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WAR NEWS

Melbourne, May 13.—A new Japanese invasion fleet was believed tonight to be assembling northeast of Australia for another southward drive, which military experts said must be attempted soon to reduce Allied air assaults on present enemy island bases.

Activities of Japanese ships and warplanes at Rabaul, on New Britain Island, and at Lae, on the north New Guinea coast, as reported by American and Australian reconnaissance fliers, indicated that enemy reinforcements were arriving in the area steadily, according to war dispatches.

The belief here was that the Japanese could not long stand the heavy blows of the Allied air force and must strike soon or get out of the northeastern invasion area.

Two Japanese submarines, bombed and possibly sunk by American and Australian fliers in the northeast area on Sunday, may have been on a scouting mission preparatory to a new offensive, military experts said.

London, May 13.—Veterans of the China wars under the personal direction of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek braced their lines tonight against a reinforced Japanese penetration of their soil, while isolated, exhausted Chinese and British forces held stubbornly to the last few bits of Burma.

After suffering a temporary, but bloody setback, the Japanese advance guard on the Burma Road was reported in a Chinese communique from Chungking to have penetrated at least 50 miles inside China's backyard to Lungling and to have pushed on towards Paoshan, 50 miles deeper inside Yunnan province.

The major objective of this drive supposedly is Kuming, capital of the province, and China terminus of the true Burma Road.

A Chungking spokesman said, however, that the Japanese in the Lungling area had made no progress since yesterday, and expressed the opinion that they might not try to advance farther because of the heavy casualties they have suffered in Yunnan province.

Moscow, Thursday, May 14.—The Russians acknowledged early today that they had fallen back to new positions on the Kerch peninsula in the Crimea in the face of attack by superior numbers of Nazis, but they denied German claims that the battle had been concluded.

In the vicinity of Kharkov, approximately 300 miles north of the Crimean battlefield, the Russians under Marshal Semeon Timoshenko were engaged in a mounting offensive against the Germans, and there the Red Army forces were "successfully advancing," according to the mid-night Soviet communique.

A possibility that a third important sector of the front may be opened by the Germans soon, perhaps as part of a general offensive, was seen in a brief Moscow radio report that the huge total of 229 German transport planes and 37 fighters were destroyed in the past few days in the region about Staraya Russia, south of Leningrad and northwest of Moscow, long a bitterly-contested area.

The presence of so many German transport planes indicated a further Nazi attempt to bolster the reportedly trapped 16th German army south of Lake Ilmen. (The Nazis recently claimed they had cut a ground corridor through to that army).

LEAVES FOR FORT SILL
Corporal Darrell L. Perry, member of Battery B, 113th Field Artillery, Fort Jackson, S. C., spent last Friday night with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Perry en route to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Corporal Perry left Louisville with the local Military Company when it was called into service and has been stationed at Fort Jackson since that time. He is being transferred to Fort Sill Officers' Training School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE
The following is the program at the Louisville Theatre, beginning Saturday, May 16th:

Saturday—Chas. Starrett and Russell Hayden in "Riders of the Badlands" and Brenda Joyce in "Right To The Heart." Also last chapter Dick Tracy vs Crime Inc. Sunday—Monday—Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Rio Rita." Tuesday—Bette Davis, Ann Sheridan and Monte Woolley in "The Man Who Came To Dinner." Wednesday—Pat O'Brien and Brian Donlevy in "Two Yanks In Trinidad."

Thursday—Friday—Judy Canova, Allan Jones, Jerry Colonna and Ann Miller in "True To The Army."

Champion Trial Near Jury Stage

Arguments Ended in Slaying Case; Jury Slated To Begin Deliberations Today

Henderson, May 13.—The trial of June C. Champion, former ABC enforcement officer of Vance County, for the alleged murder of William M. Reid, Henderson policeman, went into its third day today in a special term of Vance Superior Court.

Late this afternoon, lawyers for both defense and the State prosecution had completed their arguments to the jury and indications were that Judge Luther Hamilton would charge the jury at the opening of court Thursday morning.

Champion took the stand Tuesday as the first witness for the defense. He told the court of being with Reid, former Sheriff J. E. Hamlet and Cooper Gill on the night of December 19, 1941 in Gill's lunch room near police headquarters. An argument arose, Champion told the court, over the election of sheriff and Reid accused him of double-crossing Hamlet. Champion said he denied the charge.

A repetition of the accusation by Reid was followed by a similar denial from Champion. The defendant stated that Reid suggested that the two men remove their pistols. The pistols were dropped upon the benches of the booth. Reid struck the ABC officer in the face several times he said. Champion's glasses were knocked off. He fell back across Gill's lap and against the gun lying on the bench. Champion declared that he thought Reid was reaching for his own gun and therefore he grasped the pistol next to him and fired.

Other witnesses for both prosecution and defense corroborated Champion's testimony in most detail. This morning both State and defense rested and arguments began. Solicitor Ernest R. Tyler is assisted by B. S. Royster and T. G. Stem, of Oxford. Defense counsel includes W. H. Yarborough, Sr., of Louisville, and A. A. Bunn and J. M. Peace, of Henderson.

Mr. O. H. Harris Dead

Mr. Omega H. Harris died at his home just South of Louisville at 8 o'clock Thursday night of last week. He was 82 years of age and is survived by his wife, two sons, Lieut. Col. Hunter H. Harris, of Fort Jay, N. Y., and William B. Harris, of Louisville, and three daughters, Mrs. Marshall S. Fink, of Greensboro, Mrs. Walter D. Leonard, of Mount Airy, and Miss Jesse Taylor Harris, of Louisville.

In his death Louisville and community loses one of its oldest citizens and is the passing of the last member of one of the County's most prominent families. The deceased was a prominent and successful planter and for many years was identified with Louisville's mercantile interest. He was well known throughout most of Franklin County and enjoyed the friendship of many of its citizens.

Funeral services were held from the home on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, pastor of the Louisville Methodist Church and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. Many relatives, friends and neighbors attended both services and the floral tribute was especially pretty.

The pallbearers were T. M. Harris, H. C. Kemp, Malcolm McKinne, C. E. Timberlake, Dr. W. C. Perry, A. W. Person. Deepest sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

MRS. HORTON ENTERTAINS CLUB

Mrs. W. H. Horton delightfully entertained her bridge club last Tuesday evening.

Her apartment was beautifully decorated with roses. Five progressions were played. Ice cream and cake also Demitasse and mints were served to the following club members and special guests: Mrs. W. F. Shelton, Mrs. Frank Harrington, Mrs. Edgar Fuller, Mrs. W. G. Lancaster, Mrs. Evelyn Fulghum, Mrs. W. E. Collier, Jr., Mrs. Edward Cobb, Mrs. W. V. Avent.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Beasley and daughter, Miss Eleanor Beasley, attended the graduation exercises at N. C. State College Saturday, at which time Mr. Joe Macon Beasley received his diploma in Industrial Arts.

BOARD RECEIVES AUDIT

ALSO CHECK \$21,041.03 IN SETTLEMENT

A B C Business; Attorney General to Determine Disposition of Records; Refuses to Grant Wine and Beer License to Green Inn and John Johnson

The Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, N. C., met in an adjourned meeting at 10 A. M. May 11th in the Commissioners Room in the Court House, all commissioners being present.

The first order of business and the primary purpose for which the meeting was held was to receive the final settlement and audit from the A. B. C. Store; Hon. W. L. Lumpkin, Mr. D. F. McKinne and Mr. Lewis Wheelers, representing the A. B. C. Board were present at the meeting.

After examination of the Audit made by the firm of Williams & Wall, Raleigh, N. C. by the commissioners and by the County Attorney and County Auditor, and after considerable discussion of said audit Commissioner Stallings made a motion that the audit be accepted and filed as a public record. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terrell, and carried by a majority vote: Com. Bartholomew voting against accepting said audit, stating as his reason, that the audit was not made in detail.

Commissioner Winston then made a motion that the Audit be published in full in the FRANKLIN TIMES, with the notation that the books of the A. B. C. Store are still in the possession of the A. B. C. Board and that any citizen or officer would have the privilege of examining them at any time they wished, and that the officers of the A. B. C. Board are still under bond and will remain so as long as there is any question from any one that same is necessary.

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Terrell and carried by a majority vote: Commissioner Bartholomew voting against said motion, stating that people would not examine the books unless in a public office.

Commissioner Bartholomew made a motion that the Audit be published in full in the FRANKLIN TIMES, and further moved that the Books of the A. B. C. Board be placed in the Clerk of the Court's Office or in some county office as County property for public inspection. This motion did not receive a second and was therefore not voted on.

Mr. Lumpkin, representing the A. B. C. Board stated that after a ruling from the Attorney General, if it is found that the A. B. C. Board books should be placed with any County official for safekeeping that they would be placed wherever it is necessary to have them and that it is now and always has been the earnest desire of the A. B. C. Board to cooperate with the County in any way whatsoever, and that until such a ruling could be obtained, that the books were open at all times to public inspection, but that it was necessary that they be retained by the said Board for its own protection until the Attorney General did rule on said question.

The following letter was then dictated by Attorney Green and approved by Attorney Lumpkin: Mr. Harry McMullan, Attorney General of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina, Dear Mr. McMullan:

We desire to submit to you the following question for a ruling: An election was called in Franklin County relative to retaining A. B. C. Stores in Franklin County. The election was duly held and the result of the vote announced by the County Board of Elections was against the retention of the A. B. C. Stores. The stores, under the law, had a limited time thereafter to liquidate, the last day of business for said stores being January 12th, 1942, at which time business was stopped.

The A. B. C. Board appeared before the Board of County Commissioners today to make their final report, and the question arose as to what agency or person or Board should have custody of the records that have been maintained by the A. B. C. Board during the period which the stores have operated.

I shall thank you to advise me your opinion as to where these records should be placed, and what disposition should be made of said records by the A. B. C.

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WINS HONORS

Records Announced At Closing of Mills School on Thursday Night of Last Week

The following honor roll, honors and winning of awards for efficient work during the 1941-42 school year was announced at the graduating exercises held at Mills School auditorium on Thursday night of last week, by Principal Stroud, was as follows:

"A" Honor Roll
Grade 8—Julia Cook, Louise Cooke, Mary Nelson Smithwick, Jack Cooper, Larry Lewis.

Grade 9—Talmadge Thomas, Julian Lewis.

Grade 10—Joe Barrow, Helen Welch Tucker, Louise Weldon.

Grade 11—Oscar Fuller, Elizabeth Harris, Eleanor Beasley.

"B" Honor Roll
Grade 8—Mae Bell, Crichton Cuthrell, Romona Liles, Lillian Mustian, Virginia Partin, Deanor Perry, Thomas Bass, Ben Downey, Bud Grainger, Asher Johnson, Jim King, Nick Perry, Douglas Strickland.

Grade 9—Billy Moon, Kitty Jo Beasley, Beth Beasley, Doris Cottrell, Sarah Hardwick, Mary Frances Boone.

Grade 10—Raymond Stone, Margaret Southwick, Doris Strange, Gloria Williams, Betsy Cobb.

Grade 11—Eaton Holden, Louise Bass, Frances Ann Earle, Rhada Bass Hall, Martha Grey King, Jane Moon, Evelyn Smithwick, Frances Spivey.

The following made perfect attendance records. Those making this record more than one year, the number of years is noted after the name:
Eleanor Beasley, 11 years, Jane Moon, 11 years, Helen Welch Tucker, Billy Perry, Kathryn Joyner, Clifford Joyner, 6 years, Thomas Hale, Bettie Finch, Nicholas Perry, 8 years, William Douglas Strickland, Lillian Perry Mustian, Martha Ann Perdue, Thomas Earl Wright, Jane Wilson, Sylvia Ross Frazier, Bobbie Thomas Faulkner, Faye Elaine Hudson, Nell Rose Oakes, Frances Estelle Forsythe, Janet Perdue Bailey, Ruth Grey Joyner, Phyllis Bailey, Joyce Ann Strother, Arthur Corbett Fuller, William Green Lancaster, Betty Ray Robertson, Martha Lou Murphy, Betty Forsythe, Dennis Mustian, Hazel Gray George, J. D. Wright, Betty Green Strother, Ruby Burnette, Maureen Wright, Billy Moon, Lemar Wheeler, Ernestine Moore, Bettie Marie Hardwick, Betty Lou Inscow, Catholine Wright.

Awards
Medals were awarded to the following:
History: Raymond Stone.
French: Eleanor Beasley.
English: Eleanor Beasley.
Citizenship: Oscar Fuller.
General Science: Larry Lewis.
Home Economics: Talmadge Thomas.
Mathematics: Jack Cooper.
Physics: Oscar Fuller.
Geometry: Joe Barrow.
Geometry: Louise Weldon.
Shorthand: Imogene Phillips.
Typewriting: Rhada Bass Hall.

Debating: Martha Grey King.
Debating: Eaton Holden.
Debating: Evelyn Smithwick.
Debating: Talmadge Thomas.
Valedictorian: Eleanor Beasley.
Salutatorian: Oscar Fuller.
Herff-Jones Trophy: Eleanor

Beasley.
For excellent work on School Paper: Vivian Marshall, Dorothy Wrenn, Louise Bass.
Comp. Sub. to Reader's Digest: Eleanor Beasley.

TO GIVE RECITAL
Misses Nancy Hayes and Sarah Davis, seniors at Louisville College, will give a joint piano recital tonight (May 15) in the auditorium of the college at 8:15. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Vichy Again Says Fleet Will Not Aid Axis Cause

Vichy, May 13.—France is ready to renew her pledge that no French warship will be used by the Axis against the Allies, and to immobilize the three warships at Martinique, but she refuses to hand over the tankers and merchant ships there to the United States, the Vichy government informed Washington in a formal note today.

Delivery of merchant shipping tied up at the French Caribbean island—estimated at 140,000 tons—would violate French commitments under the 1940 armistice convention not to surrender shipping to enemies of the Axis, the note said.

The German-controlled Paris newspaper Matin predicted today that the ships would be scuttled if the United States tried to take them over by force.

Before the contents of the note were learned, the foreign service had announced in a communique that a message had been sent to Washington and commented that United States "demands" concerning Martinique had raised "grave questions."

MANY ATTEND MASS MEETING

UMSTEAD MAKES FORCEFUL ADDRESS

Hill Yarborough Presents Speaker; Louisville Band And Audience Furnish Patriotic Music

Possibly one of the most patriotic gatherings held in Franklin County was held in Louisville on Sunday afternoon in answer to a call by Dick Whitfield, County War Savings Chairman for a Mass meeting in the Armory.

A splendid program of patriotic music was arranged and rendered by the Louisville High School band and the audience, and a delightful solo, "Land of Hope and Glory," by Miss Rose Malone.

Mr. Hill Yarborough made a most unusual and appropriate introduction of the speaker, as one of North Carolina's most delightful orators, Hon. William B. Umstead, of Durham, who for half an hour entertained his hearers with a most interesting and patriotic address in which he reviewed America's position in the present conflict, why it was there and what it was attempting to do, and drew a vivid picture of what it was necessary for each of us to do. America needs the money, he informed his hearers, and it is up to us to put it up.

Mr. E. H. Malone in his remarks thanking the speaker for such a splendid address said "it is the first speech he has heard that measured up to and beyond the predictions of its introduction."

The meeting came to a close with much enthusiastic patriotism throughout the large crowd present.

Louisburg College News

Final examinations for the second semester of the school year will be held at Louisville College Monday, May 18, through Friday, May 22.

Commencement will be held Monday morning, May 25, at 10:00 in the Louisville Methodist Church. The commencement address will be given by Dr. Albert P. Stanbury, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, Winston-Salem.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday morning, May 24, at the Louisville Methodist Church by Dr. Walter Patton, president of Louisville College.

Sunday evening, the joint Y. M. C. A. - Y. W. C. A. sermon will be preached by the Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor of Hay Street Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

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More Subs

Washington, May 13.—President Roosevelt today signed legislation to virtually double the nation's submarine fleet which has exacted a heavy toll of Japanese warships and troop transports in the far Pacific.

The 200,000-ton expansion envisaged would provide more than 100 undersea craft, according to Chairman Carl Vinson, D. Ga., of the House naval affairs committee. He declared the vessels are needed urgently to meet development of a "submarine war" in the Atlantic and a "submarine and air war" in the Pacific.

The Navy's anti-submarine campaign in coastal waters also would be aided with enactment of legislation, reported favorably by Vinson's committee yesterday, authorizing 24 new blimps for the department's lighter-than-air-craft program. The bill also would grant the Secretary of Navy discretion in ordering additional blimps whenever he believed such a step necessary.

The submarine expansion authorization was the second voted by Congress since Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor plunged the nation into war.

GETS PRIORITY RATING

TO PURCHASE ENGINE FOR PLANT

License to Sell Beer and Wine Revoked; To Give Hearing; W. J. Shearin Appointed Special Police Commissioner to Assist in Law Enforcement

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session, May 8, 1942 at 7:30 P. M. All members were present.

The monthly reports of the Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Chief of Police and Supt. of the Light & Water Plants were read and approved.

A delegation of prominent citizens presented a petition to the Board requesting that all privilege licenses issued to the Green Inn (operated by Mary Jane Green) be revoked, on the grounds that the Green Inn is a place of disrepute and is a public nuisance.

The petition was signed by 112 or more highly respectable citizens.

A thorough discussion of the problem was engaged in by the committee of citizens and members of the Board. Attorney Malone read the law to those present at the meeting, and it was seen that a Board of Commissioners does not have a legal right to declare a place of business by declaring it a nuisance. This power is within the rights of a Judge of the Superior Court. The petitioners therefore decided to present the petition to Judge Harris. It was discovered however, that Mary Jane Green had not made the proper legal application for a beer and wine license. Therefore, the Board passed the following motion:

"That the licenses issued to the Green Inn, which is operated by Mary Jane Green, for the privilege of selling wine or beer be revoked, because of the fact that such licenses were not properly issued in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina."

The Board also passed the following motion: "That Mary Jane Green be given a hearing before the Board of Town Commissioners on May 14th, 1942 at 7:30 P. M."

The Mayor appointed Commissioner W. J. Shearin to act as Special Police Commissioner, to assist in the enforcement of law in Louisville, N. C.

The Clerk informed the Board that notice has been received from the War Production Board that a rating of A-1-J has been allotted the Town of Louisville in connection with the application to purchase a 225 H.P. Diesel Engine. This rating will allow for the shipment of the engine as soon as the Company can arrange for same. This action was the result of the petition of the Town of Louisville to reopen hearings on the application which had originally been rejected, and the approval was the result of a thorough investigation by the War Production Board of the local situation and needs of the Town of Louisville for additional electric generating facilities.

The Board approved a number of invoices and adjourned.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Miles and daughter, Jean, Mrs. W. B. Lee and Mr. W. H. Perry, of Norfolk, were guests of relatives in and near Louisville the past week-end.

WHAT ABOUT TIRES?

Babson Is Getting Frightened
By ROGER W. BABSON
Akron, Ohio, May 14.—I am out here again checking up the tire situation. My interest is far deeper than what it means to you and your pleasure car. Next to banking, tires are the most necessary part of almost all industry. The financial, commercial, farming, professional, and manufacturing business of the nation runs on pneumatic tires. To have these tires eliminated by a long war would be a great blow to the nation. Hence, the boys in Washington should count ten before saying or doing anything hasty.

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Since I first wrote on the tire situation, the Japanese have seized nearly 90% of the world's commercial bearing rubber trees. We have enough raw rubber in stock piles to supply our war needs until our new synthetic plants get going. After that, the war requirements will take all the synthetic rubber. Getting rubber now from goldenrod, milkweeds, sugar cane, etc. is practically an idle dream. Gouayule which is now being planted will not produce rubber for five years. The Brazilians are too lazy to go into their wild forests to get it out. Hence, as far as getting new rubber tires for our 30,000,000 pleasure cars, we can forget it, —no fooling!

The only hope I can give is that we really need rubber pneumatic tires only for the two rear wheels. Furthermore, cars are now being run without such tires on the front wheels. Webber College students at Babson Park, Florida, who have made a project of the tire problem, are operating cars with iron bands welded to the front rims; also one with wooden tires on the front rims. They now are testing out on another car with the rims filled in with cement. These cars make 30 miles, but are noisy and must be steered carefully or they will slew. Such front wheel tires are hard on the bearings of a good car.

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THE FUTURE TIRE
The tire industry is working day and night to solve the problem of getting a rubberless tire both tough and resilient. The best bet now seems to be a tire made of wood and covered with a cotton rope fibre 1-2" thick protected on the sides with a metal flange and embedded in some asphalt preparation unaffected by heat or cold or standing. Such tires should go about 1,000 miles. Unless the resilient qualities are secured, we must jack up our front two wheels at night to prevent "flats"! Unfortunately, rubber is the only product which has both 100% toughness and 100% elasticity. It truly is a most marvelous product,—almost miraculous.

Of course, if sufficient rubber were available, we could get along by retreading, recapping, etc. Reclaimed rubber also has possibilities; but to get results from it, I find it necessary to put in a little honest raw rubber. This the government will not allow the tire industry to do except under a rationing system. I have followed every lead and hunted the country over for a solution. Frankly, the situation looks bad. I'm returning home from Akron with one resolve, namely, to treat my present tires as gently as a new born babe! Next to my wife and children, I shall consider them my very, very, very best friends!

WHY DRIVE SLOWLY?
Statistics show that the nation's biggest stock pile of rubber is now in tires,—some 150,000,000 of them. This is now in John Q. Public's hands. When the tire industry puts upon the market the solid cushion cotton fibre-asphalt tire above described, we cannot go over 30 miles an hour. Yet, if we all would now confine our driving to 30 miles, our present tires would last for the duration. This is due to the following statistical facts for which I upon my honor vouch: If a tire is good for a certain mileage running 60 miles per hour, it

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