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WAR NEWS

London, Thursday, Jan. 15.—The Red Army, intensifying its pressure from Leningrad to the Crimea, was reported today to have made a landing from the Sea of Azov west of Taganrog, from which Axis occupation forces were fleeing under a destructive artillery fire.

First Inspection

The Lousburg Company 8, North Carolina State Guard had its first inspection Friday night when Colonel James W. Jenkins, of Henderson, Commander of the First Regiment, N. C. S. G., accompanied by Major Zeno G. Hollowell, of Goldsboro, gave Captain Fred Frazier's local unit a thorough looking over.

Newspapers here quoted Vichy reports of violent fighting at Bukosak, 10 miles south of Perekop, the town astride the narrow isthmus of the same name which links Crimea with the Russian mainland. Thus, the Red Army seemed to be about to block the only exit of the Axis from the big Black Sea peninsula.

Soviet dispatches told of a flood of Russian military successes on every sector of the frozen front as Adolf Hitler's "second winter line" fell apart from end to end. Marshal Emyon Timoshenko's right wing swinging through the upper Donets to the north and west was reported to have reached a point only 12 miles from Kharkov, second city of the Ukraine.

Along a 200-mile front from Kharkov to Orel a new offensive crashed against the thinly-held German positions. One report said that "if the present pressure can be maintained, the Russians will drive through the German center separating the Ukrainian armies from those in the Moscow region."

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 14.—A militant front of 20 American nations, ready to break diplomatic relations with the Axis as a step "closest to war" in the defense of the Western Hemisphere, was established tonight on the eve of the Pan-American Foreign Ministers' Conference.

Band To Play For Meeting

The Mills High School Band will furnish music for the annual meeting of the Lousburg Production Credit Association, which will be held on January 24th, at Lousburg in the Armory, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., according to N. C. Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer of the Association. The band will play prior to the opening of the business part of the program which starts at 10:30 o'clock and everyone is urged to come early in order not to miss hearing them.

There were strong indications that Argentina will abandon her opposition and swing into line. The showdown on Argentina's opposition—either Foreign Minister Enrique Ruiz Guinazu's abandonment of hostility under threat of isolation, or his sabotaging of full unity among the Americas—is due tomorrow morning when United States Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles visits him at the Gloria Hotel.

Ruiz Guinazu was to have seen Welles tonight, but the conference was delayed until 9:40 a. m., Thursday, after which Welles is to have lunch with Chilean Foreign Minister Julio B. Rossetti. Reports circulated that Argentina is seeking greater freedom of action under a formula which would provide that Buenos Aires would not break off commercial and financial relations with the Axis, but would join a Pan-American diplomatic declaration.

Twenty Leave For Fort Bragg

Twenty white men left Monday for Fort Bragg for induction into the Military Service of the United States. These were as follows: Johnnie Spruill Cottrell, R. 3, Lousburg; Malcolm Conway Jeffers, R. 1, Lousburg; Ernest Monroe Griffin, Franklinton; Raymond I. Baker, R. 1, Youngsville; Melvin Thomas Hight, Franklinton; Robert Vernon Pearce, R. 1, Youngsville; Roger Atwood Holmes, R. 2, Lousburg; Thurston Norfleet Ayescue, R. Henderson; James Matthew Sykes, Jr., R. 2 Spring Hope; William Edward Perry, Jr., R. 2, Franklinton; Chester Paul Hall, Youngsville; Dexter Aubrey Phillips, R. 2, Zebulon; Ernest Henry Champlin, Franklinton; Joseph Edward King, R. 1, Castalia; Howard Richard Harris, Franklinton; Henry Eugene Murray, Franklinton; William Furman Colbert, R. 1, Castalia; Frank Walton Pinnell, Jr., R. 1, Castalia; Matthew Arca Askew, R. 1, Kittrell; Marshall Griffin Wilder, R. 1, Lousburg.

Welles will present Ruiz Guinazu with the cold picture of every other nation of the New World, from the Arctic Ocean to the Straits of Magellan, either at war with the Axis or ready to sever all diplomatic, economic and financial relations. It will not be necessary for Welles to point out to Ruiz Guinazu the dangerous consequences of Argentine isolation from a standpoint of supplies, materials and markets.

Welles maneuvered before calling on the Argentine Foreign Minister so as to be able to lay before him what is believed to be a solid front ready to break relations. Before seeing the Argentine delegation head, Welles arranged for a talk with Rossetti, who arrived here today and who has made clear that Chile refuses to join any Argentine opposition.

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 14.—A vast Axis air assault in the Mediterranean appeared to be well under way tonight as German and Italian planes battered unceasingly at the British Island of Malta, bombed British communications across Libya, and attacked imperial troops attempting to encircle the Nazi tank general, Erwin Rommel.

British planes also were increasingly active, and the future of the Battle of Libya appeared to hinge more and more on Malta's ability to stand up under repeated Axis air attacks.

The small, but mighty island fortress is only 60 miles from Italian Sicily on a direct line with Tripoli, main African base for feeding General Rommel's troops now drawn up on a 60-mile line between El Aghelia and Marada at the gateway to Tripolitania.

ELECT VESTRY FOR YEAR

At the annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church last Sunday the following laymen were elected to serve on the Vestry for the year 1942: Percy White, Sr. Warden; R. C. Beck, Jr. Warden; W. J. Shearin, Secretary and Treasurer; Carl M. Watkins, Malcolm McKinnie, W. H. Yarborough, James Johnson, Kemp Yarborough. Reports were given by the heads of the various departments. The Parish closed the year out of debt and with every indication of Spiritual Vigor.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session, January 9th, 1942 at 7:30 P. M. All members being present.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved.

The Monthly Reports of the Supt. of Lights & Water, Chief of Police, Tax Collector and Town Clerk were read and approved.

The Town Clerk was instructed to secure a copy of an Ordinance for the enforcement of municipal blackouts, as suggested by the State of North Carolina Council of National Defense.

The Board refused the offer of Charles P. Green for the purchase of the Austin Green Estate property in Mineral Springs section and the Sally Yarborough Estate property on South Main Street.

Mr. W. G. Lancaster offered the following Resolution which received a second from Mr. W. J. Cooper:

"Be It Resolved that the Dave Wood lot be conveyed to Dave Wood and wife, or their assignees at the price of (\$250.00) and upon payment of the purchase price, T. K. Stockard, Trustee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a deed conveying said lot to the purchasers."

This Resolution was adopted by the Board by a unanimous vote.

The Board ordered the new parts for the 360 H. P. Engine to be installed beginning with Feb. 1, 1942; and that these parts be fully insured against fire loss with Fairbanks, Morse & Co., co-insured.

The purchase of three tires and tubes for the Police Car was authorized.

The Contract for one year's supply of Lubricating Oil was awarded to the Allen Oil Co. for Gas Engine Oil, light (Socony Vacuum) at 35c per gallon, F. O. B. Lousburg, N. C., this being the low bid according to specifications required.

The Home Oil Company was awarded the contract for one year's supply of Diesel Fuel Oil, for Standard Oil Co. of N. J. Esso-diesel at the spot price F. O. B. Wilmington, N. C. at time of delivery, plus freight charges of 15c per CWT (.111c per Gal).

The Board approved a number of invoices for payment.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This coming Sunday will be the Second Sunday after Epiphany. The Epiphany season was formerly closely associated with Christmas, and celebrated in the Eastern Church on the same day. Its most ancient name was Theophania, the name by which it is still known in the Greek church. It was also called Epiphania and Bethphania. This season commemorates the nativity of the Christ; the appearance of the Star to the Magi; the manifestation of the Christ's Divinity at His baptism.

In the Greek Church, which by the way is the mother of all Christian churches, this feast is also called the Day of Lights, from the array of lights with which the Benediction of the waters, as it is called, is performed on this day. These lights commemorate the manifestation of the Christ as the Light of the World. They were also connected with the universal belief that Jesus was baptized upon this day, for baptism was often called "illumination" or "ustration." One of the great Church Fathers, Justin Martyr, writes: "This washing (baptism) we call illumination, because the understanding of those who learn these things is enlightened." In the Greek Church, Epiphany is still one of the three great times of baptism.

There will be the early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 A. M. Church School and the Adult Bible Class will meet at 9:45 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon will come at 11:00 A. M.

The Young Peoples Service League meets in the Church at 8:30 P. M.

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock there is a celebration of the Holy Communion and prayers for universal common sense and decency.

E. C. T. C. ALUMNI MEETING

E. C. T. C. Alumni will meet with Mrs. Robert W. Smithwick on Tuesday evening, Jan. 20th, at 8 o'clock. Please attend, all alumni. New members are always welcome.

Vivian Lucas, Reporter.

After a recruit leaves a Marine Corps training camp, he is an accomplished launderer, as every Marine is taught to wash his own clothes.

A recruit in the Marines undergoing his preliminary training is known as a "Boot."

BUY A SHARE IN AMERICA

DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

BANK WITH YOUR COUNTRY is the theme of this effective Defense Savings poster now seen in store windows and in the lobbies of buildings all over the country. Drawn by artist Henry Billings, of Rhinebeck, N. Y., the poster portrays the spirit of patriotism by investing in the United States Government through the purchase of Defense Bonds and Stamps. Stamps are priced from 10 cents to \$5; Bonds from \$18.75 to \$10,000.

Allowed Tires Livestock Show

During the first week of the operation of the Local Tire Rationing Board of Franklin County March 12 and 13 to be the best yet for both quality and quantity of stock, the Livestock Development Committee of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce today began mailing catalogs and premium lists for the Eastern Carolina Fat Stock Show.

Secretary E. H. Austin said that the catalogs are now on their way to county agents throughout Eastern Carolina. Residents of counties east of, and including Person, Durham, Wake, Harnett, Hoke and Scotland will be eligible to enter their prize beef cattle and swine. Show catalogs will also be mailed to exhibitors and vocational agriculture teachers throughout this section.

In addition to local members of the committee, the sponsors will be assisted by L. I. Case, animal husbandman, E. V. Vestal, swine specialist, and H. W. Taylor, marketing economist of the extension division of N. C. State College. Also assisting with the show will be Paul Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, P. D. May, field representative of the Southeastern Chain Store Council, and G. F. Booker of the agricultural development department of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co.

Besides local buyers, the show is expected to draw from 25 to 30 representatives of firms and packing houses.

Last year's show entries totaled 300 hogs and 86 head of beef cattle. The majority of the beef stock in the 1941 show was exhibited by 4-H club members and vocational agriculture students.

At the sale last year, total hog sales were \$3,260. Cattle sales were \$4,867. The grand champion steer was bought by the A. & P. Tea Company for 28 cents a pound. The grand champion hog, bought by Swift & Company, brought 16 cents a pound.

Austin said today that the early interest in the show points to a large entry, probably surpassing those of the previous four years.

DR. KENT WILL PREACH

This being Epiphany season in the Episcopal Church services on Sunday will be as follows: 11:00 A. M. Morning prayer and message. 2:30 P. M. Church School. 3:30 P. M. Sermon and celebration of the Holy Communion. We are anxious to have all of our members and friends to attend this service. You will hear a beautiful, instructive message. Our work continues to go on in all departments nicely. We want this to be our best year of Missionary work. Our parochial day school continues to go on. We are giving our boys and girls daily instructions on defense of our country. We want them to be true and loyal citizens. We are asking them to save their pennies and dimes that they may buy Defense Stamps. Let us all be loyal and true to our country.

George C. Pollard.

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JAPS ISSUE WARNING

Washington, Jan. 14.—The same harsh, ruthless practices made familiar by Nazi forces in France have been applied, the War Department reported tonight, by the Japanese in Manila and other invaded sections of the Philippines.

Residents of the islands have been warned that anyone who injures or attempts to injure a Japanese soldier or civilian will be instantly shot. If he cannot be found, ten hostages will be taken into custody. The death penalty also has been established for a long list of actions, including disturbing the "peace."

The department announced this development in its second communique of the day, after telling, in the first, of two Japanese attempts to crack the MacArthur line on Batan Peninsula. American and Filipino troops repulsed both with heavy losses to the enemy and relatively small casualties to themselves.

The two stab-like thrusts, supported by aircraft and artillery fire, were apparently intended to seek out weak spots in the defense line, following a previous Japanese defeat in a full-scale assault by artillery.

Japanese Warning

Word of the enemy tactics in Manila had been communicated in part to the department by MacArthur. They were contained, he said, in a proclamation signed by the commanding general of the Japanese army of occupation and published in Manila newspapers. It said:

"Warning. Anyone who inflicts or attempts to inflict an injury upon Japanese soldiers or individuals shall be shot to death."

"If the assailant or attempted assailant cannot be found we will hold ten influential persons as hostages who live in or about the street or municipality where the event has happened."

"Officials and influential persons shall pass this warning on to your citizens and villages as soon as possible and should prevent these crimes before they happen on your own responsibilities."

"The Filipino should understand our real intentions and should work together with us to maintain public peace and order in the Philippines."

New York, Jan. 14.—The tanker *Norness* of Panama City was torpedoed early this morning about 60 miles southeast of Montauk Point, Long Island, the Third Naval District announced late tonight.

There were some survivors. Text of the announcement follows:

"The Third Naval District headquarters announced tonight that the tanker *Norness*, Panama City, was torpedoed early this morning about 60 miles southeast of Montauk Point.

"Naval craft from New London and Newport, R. I., were dispatched to the rescue of survivors. It is known that a number of survivors have been rescued."

The Naval headquarters earlier had announced that survivors were being taken to New London and Newport, but that their number could not be ascertained because rescue craft could not use their radio safely.

U-Boats Now Infest East Coast Waters

Washington, Jan. 14.—The submarine menace is becoming increasingly serious along the east coast of the United States, it was disclosed today by a Navy spokesman, who said an unidentified tanker—presumably a U-boat victim—lies awash near the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound.

It was learned that submarine activity off the Atlantic coast has become intensified in the past few days.

But beyond admitting that the tanker was in trouble some 60 miles south of Block Island, Navy officials would not say whether any other vessels had been attacked.

Rangoon, Burma, Jan. 14.—Both air and land reinforcements—the first to reach the British Far East in more than a month of war with Japan—have arrived in all-important Burma. More are on the way.

An official announcement said today that these included anti-aircraft batteries for Rangoon and other key points and additional ground crews for air units landed at Burmese air fields, some of which are hidden in the jungle close to Thailand, springboard for Japan's drive on Singapore.

MANY DIVORCES GRANTED

JUDGE LEO CARR PRESIDES

At Franklin Superior Court January Civil Term; Calendar Set for Only Two Days; No Cases of Public Interest Tried

The regular January term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of Civil cases convened in the Court House in Lousburg Monday morning with Hon. Leo Carr, of Durham, Judge Presiding.

There had been only a two day docket set for trial at this term and no cases of public interest were tried. Quite a number of divorces were granted.

This was Judge Carr's first appearance in Franklin County and he made a most favorable impression, possessing a most jovial and business like appearance.

Cases disposed of was as follows:

- Amerilla Collins Ellis was granted a divorce from Robert Upchurch Ellis.
- Lugene A. Dickerson was granted a divorce from Kenneth F. Dickerson.
- Edward Neal was granted a divorce from Susie H. Neal.
- J. L. Gupton was granted a \$200 judgment against Mrs. Gracie C. Eakes, surety.
- Mrs. Nola Wright Sykes was granted a divorce from Ben B. Sykes.

Other motions and legal matters were arranged by counsel and the Court. Adjournment was taken on Tuesday evening.

A Call to Limit Expenses

State of North Carolina, Local Government Commission Raleigh.

To Chairmen of Boards of County Commissioners and Mayors of Cities and Towns:

To win this war and to hasten ultimate victory will require all out effort on the part of every American. The armament program is essential to our national security. It stands between us and the ruthless dictators and necessarily calls for an enormous expenditure of money so that our men at the front may have the fighting equipment needed to successfully wage this war. It means that a tremendous tax bill will be imposed upon all of us by the Federal Government but this bill will be paid ungrudgingly by the taxpayers.

Local governments are not excepted from contribution to this effort and the responsibility of such contribution lies with the officers charged with their administration. Because of the mounting Federal taxes it behooves these officials to do everything possible to lighten the local tax burden on the average citizen. This is not the time for local governments to plan immediate spending for anything except pressing necessities. Operating expenses should be limited to a minimum. The term "necessity" should be weighed now as it has never been weighed before. Now is the time for local governments to conserve and guard their credit more than ever. Outstanding debt should be reduced as much as possible and the issuance of new bonds should not be contemplated for any purpose except in cases of absolute necessity. Post war adjustment will create demands on local government spending power for which immediate planning should begin, but the first step is to reduce operating costs wherever possible.

CHAS. M. JOHNSON, Chairman of the Local Government Commission and Director of Local Government, January 15, 1942.

THANKS

We wish to extend our deepest thanks and appreciations to all those who rendered so many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy in the recent death of our brother, Charlie Egerton. They will be long and tenderly remembered.

G. B. Egerton, Sisters and brothers.

Stacy Smith of the Ingold Club is the first 4-H Club member of Sampson County to set trees as a project, having put out 1,000 loblolly pines, reports Assistant Farm Agent J. P. Stovall.

U. S. Marines in the Hawaiian Islands are stationed at Pearl Harbor, said to have been so named because it was the only place in those Islands where pearl oysters were found.