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WAR NEWS

London, June 17. — British planes have torpedoed one of the two Italian battleships which United States Army fliers blasted and set afire with 35 direct bomb hits in the week-end Mediterranean battle, and the first report on air losses in the tumultuous fighting in that general area listed 33 Axis, 17 British and no American planes shot down.

(A dispatch from La Linea, Spain, across the strait from Gibraltar, said the British battleship Malaya, the aircraft carriers Eagle and Argus and a cruiser all returned damaged from the Mediterranean battle today and that two cruisers, three destroyers and four corvettes failed to return. The Eagle and the cruiser showed considerable damage and they unloaded dead and wounded. La Linea observers said, but the other two ships bore only minor battle scars.)

The United States fliers, led by Maj. Alfred F. Kalberer of Lafayette, Ind., emerged as the heroes of one of the fiercest air-sea battles of the war in their first Mediterranean action. In addition to plastering the two battleships with bombs and diversifying a strong Italian naval force away from a Torbruk-bound British convoy, the Americans scored the first bomb hits on a 10,000-ton Italian cruiser which British torpedo planes later sank; they shot down one intercepting German fighter, and they returned to their Libyan Desert bases without a casualty. Cairo dispatches revealed.

Ankara, June 17.—The four United States bombers forced down in Turkey last Friday were part of a force of 15 planes which raided storage tanks and oil refineries at Ploesti, Rumania, setting enormous fires and causing damage that will take the Germans months to repair, it was established tonight.

This first detailed account of the raid came from sources of unquestioned reliability, although they are not connected with the United States embassy, which continues silent on the fliers' mission and forbids them to talk with outsiders.

The four-motored "Liberators" (Consolidated B-24) bombers were revealed to have taken off from Egyptian bases at least 700 miles from their objectives, flying over the Aegean Sea and Bulgaria and arriving over Ploesti before dawn Friday. They circled until it was light enough to see the targets, it was learned, then, one, by one, dropped their cargoes "where they would do the most good."

After completing the raid, the Liberators headed off over the Black Sea toward Allied territory, but four were forced down in Turkey. It was not believed Axis opposition had anything to do with their landing, however, since the raiders were said to have encountered only one enemy plane—a Rumanian fighter—and very light anti-aircraft fire during the raid.

Cairo, July 17.—British Imperials have fought off new assaults on anchor points of their line protecting Tobruk, one of which, at Sidi Rezegh, was designated for a dash around the British left flank for a blow at Tobruk from the rear, it was announced tonight.

The other was directed against the southwestern end of the line at Acroma, 13 miles from Tobruk. Sidi Rezegh is 20 miles southeast of the British coastal bastion.

Frontal attacks said that German Col. Gen. Erwin Rommel now was concentrating on the left, or eastern side of the British defenses, having the alternative of striking due north to the sea, across the only two roads to Egypt, if he were unable to take Tobruk itself. This would leave the British in the Libyan port isolated from supplies by land as they were throughout Rommel's 1941 offensive, which carried all the way into Egypt.

A British general headquarters communique said an expected Axis thrust against the middle of the line at El Adem, 13 miles due south of Tobruk, failed to develop and the full gave Imperial patrols a chance to raid the Axis rear in that area, main avenue of Rommel's supplies.

SAVE GAS! Share your car with your neighbors today — so you won't have to share your home with the Nazis tomorrow.

Pay Bill Signed

Washington, June 17.—Men in the armed forces were assured of minimum pay of \$50 a month when President Roosevelt today signed into law legislation recently passed by Congress.

Retroactive to June 1, the measure raises the pay of buck privates and apprentice seamen to \$50, and likewise grants increases to grades up to and including Army second lieutenants and Naval ensigns.

For most men it means an increase of at least \$20 a month. Army privates now get \$31 to start, \$30 after four months and \$40 after a year.

NEW REGISTRATION FOR SELECTIVE SERVICE, TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 1942

The Fifth Registration for Selective Service will be held on Tuesday, June 30th, 1942, between the hours of 7:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m. All men born on or after January 1, 1922, and on or before June 30, 1924, will be required to register on that date.

The importance of giving the correct HOME ADDRESS cannot be stressed too much. The Home Address will determine to what county each card will be sent and registrant will be under the jurisdiction of a Local Board located in that county.

The following schools will be used as places of registration throughout the county except in Louisburg where the Armory Building will be used: Franklinton, Youngsville, Bunn, Gold Sand, Epsom and Edward Best. All registration places will be kept open on that date from 7:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m., and the following Agriculture Teachers have qualified as Chief Registrars: Fred Blount, F. C. Winston, R. A. Haislip, J. T. Griffin, and W. W. McClure. Mr. A. W. Person, a member of the Local Board will act as Chief Registrar in Louisburg.

The services of volunteer registrars will be most appreciated, and as in the past those services have greatly helped to carry out smoothly and efficiently past registrations.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

On next Sunday, June 21, at the morning hour, the pastor will continue his discussion on the Sermon on the Mount, taking up "Christ's Enlargement of the Law against Slander."

In the evening the churches of Louisburg unite in the Vesper service on the College campus. The hour will be 7:45.

The following services: Bible School, 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m. Vespers, 7:45 p. m.

Beginning next Monday evening and going through Friday evening the church has an Officer and Teacher Training Class, led by Mrs. Jno. B. Lane, of Raleigh. The hour is 7:30 o'clock each evening. This is in connection with the Associational Sunday School Enlargement campaign. All the churches of the Louisburg area of Tar River Association take part in this. Preparatory to the week's meetings there will be a joint session of all the churches in the Louisburg Baptist Church on Saturday, June 20th, at 3 o'clock. Every one is invited.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday morning at the Methodist Church will be our first Assembly service this summer over two hundred Young People and their leaders will be in attendance. The pastor of the church will bring the morning message. Vesper service will be held at the College at 7:45 instead of 7:30. Dr. Kent will be the speaker.

Church School will convene at 9:45 led by Prof. I. D. Moon. You are welcomed to these services.

Because (in cans) are likely to tax transportation and other facilities needed for war purposes, Federal authorities are urging the public to use fresh foods as much as possible.

ASSEMBLY MEETS

The Young Peoples Assembly of the Methodist Churches of this district are meeting at the Louisburg College for a weeks work and pleasure.

Louisburg welcomes this assembly and wishes them much success with this another of their annual gatherings.

Court of Honor

The local Boy Scout organization, Troop 20, held a Court of Honor last week in the office of County School Superintendent W. F. Mitchell. Bernard Howell, scout executive presided and made the following awards:

Second Class: Garland Mustian, Jack Cooper and Cheatham Alston; First Class, Tom Bass.

Merit Badges: Larry Lewis, Personal Health, Safety and Pathfind; Tom Bass, Farm Mechanics and Animal Industry; Edgar Lee Perry, Civics, Animal Industry and Swimming; Nick Perry, First Aid to Animals, Farm Mechanics and Firemanship; Howard Baggett, Athletics; Bud Grainger, Reading; and Julian Lewis, Firemanship.

Life, Howard Baggett. Tenderfoot, Billy Watkins and Charles Bass.

Civic Duty, Tom Bass, 25 hours; and Carl Watkins, 50 hours.

This week more than half of the Scouts are camping at Lake Lucy, three miles from Henderson, along with Scouts from the counties comprising the Occaneechee Council—Franklin, Vance, Granville and Warren. The Council Executive, Bernard Howell, is in charge.

Huggins, Williamson and Joyner Lead in Round Robin Tournament

More than thirty matches were played in the Round Robin Tournament during the past week. Bill Huggins took the lead from Buddy Beam with a score of plus 44 and Snooks Collier is second in group one with a score of plus 23. In group two, John Williamson and Ernest Thomas both went ahead of Blair Tucker. John's score is plus 19 and Ernest has a score of plus 17. In group three, W. B. Joyner took the lead from Charlie Ford with a score of plus 22. Ford is second with a score of plus 19 and F. H. Allen is third. Mrs. Blair Tucker still leads in the ladies group.

The club members are urged to play off these matches as rapidly as possible. Some of the players haven't yet started their matches and they still have a chance to win an 85c golf ball.

MURRAY HILL

Miss Geneva Hill became the bride of Mr. Herman Murray in a private ceremony in Louisburg on Saturday night, June 13, 1942.

Mrs. Murray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hill, of Seven Paths.

Mr. Murray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Murray, of near Louisburg.

Their many friends extend to them their congratulations and best wishes.

ENTERS NAVY

J. C. Bunn teaching Math at State College, who holds a commission as Ensign, reported to Boston Saturday, June 13th to enter the Navy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Bunn, of Justice.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

There will be the early Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 A. M.; Church School at 9:45 A. M.; and Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 A. M.

The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, also president of the North Carolina Council of Churches, will be the preacher at the 11:00 o'clock service this Sunday. The annual visit of the Bishop is an event of much importance and is always anticipated with great pleasure. It is hoped that every member of St. Paul's Church will consider it a duty as well as a privilege to attend this service and will therefore make a special effort to be present.

A cordial invitation is extended to any of those who might like to join in worship with the congregation of St. Paul's.

County Commissioner Association

Asheville, June 17.—The State Association of County Commissioners and Association of County Accountants will hold their annual conventions in Asheville, July 13, 14 and 15.

The three-day meeting opens at 8 p. m. Monday, July 13, and ends with the election of officers and selection of the 1943 meeting place. Secretary-Treasurer John L. Skinner, Littleton, announced today.

At the last convention in Wrightsville Beach, the county commissioners adopted a resolution commending the "clean up or close up" program of the North Carolina Committee of the Brewing Industry Foundation.

The program for the Asheville meeting includes addresses by State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, of Raleigh, Representative John Kerr, Jr., of Warren County, Associate Director Maurice Hill, E. K. Butler, county manager of Robeson County; Senator D. M. Strigfield, of Cumberland County; Robert A. Martino of the War Production board; E. P. Johnston, gin inspector for North Carolina, and D. Hiden Ramsey, general manager of the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Also on the program are Albert Coates, director of the Institute of Government; Mayor Earl Horner, of Burlington, Mayor Lyons Lee, of Asheville, and Dean R. B. House of the University of North Carolina.

N. H. G. Balfour, of Hoke County, president of the State Association, will make his annual report at the second day's session.

County commissioners and accountants from most of the state's 100 counties are expected to attend the convention in Asheville.

BEST - BENSON

Fayetteville.—The wedding of Miss Mary Hannah Benson, of Fayetteville and Pulaski, Va., and James Ernest Best, of Franklinton, was solemnized at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, June 7, in the Hay Street Methodist Church. The Rev. R. E. Brown, pastor of the church, officiated.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Talmadge Thomas, child organist of Louisburg, cousin of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Earl Russell Field, of Atlantic City, N. J., soloist.

Miss Hazel Moore was maid of honor and the bride's only attendant. She wore a gown of blue moire taffeta with flowing skirt, and carried a bouquet of tallman roses, snapdragons and mixed garden flowers, tied with gold satin ribbon.

The bride entered alone. She wore a gown of white mousseline-de-soie, trimmed in lace, with fitted bodice, sweetheart neckline, and puffed sleeves. The skirt extended into a short train. Her finger-tip veil of illusion was caught by a wreath of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of bride's roses, snapdragons and gypsophila, centered with orchids. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, a gift from her mother.

Woodrow Batten, of Winston-Salem, was the bridegroom's best man. The ushers were C. D. Best, of Franklinton, brother of the bridegroom, and E. F. Thomas, of Louisburg.

Mrs. Best is the daughter of Mrs. R. Dan Benson, of Fayetteville. She was educated at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, and for more than a year she has held a position at the Ordnance Plant in Pulaski, Va. Mr. Best is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Best, of Franklinton. He graduated from Wake Forest College and is now a student in the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest, at Winston-Salem.

Immediately following the ceremony the bride's mother entertained at the Cotton Boll for the bridal party, out-of-town guests and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Best left for a wedding trip of unannounced destination.

THANKS

It is impossible for us to see each individual and thank them in person for their loyal support during the illness and death of our wife and mother. Therefore, we wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the people of Franklin and adjoining counties. Their kindnesses will be tenderly remembered.

J. A. Cheek and Children.

COLLIER SAFE

A message received by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Collier the past week, stated that their son, David Collier, who was on the Lexington, a U. S. Aircraft Carrier, that was sunk in the Coral Sea battle, was safe and in good health.

Promotion

Camp Claiborne, La., June 13.—Promotion of Edward F. Yarborough, 311 N. Main Street, Louisburg, N. C., from the grade of Private to that of Corporal, has been announced by Major General O. N. Bradley, commanding general of the 82nd Infantry Division.

The 82nd Division, now undergoing intensive training at Camp Claiborne, won distinction during the Argonne and St. Mihiel campaigns of the first World War. Its most famous rifleman was Sergeant Alvin C. York, the Tennessee war hero.

With officers and men drawn from every state in the union, the 82nd is best known as the "All-American" Division.

RUBBER CAMPAIGN MOVING FORWARD IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Every filling station in Franklin County has been authorized to receive scrap rubber which will be used in the war effort. Persons who wish to sell the rubber will be paid 1c per pound and the filling station will be reimbursed by the oil companies from whom they buy.

No scrap iron is to be received by the filling stations. No deduction is to be made for the fabric in the tire or the article of rubber delivered. The ladies are requested to make a careful search of the attic, cellar, medical cabinet, and flower yards and turn in any article with rubber in it that can be spared. Special attention is being called to old automobile tires which are placed around flower plots, used for swings, or thrown into the streams.

A special committee to put across this rubber drive has been appointed as follows:

Chairman: Mrs. T. C. Alston, Louisburg, N. C.

Committeemen: R. J. Rose, Franklinton; Mrs. T. H. Dickens, Louisburg; N. C. R. F. D.; Mr. D. T. Dickle, Henderson, N. C.; R. F. D.; Mr. T. L. Moss, Youngsville, N. C.; Mr. R. N. Shearon, Bunn, N. C.

USE YOUR LIBRARY

Make use of your Library for all questions and problems that arise during the present emergency. First Aid, Nutrition, Conservation, Aviation, Finances, Taxes and all other pertinent subjects are classified and filed in a helpful up-to-date manner and you will find courteous, helpful librarians will be glad of an opportunity to serve you. There are splendid articles written on all of the Allied countries so you may get to know and recognize our friends. Also don't lose sight of the fact that there are hundreds of books of popular fiction history, children's books, books to suit every type of reader. Come in and browse around awhile. You are always welcome.

Franklin County Library Board, By Mrs. H. W. Perry, Sec'y.

GRIFFIN-THARRINGTON MOTOR CO. REDUCES STOCK

Griffin-Tharrington Motor Co., the Ford place in Louisburg, sold its stock of cars and trucks and a large amount of parts to Allen Mims, of Rocky Mount, in their decision to reduce their stocks for the present. Mr. Leslie Tharrington informs the TIMES that their repair shops will continue to be operated. This move has become necessary because of the War orders in the elimination of new car sales and the replacement of many auto parts for repairs, the reduction being a move to reduce overhead and cost of operation during this period. Mr. Tharrington will still be in charge of the business and with the assistance of Mrs. Stockard and Mr. Gupion, hope to take care of their patrons in both angles on repairs and accounts.

Speed wastes gasoline—a gallon will take the average car twenty-one miles going 30, but only fourteen miles at 70. Drive Slowly!

Recruiting For Navy

Chief Petty Officer J. C. Johnson, Jr., of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Service, will be at the Louisburg Post Office four days next week, from June 24 through the 27th. He will be glad to furnish any information in regards to enlistment in the U. S. Naval forces, and accept applicants for immediate enlistment. Men of the ages 17 to 50 are accepted for general service.

Prior to June 1 Negroes could be enlisted only as cooks, but now they can be enlisted for general service.

Recorder's Court

Franklin Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of cases as follows:

Joe H. Chappel was found not guilty of assault on a female.

Percy W. Joyner was found not guilty of assault on a female.

Perry Alston plead guilty to motor vehicle violation, and was given 30 days on roads.

James Kelly, Mangum Kelly, Anthony Perry Kelly and Perry Alston plead guilty of larceny and receiving and each of the Kellys were given two years on the roads and Alston was given one year on the roads.

Zollie Williams was found not guilty of larceny and receiving.

Marie Hughes Branch was found not guilty of unlawful possession of whiskey.

Joe Hughes plead guilty to unlawful possession of whiskey and was given 6 months on roads.

Vance Medlin, for o. a. i. was paid in full and discharged.

Kerbie Brulitt Bunn, reckless driving, paid and discharged.

The following cases were continued:

John Kearney, public drunkenness.

Duke Yarborough, bastardy.

INSTALLS NEW MACHINE

Attention is called to the announcement in this issue of the installation of a New Machine to increase the life of your automobile by Wheelless Sales Co., near Tar River bridge. This is a wonderful invention and gives a wonderful service in properly adjusting your car to save wear and add life to your car and mileage to your gas rationing allotment. Read this advertisement and take advantage of the invitation to visit their garage and see the new machine.

LIONS CLUB SPONSORS ATHLETIC PROGRAM

All boys and girls from 9 to 16 who are interested in becoming members of soft ball teams are invited to meet in front of the Armory Monday evening at 7:00. Plans will be made for the organization of various clubs and tournaments for the summer. Other recreation plans are being considered to meet the needs of various groups.

Coch John Cameron of Louisburg College and Forrest D. Hedden, pastor of the Methodist Church will be at the Armory to meet those who come Monday evening.

BOY SCOUTS TO GATHER SCRAP NEXT WEDNESDAY

Mr. Pete Shearin and his Boy Scouts will again call at the homes of Louisburg citizens and gather all scrap iron, rubber, and paper which can be spared.

It is hoped that the Louisburg people will gather this scrap immediately and have it on the streets waiting for the Scouts to gather. This is an important undertaking and the people are urged to do their part.

A SURE, BUT EASY, WAY TO HELP WIN THE WAR!

"YOU ALL" are urgently begged to collect and deliver to your nearest Filling Station, all of the old rubber which you can possibly find.

The Filling Station Man will pay you One Cent per pound for this rubber and the Oil Companies will handle it without profit.

This is an opportunity for real service to your Country. Act Now. E. H. Malone, Chairman Franklin County Defense Council.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

GASOLINE

The following information is given out by the local Rationing Board:

"X" cards, providing for unrestricted purchase of gasoline, are eliminated in the new coupon plan for rationing gasoline which the Office of Price Administration will put into effect in the East Coast area next month, Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced today. This plan will supplant the emergency plan now in operation. No motorist under the new plan will receive gasoline in excess of what he needs to carry on his work, except that all motorists will have a basic ration to provide for household and other necessary family driving.

Coupon books will take the place of the "meal ticket" type cards, Mr. Henderson said. In fact, the new plan will require coupons for all gasoline purchases. Coupons, issued to car owners in several types of books, will be turned out by the dealer when gasoline purchases are made. The dealer in turn must turn in these coupons when getting new stocks from his supplier. This "flow back" of coupons, it was explained, will provide an audit control of every gallon of gasoline distributed under rationing.

Under the new plan there will be six types of books for highway uses. The "A" book, containing 48 coupons, will provide the basic ration to which every passenger car owner is entitled. These 48 coupons will be good for one year. "B" and "C" books will provide supplementary rations for passenger cars for vocational, governmental and war purposes in addition to that provided by the "A" book.

The "D" book will provide a basic ration for motorcycles, and "S-1" and "S-2" books will be issued to trucks, buses and similar vehicles.

OPA announced that only "A" and "D" books will be issued at the time of registration. The dates and places for registration will be announced later. Upon filling out a simple form and presenting his registration card, any automobile owner may receive the basic ration book.

To obtain additional rations, either through a "B" or a "C" book, the car owner must fill out a much more detailed application and present it to a local rationing board for action. The application forms for these higher rating books will be available at the registration place.

In order to satisfy a local board that he should have a supplementary book of coupons, a car owner will have to prove that an "A" book will not provide him with enough gasoline to carry on his occupation or other work. On his application he will have to prove (1) that he has formed a club of four members who plan to "double up" or rotate use of their cars, or (2) that alternative means of transportation are inadequate. He will also have to establish the minimum amount of driving that he must do.

All "B" books will contain 16 coupons, which must last persons to whom they are issued a minimum of three months, according to the mileage need he has provided. If the "B" book will meet the needs of the user for a period longer than three months, the board will "tailor" the book by fixing an expiration date which will be determined by the local board, and the date will be stamped on the book cover at the time it is issued. It will be impossible, save an exceptional case, for the holder to receive another "B" card before that expiration date.

"C" books, containing a maximum of 96 coupons, will be issued to drivers who prove that neither an "A" book, nor an "A" book plus a "B" book, will supply them with sufficient gasoline to carry on work related to the war effort or to the maintenance of essential public or civilian services. Such drivers will receive gasoline only for driving in connection with specified work or services of this type. Among the services for which such rations will be issued are medical care, maintenance of public utilities, carrying farm labor, giving religious comfort, or assistance and making official trips on government business.

Only journeys authorized by any Federal, State, local or foreign government for their employees or officials will be considered official trips.

Each "C" book, it was explained,

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