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REDS CONTINUING LIQUIDATION OF **GERMAN TROOPS**

All But 12,000 Of Besiegers Of Stalingrad Fall in Mighty Offensive of Russian Hordes; Forty Thousand Nazis Meet Death in Baptism of Fire.

The Red Army has killed or captured all but 12,000 of the 220,000 German troops trapped before Stalingrad, and their liquidation in the last phase of the great battle of annihilation is a matter of two or three days, a communique from Moscow said on Wednesday.

The high command, announcing virtual completion of the bloody conquest in the Stalingrad death pocket, said Russian assault forces had slaughtered 40,000 Germans and captured 28,000 since the Nazi com mand refused an ultimatum to sur-

render on January 10. Drawing the noose tighter day by day, the Russians now have split the German troops remaining from the common section of the section o the once proud armies which cap-tured Stalingrad into two isolated groups, a special Soviet communique

large groups of elite German Fas-cist troops has been basically realized," it said.

"The history of war knows no such example of the encirclement and annihilation of such large num-bers of regular troops saturated to the limit with modern war equip-

The last phase of the Stalingrad battle came as the Red army was surging forward far to the west on the Voronezh, Donets, lower Don and Caucasus fronts, in great of-fensives threatening hundreds of thousands more axis troops in South Russia

Jap Targets Bombed In New Britain Area

A large unidentified Japanese ship was set afire Tuesday in the harbor of Rabaul, New Britain, which was blasted for the sixth time in as many days by allied flying for-tresses, the allied command has announced. It ran the total to 30 Japanese vessels sunk or damaged there this month by allied airmen.

Catalina flying boats meanwhile made a pre-dawn raid on the airdrome at Buka, northernmost of the Solomon Islands, setting large fires it was stated.

The communique said that both airdromes and shipping were hit in the attack on Rabual, the sixth in as many days. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

Lees-MacRae Grad

Major David L. Hill, 27 year old U. S. Air Corps flyer, of Hunt, Texas, has 16 Jap planes to his credit and 20 more probable hits. He served on the aircraft carrier Saratoga, Ranger and Yorktown before signing up with the American volunteer group in China, where he was commanding officer of a fighter squadron. He holds the American Distinguished Fly-ing Cross, the British Flying Cross and the Starred Wing and Cloud Banner, Fifth and Sixth orders, of China.

MRS. ETTA HORTON "Thus the plan of the supreme command of the Red army for the encirclement and liquidation of the large groups of allows of the put the supreme

Resident of Boone For Fifty Years Dies in Winston-Salem From Long Illness

sustained in a fall, she had not been critically ill until December 23. She was 92 years old. many, Italy and Japan. Three—Generals Firau Gaulle, meeting for the

born on December 23, 1850, She was married to Nathan Horton, who was second lieutenant in the Confederate army, on May 27, 1875, and their home was established in Boone, where it remained for fifty years. She cherished the memories of this she cherished the memories of this home was established in Boone, where it remained for fifty years. She cherished the memories of this home was established in Boone, where it remained for fifty years.

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on the news of the world. She was a kind neighbor, a generous friend, and the belated news of her death will bring sorrow to countless friends

es-MacRae Grad Wins Flying Cross in this area. Wins Flying Cross in the field in North Africa. North Wilkesboro and Lawrence in anctive war theatre since Abra in this area.

Bags 16 Jap Planes ROOSEVELT MEETS **CHURCHILLIN AFRICA WAR ZONE**

Commander-in-Chief of American Forces Flies Thousands of Miles to Meet Prime Minister: "Unconditional Surrender" of Axis Goal of Allies.

Casablanca, French Morocco, Jan. 26.—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, in the most unprecedented and most momentous meeting of the century, have reached "complete agreement" on war plans for 1943, designed to bring about the "unconditional surrender" of Germany, Italy and Japan, it was disclosed today.

Defying every tradition the pres-ident of the United States flew ac ross 5,000 miles of the Atlantic Ocean for a ten day meeting with Win ston Churchill, which saw the leaders of the two nations bring General Charles DeGaulle and Gen. Henri Honore Giraud together for the first time in a little villa just outside the

vity. Virtually the entire war staffs of both nations participated in day and night discussions, which ended Sunday afternoon with a press conference before a group of war corres-pondents flown secretly from Allied headquarters halfway across North Africa

ed in history and may decide the fate of the world for generations to

Mrs. Etta Horton, aged 92 years, a pioneer resident of Boone, where she made her home for fifty years, died in Winston Salem where and for 1943 died in Winston-Salem, where she designed to maintain the initiative had been living for a number of in every theatre of the war; years on January 17th. Although Mrs. Horton had been an invalid for a long time, as a result of injuries "unconditional surrender" of Ger-

Three-Generals Giraud and De-Gaulle, meeting for the first time Was 92 years old. Mrs. Horton was the oldest child of Capt. William H, and Martha N. Gentry of Jefferson, and was born on December 23, 1850. She was

city and her old friends here. She had always wanted to go back to Boone to spend her last days, where her health had prevented her visit-

ing for many years. Mrs. Horton was a member of the Methodist church and of the Order of the Drete discontinuous and the Order Methodist church and of the Order Methodist church and soft and the Order Methodist church and the Order Methodist chur of the Eastern Star. She was a wo- and "have apprised him of the meaman of splendid mental faculties, sures which they are taking to as-and until near her death read the sist him in China's magnificent and newspapers and kept well-informed unrelenting struggle for the com-

Army and Navy Collaboration



Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson pins the Distinguished Service Medal on Vice-Admiral Henry K. Hewitt, Alsa present in the ceremony in the War Department were Admiral Ernest J. King, Chief of Naval Operations and Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, standing between Secretary Stimson and Admiral Hewitt, and General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. The award was for outstanding service in the occupation of French Morocco. Secretary Stimson termed it a superb instance of collaboration between the Army and the Navy.

conference, which Roosevelt and Representative Jackson Proposes Law **Aimed at Banning Legal Sale of Wine** And Beer In Watauga; Vote Is Provided sales tax, and the merchants and consumers will be forced to pay much heavier taxes of all kinds to

26 Motorists Have Gas **Books Revoked Monday**

Forty-two local motorists came before the Ration Board on Monday to answer charges that they had used their cars, for non-essential purposes, since the ban on pleasure driving was established. Of this number 26 suffered at least the temporary revocation of their gasoline coupon rationing books, pending further investigation of the charges made against them. The names of the luckless motorists were not released for publication.

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Virginia Police Probe Mysterious Death of Resident Of Elk Township.

city

County Commissioners to Dir-

Representative Tom Jackson, introduced in the lower house of the State Assembly Monday evening a bill authorizing the county commissioners to direct the County Board of Elections U. S. MENACES to call an election, at which time the question of the legal sale of wine and beer in Watauga county is to be decided by the qual-

ified voters. Senator Grady Farthing is co-author of the bill, the in force for an attempt to cut off text of which follows: A bill to be entitled an act to au-

thorize the county commissioners of Watauga county to direct the board of elections to call an election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of said county the question of whether the sale of wine and beer in said county shall be prohibited.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

BOONE RETAILERS ASK SOLONS TO **REPEAL SALE TAX**

Legislative Committee of Merchants Association Asks For Relief From 3 Per Cent State Levy; Says Money Is Not Now Needed by the State.

The Boone Merchants Association, through its legislative committee has gone on record as favoring the repeal of the 3 per cent state retail sales tax, and has forwarded resolutions to Senator Grady Farthing and Representative Tom Jackson, ask-ing that they exert their influence in the General Assembly toward that end.

The resolution bears the names of the four members of the legisla-tive committee: G. K. Moose, chair-man; L. T. Tatum, R. C. Rivers and C. C. Rogers, and the text of the document follows:

WHEREAS, the State no longer needs for any essential purpose, the revenue the sales tax produces, the State having an estimated \$30,000,-000 surplus in its general fund at the end of the current fiscal year, which is more than twice the am-ount the sales tax will bring in in the next two years, and WHEREAS, the State gave its sol-

mn promise when the sales tax was enacted ten years ago that it first would be repealed as soon as the emergency which caused its enact-ment should cease to exist and, WHEREAS, the Federal Govern-

ment will, in all likelihood, enact a

support the war: THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Boone Merchants Association ect Board of Elections to Call that we respectfully urge our Sen-Special Election on Dry Issue ator and Representative Honorable Special Election on Dry Issue In Watauga; The Text of the Measure Is Given. A diamond of the General Assembly to have the in the General Assembly to have the

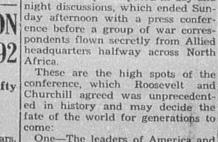
sales tax law repealed. RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to them at Raleigh.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of January 1943.

AFRICA KORPS, **AXIS REPORTS**

Axis reports said Tuesday night that American troops were massing Marshal Edwin Rommel's coastal line of retreat in Tunisia while al-lied planes and British advance guards slashed at the Africa korps rear near the Libyan border.

The new peril to Rommel's long-harried flight apparently was to be a drive aimed at Gabes, on the south east Tunisian coast 100 miles from the Libyan frontier where the waist of Tunisia is narrowest, the Rome radio said.



Banner Elk, January 22. - First Lieutenant Thomas W. Ferebee, of Mocksville has the distinction of being the first Lees-McRae College graduate to be decorated for his service in the air corps, according to word just received at the college. He was recently awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross and the Alrman's Medal.

Lieutenant Ferebee, who is with the fighting forces in North Africa has 24 combat missions to his credit. He says that 11 is a good average for the period he has been in action.

Graduated in the class of 1940, Lieutenant Ferebee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ferebee of Mocksville, Route 1. He enlisted in the army shortly after Pearl Harbor and trained at Hicks Field, Texas, and went to Africa early in December, 1942. He is on duty with a bombing Democrat Will Soon squadron.

WATAUGANS AT WAKE FOREST

Wake Forest, Jan. 27 .- There are four Watauga county men enrolled at Wake Forest College this session. They follow, with the names of their parents in parenthesis after their names:

Boone-Grant D. Ashley and Robert R. King, Jr., who are both at the Bowman Gray Medical School at Winston-Salem.

Ray Lee Greene (G. G. Greene), of Deep Gap; Edwin Murl Bumgar ner (I. A. Bumgarner) of Vilas.

HEAVY PRODUCTION TREND

The year 1943 has opened with many conditions favorable for continued heavy production of agricultural products, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Horton of Winston-Salem.

Ed. Brown Injured In

Ed Brown of Boone, R. F. D. 2, vas seriously hurt Monday afternoon when struck by the bough of a tree while cutting timber. The cheek bones, and nose were said to have been fractured badly and he was taken immediately to the Wilkes Hospital for treatment.

GOES TO RALEIGH

Dr. Don J. Horton, well-known veterinarian of Vilas, went to Raleigh Monday, where he will spend the week taking a special short course in his profession at State College.

Revise Mailing List

Pending an early and complete revision of its mailing lists, the publisher of the Democrat insists that subscribers notice the date appearing on the address la-bel TODAY and renew their sub-scriptions promptly. It is manifestly impossible to continue sending the paper to those whose payments are not received promptly. Hundreds of names have been added to the list of those receiving the county paper in the last few weeks and at best it will be a problem to keep use of newsprint within the limits suggested by the government. All subscriptions MUST BE RENEWED PROMP-TLY upon expiration,

ham Lincoln.

The meetings were held in a closely-guarded, barbed-wire surround-Timber Cutting Accident ed inclosure at a hotel in Casablan-ca under the greatest secrecy.

Prime Minister Churchill arrived for the meetings first, When President Roosevelt arrived by plane a few hours later, he dispatched Harry Hopkins to the Churchill villa, and the Prime Minister immediately came to start the meetings. The first began at 7 o'clock in the

evening of January 14 and lasted until three o'clock the next morn-

President Roosevelt, met correspondents in the garden of his villa being put to bed. Sunday afternoon.

Protecting American fighters and Spitfires roared overhead as the fracture at the base of the skull, conference was held. The only wo- delivered in some manner unknown man present was WAAC Captain to me." Louise Anderson of Denver, Colo., a stenographer from Lieut. General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquar-Depot. St. Julien's Creek. ters.

Preachers, Deacons To Gather Monday

The preachers and deacons of the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home be-Three Forks Baptist Association are to hold a conference at the First Survivors include the widow, the Baptist Church in Boone Monday February 1, at 2 o'clock. Rev. Troy Danner will conduct the

ence will be a round-table discuss-ion of the subject, "Putting Pillars Under Our Churches."

ty, died Saturday morning in Dale Defense dormitories, Nor-ioners of Watauga County, within a noted by Italian reconnaissance folk, Va., presumably from injuries reasonable time after the enactment planes.

received from an assailant, and an investigation into his death is be-ing pressed by police officers in that ulations which apply to elections for

According to a report filed by Capt. L. C. Warren, and radio pa-trolman J. N. Dickens, who made a preliminary investigation, Johnson county the question of prohibiting was seen being pushed against the the sale of wine and beer.

building on the housing project by building on the housing project by two men who were being questioned sale of wine and beer in Watauga by police. He was taken to King's Daughters Hospital, where he was left of the words, 'Against the sale cal engagements. treated for cuts about the face and

of wine and beer in Watauga counhead, and returned to his room, ty," printed on a ballot to be prowhere he died a few minutes after vided therefor, and those opposed to

Dr. E. T. Glover, coroner, said the death of Johnson was "caused by a the square to the left of the words, "For the sale of wine and beer in Watauga county," on said ballot. If a majority of the votes cast tier.

Johnson was said to have been in such election shall favor prohib-iting the sale of wine and beer in by the amazing Fighting French aremployed at the Naval Ammunition

The body was returned to Watautheretofore issued for the sale of city to climax a drive of nearly ga and funeral services were conwine and beer in said county, wheducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'- ther wholesale or retail, shall, with- almost waterless Sahara in 39 days. clock from the Mt. Ephriam Baptist in sixty days from the canvassing

Church in the home neighborhood, of said election, be inoperative and by Rev. Mr. Greene, and interment the sale of wine and beer in Wawas in the Simmons cemetery, the tauga county shall thereafter be pro-

hibited. Section 2. In calling for such spe-

former Miss Cora Hayes, and four elections shall give at least twenty children: John R. Jr., Quinten, Earl days public notice of same prior to Rev. Troy Danner will conduct the devotional, says Rev. N. M. Greene T. H. Johnson of Boone survives, and the registration books shall re-ings with you. chairman of the program commit-tee, and the feature of the confer-Mrs. T. F. Triplett, Mrs. James time before such special election as Wheeler, and Mrs. Sallie Brown. is required by law for them to re-

At least one million ceramic fire-

Deacons and preachers, together place grates will be manufactured with everyone who will are urged this winter for fuel burners, saving all qualified electors who are prop-to attend this meeting. 30,000 tons of cast iron. (Continued on page eight) 30,000 tons of cast iron.

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The Paris radio reported that the American troop contingents were observed in the area of Tebessa, Algerian border town 140 miles northwest of Gabes, and that they appear to be contemplating an offensive" against the port. On the active Tunisia front, south-

west of Pont Du Fahs, a French communique reported that French forces improved their positions in county shall mark the square at the the mountains during a series of lo-

The main body of Gen. Sir B. L. Montgomery's British eighth army meanwhile was now well west of prohibiting the sale of wine and Tripoli and had captured the town beer in Watauga county shall mark of Zauia, 30 miles west of the fallen stronghold, Cairo dispatches said while the advance guard was be-lieved close to the Tunisian fron-

Tripoli was left partly garrisoned Watauga county, then all licenses my of the Chad which entered the 1,500 miles across the blistering and

> EMPLOYMENT SERVICE LISTS JOB OPENINGS

Uncle Sam would like to make a date with you if you are unemploycial election, the county board of ed. His headquarters are at the court house in Boone on Fridays and the hours are 10 to 1. He would like ngs with you.

Dietitian, tool draftsman, tracer, office manager, stenographer, typist, guard, arc welder, blacksmith, ship main open for a regular election. A carpenter, bus driver, lineman, tack welder, powder trucker, sawmill special election is not required and worker, building laborer.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS