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WAR NEWS

Washington, Feb. 18.—Reinforced Japanese planes and big guns are laying down a non-stop bombardment of General Douglas MacArthur's Philippine defenders, the War Department reported today.

Army communique No. 112 also reported American Flying Fortresses fighting in defense of the Dutch East Indies had bombed and probably sunk two Japanese transports.

Also, nine United States Army P-40 planes—swift and hard-fighting little pursuit ships—battled six Japanese fighter planes near Java and shot down four of them.

The Americans then continued on to Japanese-held Palembang airfield in Sumatra and dropped light bombs on enemy installations. It was not determined what damage they wrought.

In the action off Sumatra, the Flying Fortresses struck at sea-borne Japanese invasion units. Direct hits were scored on two transports which were "believed" destroyed. Two Japanese barges were sunk.

In the Philippines, the Japanese appeared to have pulled the trigger for their knockout drive against MacArthur. The communique said his outnumbered forces were under almost constant fire all along the Bataan front and that enemy artillery continues to blast away at fortifications in Manila Bay.

More Planes

The Japanese have poured new planes into the battle, presumably shifting them over from the Malayan Peninsula.

With perhaps more than 200,000 troops massed already in Luzon, the Japanese are continuing to land reinforcements. The communique said "a fairly large" convoy of troop ships had arrived in Subic Bay and that reinforcements were being put ashore at Olongapo—in the northwest corner of the Bataan Peninsula some 15 miles above the battle lines.

For the second successive day, the War Department did not reveal how the defenders—outnumbered more than 10 to 1—were countering the intensified blows. The communique told only of enemy offensive action:

"New enemy air units are appearing over our lines, bombing our troops almost constantly. . . . Hostile artillery fire on our forts from positions on the Cavite shore continues.

"New enemy batteries in Bataan have increased the density of artillery fire on our positions."

Crucial Hour

Nowhere was there any mention of damage or casualties, but there seemed no doubt that the crucial hour for the defenders had come.

There was no infantry action. It appeared that the Japanese, with their furious aerial and artillery bombardments, were seeking to soften up the defenders before turning loose their vast manpower.

MacArthur reported that Japanese dive-bombers again attacked the refugee camp at Cabacben where 23 women and children were killed the previous day.

Willemstad, Curacao, Feb. 18.

Nazi U-boats still are operating in the tanker lanes between Venezuela and the Dutch-owned islands of Aruba and Curacao, it became known today, despite intensified air and sea patrols which are believed to have sunk at least two of them.

American and Dutch bombers operating from bases on Aruba and Curacao sped out over the Caribbean again today after submarines had been sighted both from land and sea off Aruba.

The submarines dived as soon as the planes appeared.

No new submarine attacks were reported in this area today, but the normally heavy flow of tanker traffic between these islands, where Standard Oil and Shell Oil refineries are located, and the Venezuelan wells in and around Lake Maracaibo still was halted.

The Nazi U-boat pack which penetrated inner American defenses and struck without warning early Monday morning thus far has accounted for eight tankers off Willemstad and the Aruban port of Oranjestad and in the 70-mile strip of water separating the islands from the Venezuelan mainland.

More than 50 lives are believed

to have been lost in the attacks.

Two U-Boats
Against this toll, patrolling Dutch and American bombers are believed to have accounted for two and possibly more of the submarines.

Spreading oil slicks have been noted on at least two occasions and once air bubbles were seen rising to the surface after depth bombs had been dropped.

An American traveler from Aruba said reports there also are that at least two of the subs were sunk.

Rangoon, Feb. 18.—The Battle of Burma blazed into full fury on a 300-mile front today, with Japanese shock troops forcing the Bilin River 45 miles from the Rangoon-Lashio railway and veteran Chinese warriors reported slashing at the enemy flank in Thailand.

Imperial defense forces were battling stubbornly along the fast-shifting Bilin front, where bloody combat at close quarters had been raging for more than 24 hours. A communique said they were "holding their positions."

Striking suddenly across the Burmese frontier into northwest Thailand, the hard-bitten troops of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek were reported to be driving on Chienngmai, terminus of the Thai railroad from Bangkok and key Japanese base of that region. Big allied bombing planes, striking heavily at Japanese bases behind the lines, attacked the enemy air base at Chienngmai, strewn explosives amidst grounded bombers and fighters and along the runways.

Japanese Strength

(A United Press dispatch from Chungking said about 100,000 Japanese troops either were blasting their way into Burma or being held in reserve against any stiffening of Allied resistance. It said 30,000 fresh Japanese troops with modern mechanized equipment were landed at Haiphong, French Indo-China, early this month, and were expected to be rushed to the Chienngmai area for reinforcement purposes, "although some may be kept in Tonkin to guard against a possibility of a Chinese invasion of French Indo-China.")

Royal Air Force pilots said the Japanese put up a heavy defense barrage over Chienngmai, and one bomber returned with a pierced turret. The rest were unscathed.

Batavia, Java, N. E. I., Feb. 18.

A staunch Allied air defense of Java's Soerabaya naval base knocked out nearly one-fourth of a Japanese raiding force today while isolated Dutch Indies battalions fought fatalistically at many points in the archipelago, and United States and Netherlands air squadrons beat hard at the invaders of Sumatra.

It was the third mass raid in three weeks on the Java naval base and seemed an ominous prelude to the expected grand assault on this rich island. But the defenders destroyed five of the 21 planes which came from the sea in two waves, and the Aneta agency correspondent at the base reported there was little damage and few casualties.

On Sumatra, in numerous centers of resistance off Borneo and on the southwest peninsula of Celebes, last-ditch delaying actions, comparable in miniature to General MacArthur's defense in Luzon, were being fought by the N. E. I. troops left behind after the invaders came.

The peace which Christ gives is not the peace that must be enforced at the point of a bayonet.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Feb. 21:

Saturday—Tim McCoy and Buck Jones in "Below The Border" and James Ellison and Virginia Gilmore in "Mr. District Attorney in the Carter Case", also "Dick Tracy vs. Crime Inc."

Sunday-Monday—"How Green Is My Valley" with Walter Pidgeon and Maureen O'Hara.

Tuesday—Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor in "The Maltese Falcon."

Wednesday—Fred MacMurray, Mary Martin and Robert Preston in "New York Town."

Thursday-Friday—Claudette Colbert and John Payne in "Remember The Day."

DISCUSSES HOUSING

AND HOSPITAL FOR COUNTY

At Special Meeting of The Board of Town Commissioners Held on Tuesday Night; Other Matters Before Board

The Board of Town Commissioners met in special session, Feb. 17th, 1942 upon the request of the Mayor. All members were present except Commissioner W. G. Lancaster.

Several of Louisburg's prominent business and professional men were present at this meeting.

Mr. Henry A. Brooks, a representative of the Defense Public Works Administration addressed the meeting. Mr. Brooks informed the meeting that there would be a peak load of around forty thousand workmen and members of their families, who would have to be housed within an area surrounding the new military camp that is soon to be built near Durham, Creedmoor, Oxford and Roxboro. Mr. Brooks stated that Louisburg had an opportunity to help to house workmen during the construction of the camp, and perhaps army officers and civilian personnel after the camp is occupied by the United States Army. In order to derive the benefit of an increased population, Mr. Brooks advised the Board to:

1st. Secure a competent consulting engineer to make a survey of the water, sewer, and power facilities of Louisburg, and of the highways radiating from Louisburg.

2nd. To make an inventory of the existing houses, apartments, or rooms that can be rented to prospective tenants, and to have them on file for ready reference in case of inquiries.

In the event that Louisburg can secure a classification of being in the "Defense Area," and thereby secure a priority rating for building materials, it was suggested that every effort be made to secure a U. S. Government sponsored hospital in Franklin County. Mr. Brooks stated that he highly approved the idea of securing a hospital located in Franklin County, if our County is classified as being located in the "Defense Area."

The following motion was made by Mr. W. B. Barrow and received a second from Mr. R. C. Beck. "That the Board accept the offer of George W. Ford of \$600.00 cash for the four Cripple Creek lots, that are now owned jointly by the Town of Louisburg and Franklin County, provided that this offer is approved by the Board of County Commissioners." This motion was carried unanimously.

The following motion was unanimously adopted by the Board: "That no Town Employees shall make any contract or agreement with any party unless same is approved by the Board of Town Commissioners."

The proposal of Roy Holmes to furnish the Town with a quantity of top soil was tabled, because of the fact that the tires on the Town's dump trucks are bad and new ones can not be secured.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ADVISORY ONLY

Washington, Feb. 17.—War Production Generalissimo Donald M. Nelson today established rigid new standards for \$1-a-year and "without compensation" officials in the war effort, and order WFB rolls purged of all who failed to qualify.

Henceforth, he ordered, officials receiving no pay from the government for their services will be allowed to serve only in an advisory capacity. They will not be allowed to make decisions directly or indirectly affecting private firms with which they still are associated.

All \$1-a-year men are to be investigated thoroughly. To qualify for appointment, they must be of "outstanding experience and ability, qualified for a responsible administrative, technical, consulting or advisory position."

These employees, the order said, must have an income from non-governmental sources of at least \$5,600 a year.

Democrats Name Redden Chairman

State Convention To Be In Raleigh May 22; County Conventions on May 16

By JACK RILEY

The State Democratic Executive Committee elected Monroe M. Redden, of Hendersonville, as its chairman Tuesday and voted to hold the State Democratic Convention in Raleigh, May 22.

The committee voted to call county conventions on Saturday, May 16, and precinct meetings on Saturday, May 9. The chairman and the dates were recommended by Governor Broughton, and the committee conformed to his suggestions without opposition.

Redden was Broughton's campaign manager for Western North Carolina in 1940 and previously served as chairman of the county Democratic executive committee in Henderson County. He succeeds Emery B. Denny, Broughton's campaign manager who recently was appointed by the Governor to the State Supreme Court.

In accepting the post, Redden said war demands national unity and affords no time for partisan politics. Elections must be conducted to preserve the right to conduct them, he added, and the Democratic party must not retreat; but it must remove from the campaign any cause for community strife.

Governor Broughton touched the same note in asserting that the Democratic party will retain political control in North Carolina but will adjourn partisan politics sufficiently to consecrate its efforts on success at war.

Twenty-eight members of the committee attended in person, and 69 sent their proxies to make a total vote of 97. Redden was elected by acclamation, and all resolutions were voted without opposition.

He was nominated by W. Eskine Smith, of Albemarle, and the nomination was seconded by D. L. Ward, of New Bern. State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, Secretary Nathan Yelton of the State School Commission, Harry Buchanan, of Hendersonville, R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, M. L. Shipman, of the Secretary of State's office, State Auditor George Ross Pou, Leroy Martin, of Raleigh, State Senator John D. Larkins, of Trenton, and Miss Ruth Burke, of LaGrange.

To Re-Open Franklin Hotel

Messrs. Geo. W. Ford, W. B. Barrow and W. B. Joyner report having leased the Franklin Hotel property and are now having the heating and water systems reworked, repaired and put in order and having the building renovated, cleaned and repainted preparatory to its opening the first of the coming week. Mr. Barrow explained that at first they were not going to open and run the dining room, but would get the remainder of the building in first class shape to accommodate lodgers and roomers. Later they expect to seek the services of a well experienced person to supervise the hotel and as the demand presents itself, to expand, by including the dining room service and other services usually furnished in up-to-date hotels.

This is a much needed accommodation for Louisburg visitors and it is hoped may meet with great success.

Graduates Forty

The Franklin Red Cross chapter reports the graduation of a class of forty in the First Aid course on Tuesday night of this week at the Community room in the High School building. In this class were seven men and thirty-three women who gave three hours nightly for seven nights to the study of the prescribed course, under the tutelage of a certified Red Cross instructor. For convenience the seven nights were stretched over a period of three weeks.

This is the first graduation of this kind to be reported to the FRANKLIN TIMES and Franklin is to be congratulated for its progress in this important work during this time of great need for preparedness.

The man who does not show up at his office until noon is either a plutocrat or never will be one.

LOUISBURG YOUTH HELPS RAID NAZIS

Pilot Officer Tom W. Allen Takes Part in Attack on Occupied France

London, Feb. 18.—American Eagle Squadron fighter pilots swooped down to 50 feet to attack factories and a freight train in occupied France during a daylight sweep today, the Air Ministry said.

American fighters in the raid were Pilot Officers Thomas W. Allen, Louisburg, N. C.; John J. Mooney, East Hempstead (Long Island), N. Y.; Richard R. Thorpe, Beverly, O.; and Bradley Smith, Yonkers, N. Y.

In a low-level attack on one factory, the Air Ministry said, the Eagles met rifle and machine-gun fire from windows. Then they flew on to attack a second factory and saw debris fly from it and a German sentry fall.

A locomotive beside the second factory "was fired on from so low the pilot almost hit the signal arm," and another locomotive blew up when the Eagles fired on a freight train.

Young Allen is a son of L. L. Allen of Louisburg and is a former N. C. State College student. He went to England last March after training in Canada.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

In observance of World Day of Prayer, a special service will be held at the Louisburg Baptist Church, Friday morning, Feb. 20th, at 10:30 A. M. You are welcomed to this service.

Tires Allotted

The local Tire Rationing Board announces the allotment of tires and tubes to the following persons during the month of January:

Stephen E. Tharrington, Town of Louisburg, Pittman & Lancaster, Home Oil Co., Fred Wright, Dr. A. H. Perry, Quality Ice Co., Fred C. High Truck Line, David L. Ayscue, J. S. Layton, Claude H. Murphy, Robert H. Evans, Cary W. Wilkes, S. O. Wilder, Robert W. Wiggins, Clarence P. Shearin, Henry P. Mitchell, Sheriff Moore, Willis May, Robert F. Pleasants, Walter E. Hall, Franklin Farmer's Exchange, John D. Morris, Earl T. Hart, John B. Parrish, Harry Smith, Ollie Inscoc.

This made a total of 13 passenger car and 22 truck tires and 11 passenger car and 17 truck tubes. The list also included 2 tractor tires and tubes, 2 combine tires and tubes, and 20 obsolete tires and 14 obsolete tubes. Tires considered obsolete are those of a size not now being made as standard.

OBSERVES WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

The First-Citizens Bank and Trust Co., at Louisburg and Franklin will observe Washington's Birthday by remaining closed on Monday, February 23, 1942.

Also the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., of Henderson, will observe Washington's Birthday by remaining closed on Monday, February 23, 1942, this being a legal holiday.

Therefore persons having business with these institutions will bear this observance in mind and attend to their matter on Saturday before or on Tuesday after.

BANKRUPTCY

Glickman's Family Shoe Store, Harry Glickman, proprietor, closed its business this week under involuntary bankruptcy proceedings. An estimated report gives his liabilities as \$5,000 and his assets as \$4,500.

Last week we heard about the old negro who was taking a civil service examination for the job of mail carrier. One of the questions was: "How far is it from the earth to the sun?"

The old darky looked frightened and exclaimed: "If you all is gwinter put me on that route, Ize resignin' befo' I begins."

Health hint: In dropping remarks be careful whom they hit.

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American Red Cross War Fund Drive

The \$2,000.00 quota allotted the Louisburg chapter as its contribution to the Emergency War Fund Drive was obtained and exceeded on December 31, 1941. No further contributions were solicited although some have been voluntarily made since that date. The following is a list of those contributing \$5.00 or more to that fund. The list of further contributions will be published in this paper next week.

Those contributing \$37 were: County Agriculture Office Employees.

Those contributing \$26 were: Mills High School Faculty, Rose's & the Store Employees, Town of Louisburg Employees, Mrs. J. A. Dean Family.

Those contributing \$25 were: P. W. Elam, L. E. Scoggin, W. L. Lumpkin, T. M. Harris, Home Furniture Co., Louisburg Dry Cleaners, Tonkel's Dept. Store, Geo. W. Ford, W. G. Lancaster, W. H. Yarborough, W. J. Cooper, V. E. Owens, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pruitt, D. T. Smithwick, Sam Mattox, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Jefferson, F. H. Allen, G. M. Beam, Seaboard Store Co., Chas. P. Green, A. Paul Bagby, H. C. Taylor, R. W. Smithwick, Mrs. Clyde Harris, Dr. J. B. Wheelers, Pruitt Lumber Co., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ragland, Tonkel's Dept. Store Employees, L. H. Dickens, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Word, Planters Warehouse, Owens Store Employees, R. D. & N. H. Griffin, Dr. H. G. Perry, Southside Warehouse, Stallings Milling Co., E. A. Kemp, Louisburg Supply Co., G. D. Fuller, W. E. Strange, First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Leggett's Dept. Store Employees, G. W. Murphy & Son, G. W. Murphy & Son Employees, E. M. Bartholomew, Ben Fox, A. W. Person, Louisburg Theatre, W. B. Tucker, S. M. Washington, Dr. W. C. Perry, South Atlantic Mfg. Co., D. T. Dickie, J. R. Medlin.

Those contributing \$12 were: County Welfare Dept. Employees.

Those contributing \$11 were: White Level Community.

Those contributing \$10.25 were: Fox Dept. Store Employees.

Those contributing \$10 were: W. V. Arent, B. N. Williamson, Jr., J. H. Boone, A. T. Wood, J. P. Moore, Louis A. Wheelers, Mrs. Missouri Pleasants, Mrs. B. T. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Welch, F. R. Pleasants, A. F. Johnson, H. T. Bartholomew, Wheelers Bros. Justice, N. C. L. L. Sturdivant, Jos. T. Inscoc, Phil R. Inscoc, Freeman & Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert West, Mrs. Geo. Dickie, D. H. Dickie, D. T. Hollingsworth, J. W. Perry, Clifton Perry, M. S. Davis.

Those contributing \$5 were: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Tomlinson, Mrs. Tolle Ayscue, G. W. Eaves, L. T. Hayes, Mrs. J. S. Ayscue, B. L. Rowland, Mrs. C. B. Kearney, Mrs. Grace Kearney, Anonymous, W. F. Shelton, C. T. Hudson, L. F. Kent, Anonymous, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Wheelers, Mrs. S. S. Meadows, Anonymous, Cornelius H. Stallings, Mrs. T. P. Dean, R. M. Dean, P. G. Murphy, W. C. Webb, N. C. Phillips, William Neal, E. H. Malone, Hazel Robertson, E. F. Thomas, Griffin-Tharrington Motor Co., Kenneth White, Dr. R. L. Eagles, L. D. Perry, P. G. & M. G. Smith, Mrs. G. W. Cobb, J. O. Wilson.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held session on Tuesday, disposing of two cases and continuing many others as are shown on the following disposition of the docket: W. B. Burnett was found guilty of speeding, judgment was suspended upon payment of such costs as will save the County harmless.

M. W. Sykes plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated and was given 90 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not to operate a motor vehicle on the public roads of N. C. for 12 months.

The following cases were continued:

Kenneth Steed, ccw, to pay. Willie Perry, oal, to pay. George Hawkins, oal, to pay. Ennis Lancaster, oal, to pay. Russell Raynor, oal, rd.

Jim Radford, public drunkenness, unlawful possession of whiskey, resisting arrest.

Dewey Adams, transporting.

Speaking without thinking is shooting without taking aim.

MRS. CLYDE R. HOEY PASSES

Last Rites For Popular Former First Lady of State Held Saturday

Shelby.—Mrs. Bessie Gardner Hoey, who bore the distinction of having her husband, Clyde R. Hoey, and a brother, O. Max Gardner, serve as Governor of North Carolina, died at her home here at 1:15 a. m., Friday after a heart attack.

She became ill Thursday morning soon after breakfast, and several physicians were called to her bedside.

The former Governor, who returned to the home here in January, 1941 at the end of his term, and his family were grief-stricken. Host of friends called, and hundreds of messages from far and near poured in.

Wednesday night Mrs. Hoey attended a concert by the University of North Carolina band and was to have spoken Thursday before the Cherryville Woman's Club.

In her four-year residence in Raleigh as the State's First Lady, Mrs. Hoey had several light heart attacks, but physicians found no organic disorder and said that her heart simply needed rest.

Mrs. Hoey was active in civic, religious and social affairs and was in constant demand as a speaker. Her interest generally was directed toward the underprivileged and to the encouragement of young people.

Mrs. Hoey was one of 11 children of the late Dr. and Mrs. O. P. Gardner. Only two brothers survive—this family, former Governor Gardner, of Shelby and Washington, D. C., and B. B. Gardner, of Gastonia, a Gaston County Commissioner.

Other survivors include her husband; three children, Clyde R. Hoey, Jr., of Canton, and Charles A. Hoey and Miss Isabel Hoey, of Shelby, four grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Saturday at 2:30 p. m., at the Central Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Hoey had been a member since her marriage 41 years ago. The pastor, the Rev. George Clemmer, officiated, assisted by Dr. Zeno Wall of the First Baptist Church. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.

School Masters Club Meets

The Franklin County School Masters Club held their regular meeting February 11 at Mrs. Beasley's Dining Room with Dr. Luther M. Massey, of Zebulon, representative for this district on the State School Commission, as guest of honor and speaker for the evening.

In a talk pointing the wartime role of importance that the schools are taking, Dr. Massey asserted that with sugar rationing, the installation of defense courses, the forming of courses in physical improvement and development and of being one of the outstanding elements of Democracy, schools are now playing the most important part in their long history of good.

Dr. Massey also pointed out that with numbers of trained teachers going into defense work and into the armed forces, that there would be a greater burden on teachers on the home front to maintain, and improve, the high level of efficiency and usefulness of school in the all-out effort to win the war.

"School principals," Dr. Massey declared, "must now assume a vital and important role in their communities." "Their responsibility was never greater," the speaker said.

In a short business meeting following Dr. Massey's talk, Mrs. Mildred Malone, draft board clerk, and G. B. Harris, draft board chairman, explained to the school masters their duties in the February 16 registration of men for selective service. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

1,529 Register

According to information received at the local Selective Draft Board office there were 1,529 persons registered in Franklin County Monday in the call for registration of men between the ages of 20 and 45. These men will, of course, receive their classification in due course of time.