of fundamental political decisions about Europe.

ARMY CLARIFIES ZONING DECREE Public Proclamation Number 5 Does Not Change Status At Beach

Public Proclamation No. five, Headquarters Eastern Defense Command, August 9, 1943 does not, in effect, change the status of protection afforded by the Army in Wrightsville Beach and Carolina Beach. This announcement was made on Wednesday by Lt. Col. Wm. J. Sutton, commander of the combat team, Carolina Beach.

Businessman Will Auction Valuables At Bond Rally

Fred Willeits, in the role of auctioneer, will sell many valuable articles, contributed by local merchants, for the price of substantial War Bonds, when Wilmingtonians attend the 9 o'clock showing of "Heaven Can Wait," at the Bailey Theater next Tuesday night.

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