

BOMBER CRASHES ON GOLF COURSE

CHARLOTTE, April 2.—(AP)—A Night Army bomber crashed shortly after 6 o'clock tonight on the Hillcrest golf course here, after it burst into flames while flying at low altitude.

It was not immediately learned if any members of the crew escaped, but one spectator who saw smoke coming from the ship while it was flying at an altitude of about 400 feet, said he saw one bail out of the crippled ship.

Lt. R. B. Hitchcock of Morris Field said he did not know if the plane was attached to that field, but a check was being made by Morris Field officers.

L. G. Haywood, service station operator near the Hillcrest golf course, said he saw the plane flying in formation with several others, and that it suddenly came out of the formation, shortly after which flames burst from the ship.

He said one wing fell off and then the motor plummeted to the ground. The ship was completely destroyed after crashing, he said.

Haywood described the plane as an A-20 attack bomber. Ships of this type are based at Morris Field.

Bid of \$1,300,000 Made For Race Track

BOSTON, April 2.—(AP)—A bid of \$1,300,000 for the Suffolk Downs horse race track was filed today in U. S. District court by a group which included former State Racing Commission Chairman Charles F. Connors.

The group seeks to purchase a controlling interest in the Eastern Racing Association, Inc., which operates the track. Suffolk Downs was one of the principal assets of the Aldred Investment Trust which was placed in receivership last year after stockholders accused officials of misconduct. The Aldred group purchased the track in February 1944, for \$1,190,000.

CERTIFICATES VOID

RALEIGH, April 2.—(AP)—All the certificates and replenishment portions of certificates bearing date prior to Dec. 1, last, became null and void yesterday, under an order of the Office of Price Administration. The cancellation order was due to the drastic curtailment of the production and the reduced supply of a valuable materials, Theodore S. Johnson, district director of the Raleigh OPA, said.

On the average, pacers are the fastest of race horses, as compared with trotters.

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Ensign Jerome Tamkin, 18, the Navy's youngest commissioned officer, is shown with his bride, Rita, as they passed through Chicago en route to Annapolis, Md. Tamkin, who at 16 discovered the secret of the combustible gas detector tube, will be in charge of 8,500 men at the Academy's experimental station.

SCOUT AWARDED EAGLE RATING

James Trewick, member of Boy Scout troop 30 in Maffitt Village, last night at the Court of Honor held at the court house, became the first in the Wilmington area to receive the Eagle rank this year.

Troop No. 36 of Sunset Park Baptist church, under Scoutmaster W. S. Cheaves, conducted the opening and closing ceremonies, and a motion picture entitled "Goodbye Mr. Germ" was presented by Courtland W. Baker, Scout executive and C. M. Gaskins and J. O. Lee, field Scout executives. R. Brooks Peters, advancement chairman, presided and Carol Tinsley, assistant Scout executive, served as secretary.

The ceremonies for the Court of Honor to be held May 14 will be in charge of Troop No. 37, and Troop No. 14 will give a demonstration of Scouting.

Other advancements recognized last night were Troop No. 9, Second Class, Eugene Hicks; merit badges, Gilchrist Hill; public health and civic service, D. C. North. Troop No. 10, Second Class, Hilbert King and Billie Odin; Application for Eagle Scout, Ted Perkins, Paul Randolph and Michael Austin; merit badges, Chester Martin, markanship, Ronnie Ely, leathercraft, Hal Whisnant, first aid and civic service, Mike Austin, Walter Murphee, Carlton Garner, Paul Randolph and Sonny Warren, 25 each; Frederick Streuber, Albert King, David Dickins, Ted Perkins and Chester Martin, 50 each; Raymond Cox, 75 and Rodney Lawrence 175.

Troop No. 13, merit badges, Jesse Hardwick, reading and cycling. Troop No. 14, star, Randolph Lewis; merit badges, Ralph Miller, astronomy, rabbit raising, personal health and public health; Martin Millar, personal health, dairy and public health; Clifton Dixon, safety, first aid and reading; Randolph Lewis, personal health, public health, and first aid; civic service hours, Berry Lewis, 25, Clinton Wilson, 50, Charles Jarrel, 100, Julian Williams, 200.

Troop No. 17, Tenderfoot Air Scout candidate, Robert Sheu. Troop No. 21, Second Class, Benny Shumate and David Sparkes; first class, Jason Brown; civic service hours, Benny Shumate and Jason Brown, 25 each. Troop No. 23, Second Class, Bert Todd. Troop No. 36, Air Scout observer, Bobby Fulford; merit badge, Bobby Larrinock, stamp collecting; civic service hours, Wayne Holder, 50, Bobby Larrinock and Donald Lee, 25, each. Troop No. 37, Second Class, Tommie Lewis, Wiley Brown, Alfred Bullard and W. D. Merritt; first class, Jimmie Crawford; handicraft merit badge, Harry Deal; civic service hours, Harry Deal, 25 hours.

Obituaries

MRS. ESSIE G. FLOWERS

Funeral services for Mrs. Essie G. Flowers, who died Saturday afternoon at her home, 624 North Fourth street, will be held at 3 p. m. today in the chapel of Andrew's mortuary by the Rev. C. N. Phillips. Burial will be in Bellevue cemetery.

In addition to her husband, O. B. Flowers, Sr., she is survived by five daughters; Misses Frances Gertrude, Marie, Jessie Lee, Hil-da Mae Flowers, and Mrs. W. L. Russo, all of Wilmington; two sons, O. B. Flowers, Jr., of Wilmington, and Leroy Flowers, United States Navy; two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Hughes, of this city, and Mrs. S. A. Phillips, Washington, D. C.; three brothers, W. C. F. D., and G. H. Grimstead, all of Wilmington.

Active pallbearers will be J. M. Evans, C. E. Mobley, R. H. Lewis, V. A. Jones, R. F. Farrow, and C. H. Lee. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Watts Farthing, W. H. McEachern, R. P. Brock, R. B. Roebuck, W. Ronald Lane, C. W. Clark, R. W. Smith, and W. E. Powell.

MRS. ALLIE J. HAMILTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Allie J. Hamilton, 57, who died Saturday at her home at 423 Carolina avenue, Sunset Park, were held at 2 p. m. yesterday from the home with the Rev. O. K. Ingram, Methodist minister, officiating. Burial was in the Atkinson cemetery. Survivors are her husband, T. D. Hamilton, of Sunset Park; two sons, M. W. Johnson, of Atkinson, and George R. Johnson, U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. E. G. Patterson of the home, and Mrs. Billie Bowers, also of Sunset Park; two step-sons, A. J. Johnson of Magnolia, and Henry Lee Johnson of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mrs. Atwood Johnson, of Rose Hill, and Mrs. Bertha Ballard, of Atlanta; five brothers, W. R. Peterson, Winter Park; E. R. Peterson, Hampton, Va.; Roy T. Peterson, Washington, N. C.; Marsden C. Peterson of Arlington, Va., and M. R. Peterson of Atkinson; and four grandchildren.

MRS. LOUISE M. BOHAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Louise M. Bohan, who died Sunday at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. A. Futrelle, of Piney Woods, will be held at 2 p. m. tomorrow from the residence. Burial will be in the Zion Methodist church cemetery in Town Creek.

The body will remain at the Yopp funeral home until 5 p. m. today when it will be taken to the residence. Besides her sister, Mrs. Bohan is survived by her father, F. R. Graetz of Wilmington.

Active pallbearers will be D. L. Futrelle, J. M. Futrelle, R. M. Meredith, Raymond Farrow, C. A. Misener, G. M. Goodrum and Henry Mercer.

RALPH E. BELL

Funeral services for Ralph E. Bell, 62, of Currie, who died Sunday at James Walker Memorial hospital, were held yesterday at the home of his brother, W. C. Bell, of Currie. The Rev. P. L. Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Currie, officiated.

Surviving Mr. Bell are seven brothers, Graham, of Greensboro, R. Bell, Jr., of Burgaw, and H. C. W. C. H. and L. M. Bell, all of Currie; and a sister, Mrs. Henry Newkirk, of Willard.

Active pallbearers were his brothers.

Lewis, Mine Operators Resume Negotiations

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—John L. Lewis and bituminous coal operators, with another month's grace for writing a new contract, resumed their negotiations today. The old contract, due to expire last Saturday night, was extended until May 1 by agreement of the operators and Lewis yesterday at the direction of the War Labor Board.

Today was virtually a holiday in the mines in observance of the anniversary of the first contract providing an eight hour day, but the diggers were expected back in the pits tomorrow.

The mine leader imposed the 30-day limit and thus did not comply fully with the WLB directive, as the operators have done, but the board did not quibble. A possible strike was averted for a month in their opinion, and that was the main objective for the moment. The mine workers by overwhelming vote had authorized Lewis to order a strike if he saw fit.

The negotiating committees are to report to the board by Saturday on the status of discussions. The fact that they did not decide today to abandon collective bargaining and haster board hearings on the whole dispute was an indication of the desire of both sides for a negotiated contract, or at least for narrowed differences before the board.

While conference Chairman Ezra Van Horn, the only official spokesman for both sides, said merely that the meetings will resume in the morning as usual, it was learned that few figures on Lewis' wage demands were introduced. Some sources said a little progress was made today and others were non-committal.

The mine leader's demand for a ten-cent a ton royalty, which the operators contend has blocked the negotiations during the month of March, was not discussed today, some of these sources said. The principal wage demand by Lewis is for return to the 35 hour basic work-week, with overtime for all time in excess.

Negotiations for a new anthracite agreement will begin in New York on Wednesday and a strike pout among the 62,000 hard coal workers has been set for April 26.

GETS ATTENTION



Here's one Army sergeant that all the boys are crazy about and one look will show why. She is Sgt. Marion E. Matson, of the WAC, shown relaxing at Miami Beach. The sergeant does recruiting for the Lt. Col. Charles W. Folsom Hospital company-unit.

JACKSONVILLE SET FOR TOWN BALLOT

JACKSONVILLE, April 2.—Jacksonville will hold its first municipal election tomorrow, with two candidates seeking the office of mayor and nine men running for the four town commissioner posts. Six hundred and thirty-four residents have registered to vote.

Opponents in the race for mayor are Billy Arthur, owner and publisher of the Onslow county "News and Views" and representative in the General Assembly for the past two years, and Ramon Askew, owner and proprietor of the Jacksonville Auto Sales and president of the local Kiwanis club.

Those who have filed for aldermen are H. L. Cowell and Coleman Bynum, Ward One; J. C. Collins, J. E. Maulsby and J. G. Thompson, Ward Two; B. J. Holleman and Durwood Aman, Ward Three; and Hedrich Aman and Maurice Margolis, Ward Four.

The Greek government, through the use of new soilless chemical gardens, feels that it may be able to provide for the people of Greece enough green vegetables to start rebuilding healthy bodies for the Greek population.

Canada now ranks second among the gold-producing countries of the world.

SOUTH MENACED BY HIGH WATER

NEW ORLEANS, April 2.—(AP)—The U. S. Army Engineers set about in earnest today with plans to open the Morgana floodway on the Mississippi river north of Baton Rouge, to divert additional water to the Gulf and ease the flood strain on the seriously menaced lower valley levees, where breaks might cause great damage.

Colonel George H. Hudson, district engineer, announced that water now in sight indicated use of the floodway within the next two weeks.

This move, it was explained, would tend to control the river at Baton Rouge where the swollen stream is expected to rise nearly ten feet above flood stage on April 18 and 19.

When all preparations are completed, the fuse plug levee in a six-mile strip on the Mississippi will be blown and water diverted from Morgana to Klotz Springs, La., and down the Atchafalaya Basin to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Engineers have been holding the river level to around 19 feet, two feet above flood stage, at New Orleans, by use of the Bonnet Carré spillway which was placed in operation ten days ago. This takes water into Lake Pontchartrain.

On the heels of high winds and heavy precipitation over the weekend, backwaters from the Mississippi and its tributaries were inundating additional lowlands. Residents and their cattle were being removed.

The Red Cross at Vicksburg announced today plans for evacuating approximately 300 families from the northern part of Warren county, Miss., because of backwaters from the junction of the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers.

Twenty-five members of the Mississippi State Guard were called into service to aid in the evacuations and Army tents were requested for the refugees.

Governor James H. Davis of Louisiana, advised that "extremely high water" was in store, called a meeting of the state board of liquidation for Wednesday to provide \$100,000 for levee patrol, sand-bagging and other levee maintenance against high water.

Dewitt Pyburn, state director of the Department of Public Works predicted the worst flood since 1927 in the extreme lower valley. He advised Louisiana levee boards to maintain vigil on the Mississippi and its tributaries day and night.

Meantime, clear skies brought hope for relief in the upper Red River Basin and its tributaries in east Texas, south Arkansas and north Louisiana.

The U. S. Weather Bureau predicted an all-time record crest of 44 to 45 feet on the Red at Alexandria, in central Louisiana, between April 13 and 15.

BELGIAN GIRL WINS YANK'S MEDAL



IT'S NOT OFTEN that a soldier will part with a medal but Chief Machinist James Trammell, USN, Beaumont, Texas, cheerfully pins his own Purple Heart award on this Belgian girl whose life he saved. Trammell rescued her from her bomb-wrecked home in which her mother and sister perished recently. U. S. Navy photo.

ACL PROTESTS SIGNAL ORDER

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad today protested an Interstate Commerce Commission proposal that it install mechanical signals on 2,085 miles of track — almost half the ACL system.

"The trackage seems to have been selected at random and without any consideration as to the public necessity for the installations," the road said.

The railroad urged that the ICC not be unduly influenced by the abnormal flow of traffic caused by the war. It pointed out that the worst accident in its history, at Renner, N. C., in December, 1943, occurred on a line already equipped with the devices suggested by the commission.

It said compliance with the ICC order would cost \$11,817,500, plus an increase of \$1,500,000 in annual charges. This, the road said, would be "a heavy and unnecessary burden" which "could not be justified upon any theory."

Saboteurs Wreck Train Killing American Troops

WITH THE U. S. SEVENTH ARMY, April 2.—(AP)—Saboteurs, in their first reported strike on the U. S. Seventh Army front, plunged a German train and several coaches through a shattered overpass onto a military highway through Erbach today, killing some American troops and delaying some armored columns.

The overpass, as a result of an explosion, had been gaping open above the route for several days. Apparently the saboteurs unbraked a train blocked by the blasted track and rolled it through the opening onto the busy conveyer route, 23 miles northeast of Mannheim.

Bulldozers cleared the wreckage and traffic was resumed quickly.

City Briefs

Suspended Policeman Is Ordered To Return To Night Patrol Work

Officer G. C. Looney, under a 30-day suspension for allegedly cursing a white waitress and assaulting a Negro war veteran, returned to duty with the Police Department last night. He was reassigned to the foot patrol, it was disclosed. The officer was substituting in a police radio car when he was suspended.

Police Chief Charles H. Casten explained that the suspension was the maximum that could be given. The officer will not be paid for 16 days of the suspension period, while 14 days will count as his vacation.

Seven Naval Aviators Rescued On West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—(AP)—Seven Navy aviators and their pet dog were safe today at the Alameda Naval air station after being rescued Sunday from 35-foot breakers off a San Francisco ocean beach within sight of thousands of Easter holiday vacationers.

Their plane—a Martin Mariner inbound from Hawaii—was forced down by motor trouble less than 35 miles from their destination.

The men and dog were taken from the plane by life rafts floated through the angry sea by a rescue boat after they had clung to the waist hatch three hours. They included Lee L. Presnell, 28, aviation chief radioman, Aheville, N. C.

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RATION ROUNDUP

(As of Monday, April 2)
(By The Associated Press)
MEATS, FATS, ETC.—Book four red stamps F3 through X5 good through April 28. Stamps X5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2; E2 through J2 good through June 30; K2 through P2 good through July 31.
PROCESSED FOOD — Book four blue stamps C2 through G2 good through April 28; H2 through M2 good through June 2; N2 through S2 good through June 30; T2 through X2 good through July 31.
STIGAR — Book four star stamps valid for five pounds through June 2. Next stamp becomes valid May 1.
SPICES — Book three air plane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely. OPA says no plans to cancel any.
GASOLINE — 15A coupons good everywhere for four gallons each through June 21. B-6, C-6, B-7, C-7 coupons good everywhere for five gallons each.
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Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and City and County officials will meet at 7 p. m. today in the dining hall of the Friendly cafeteria to hear a representative of the Public Relations Office of Camp Davis outline a concise plan for entertainment of returnees of the camp, Elliot O'Neal, Junior Chamber president, announced last night.

REVIVAL SERVICES

An old-fashioned revival meeting will be held from April 1 to 16, at the Wesley Methodist church, 18th and Castle streets, with services nightly at 7:45 o'clock. The Rev. Carl V. Sparks is the evangelist. The public is cordially invited.

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PROPOSALS INVITED FOR REPAIRING, RELAYING AND CONSTRUCTING CONCRETE SIDEWALKS IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of the City of Wilmington, N. C., at the City Hall, until 10 A. M. EWT on April 11, 1944 for furnishing all materials, labor and equipment necessary to repair, relay or construct concrete sidewalks in the section of the City of Wilmington bounded by Market Street on the north, Queen Street on the south, 17th Street on the east and the Cape Fear River on the west; at which time and place they will be opened and publicly read.

Specifications and proposal blanks may be obtained from the City Engineer's Office.

Each proposal must be submitted on blank forms provided and enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to J. R. Benson, City Clerk, and marked "Proposal for Repairing Sidewalks."

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of 30 days.

Bids received after the scheduled closing time will be returned to the bidder unopened.

CITY OF WILMINGTON

J. R. Benson, City Clerk

RUSH HOUR CROWDS JAM ABOARD SPEEDING TANKS



KEEPING UP THE PACE THAT KILLS GERMANS, U. S. 9th Army troops are shown jammed aboard tank destroyers like commuters on a rush hour train. So rapid have been the advances that troops hop rides wherever possible to keep up with the action. The photo was taken as the tanks went rolling through the Duisburg area, cutting across the northwestern corner of the Ruhr. Signal Corps Radio-telephoto. (International Soundphoto)

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