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## LOUISBURG YOUTH TELLS OF ATTACK

### Harold Kent Wounded In Wasp Sinking; Two Raleigh Boys Were Aboard Carrier

(News-Observer)  
Seven young Tar Heels were among the survivors of the sinking of the United States aircraft carrier Wasp by the Japanese in the battle of the Solomons on September 15.  
All seven have been at home on leave for several days now, but no one—not even members of their own families in some cases—knew of the sinking of their ship until it was announced by the Navy Department on Monday.  
The survivors are Harold J. Kent, 18, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Leicester F. Kent of Louisburg; J. D. Greene, 19, of 2421 Beechridge Road, Raleigh, James H. Davis of Raleigh; France Lee, 18, Charlotte; Arthur Hayes, Jr., 19, son of Mrs. Euclid Hayes of Whiteville; Matt M. Cox, of Lexington, brother of Mrs. J. W. Beach of 711 Brooks Avenue, Raleigh; and Harold Griffith of Charlotte.

### Kernode Not Aboard

Another North Carolinian, Captain Michael Holt Kernode of Graham, who was in command of the Wasp in its daring run to carry supplies to the besieged island of Malta last summer, was not aboard at the time of the torpedoing. He was assigned to shore duty a short time before the Solomons engagement.

Kent, who enlisted in the Navy on June 21, 1941, and now holds the rating of aviation machinists mate, third class, has been in three major sea battles and was wounded in the knee during the Japanese attack on the Wasp. He was wounded while at his battle station and after the ship was sunk he stayed in oil-covered water for several hours before being rescued, he said.  
He is now at home on 30-day "survivor's leave" but says he wants "to get back on the job" soon. His father is rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Louisburg.

Kent doesn't talk much about the Wasp, but stated "I am allowed to tell you that I caught a shell splinter in my knee during the water while after the order came to 'abandon ship.' I was picked up by a destroyer and before many days was back in the United States and at home."

### Japs Will Pay

"The Japs will pay for that ship and pay plenty," he said.  
Young Kent, who already wears three stars on his service stripe across his chest, has participated in battles in both the Mediterranean and southern Pacific. He told of the feeling one gets going into battle for the first time.

"I don't know exactly how to describe it, unless you could say it was a feeling of elation—the sort of sensation I imagine a person would have before their first parachute jump. You might even say there is an air of expectancy—like the night before Christmas when you don't know what's coming but you wouldn't miss it for the world."  
"Before our first big battle we were told by our commander that we would engage the enemy next day. Naturally, there wasn't much sleep on the ship that night. Early the next day the enemy started his show, and from then on there wasn't much time to think, except about doing my job as best I could."

Saw Torpedo Coming  
Greene, who entered the Navy on January 3, 1941, and who holds the rating of third class petty officer, carpenter's mate, said he was on the Wasp's flight deck when he saw the first Jap torpedo coming for the ship. That was the only one he saw, he said. Greene said he was in the shark-infested water for three hours. He was wearing a life jacket when he went over, and all the men carried knives for use against the sharks. He said, however, that no one had to use his knife.

Greene said that while he was aboard ship he did see one of the Navy fighters shot down a four-motored Jap patrol bomber. The Raleigh boy said he had turned down an offer for shore

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## 4-H Program Features Address By Governor Broughton

The Annual County-wide 4-H Club Rally and Achievement Day will be held at the Mills High School building and in the Armory auditorium on Saturday, November 7. The exhibits of club members consisting principally of corn, sweet potatoes, canning, baking, and articles of clothing will be placed in the High School gymnasium on Friday afternoon and will be open to the public Friday evening and all day Saturday. Everyone is cordially invited to see these exhibits. After assembling in the High School auditorium at 9:45 Saturday morning, a parade will be formed in front of the High School building. The club members, led by a band, will parade to the Armory auditorium where Governor Broughton will speak to them at 11:00 o'clock.

The afternoon program will consist of a dress revue for girls, corn judging contest for boys, free moving picture show, and the awarding of prizes. All these events will take place at the High School building.  
This year 4-H Club members enrolled has reached a record height of 997 and it is expected that the attendance of this event will exceed that of last year.

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## Hallowe'en Carnival Tonight

Tonight is Hallowe'en Carnival night at the Louisburg Armory, from 7 till 11 o'clock, sponsored by the Wesleyan Guild of the Louisburg Methodist Church.  
Everyone is asked to come in costume and enjoy an evening of fun.

## Breaks Neck

Mr. Dewitt Gupton, aged 68, fell from his wagon shelter where he was making repairs, about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, breaking his neck. Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, Messrs. Clinton Gupton and Willis Gupton, and two daughters, Mrs. A. V. Joyner and Mrs. Owen Harrington.  
Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Sandy Creek church and interment was made in the church cemetery.  
Quite a number of relatives and friends attended the services.

## Theatre Bond Sales Total \$21,675

War Bonds sales since September 3 at the Louisburg Theatre now total \$21,675, the theatre management has announced.  
War Bonds may be bought at the local theatre at any time day or night, including holidays. War Stamps are also on sale at the theatre box office at any time. Completed War Stamp books may be exchanged at the local movie for War Bonds.

## PROMOTED

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 24.—Colonel Robert P. Glassburg, Commanding Officer of the Army Air Forces Replacement Training Center here, has announced the promotion of Sergeant Ricks T. Pearce to Staff Sergeant upon recommendation of his Squadron Commander. Sgt. Pearce is the husband of Mrs. Patricia Pearce, St. Louis, Mo.

## Subscribers --- Important

With this issue the credits have been entered on the labels of each subscriber. We would like for you to look at your label and see if your date agrees with the time you think you are paid to. If not tell us so we can make any adjustment necessary. We are indeed thankful to the many who have paid up and in advance this fall and to the many new subscribers. We still have a number of subscribers who are in arrears. We would like for you to come in and bring your account up-to-date. Under the present war conditions we may soon have to discontinue this courtesy to those who do not look after their subscriptions enough to keep them up-to-date.

We hope you will give this your prompt attention, so that we can continue to serve you with one of the best papers in the State.

Yours,  
A. F. JOHNSON, Editor.

## Tobacco Remains High

### Louisburg Selling Large Quantity Of Weed

Louisburg Tobacco warehouses reports tobacco still selling high with much of the fifty odd dollar grades being offered. Also that some of the lower grades had shown a small decline. The demand for all grades remains strong and especially so for the better and more body grades. Growers continue to receive high averages and are well satisfied with the results.

There is still a quantity of tobacco in the country and all are invited to bring it on to Louisburg—the Friendly Market, and join the many who have helped to swell the total market sales to way above the annual average.

## Recorder's Court

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

Buddy Williams was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and was taxed with the costs.  
Buck Perry, operating automobile intoxicated, requested a jury trial.  
Herman Journagan, bastardy, requested a jury trial.

Jordan Yarbor was found guilty of larceny and receiving, and given 6 months on roads.

State took a nolle pros in the case of Johnnie Perry receiving stolen goods.  
Willie Strickland was found not guilty of carrying concealed weapons.

The State took a nolle pros in the case of James Yarborough, unlawful possession of whiskey. The same entry was made in the case of carrying concealed weapons.  
Bill Woodlief, reckless driving and run, requests jury trial.  
G. B. Bell, Jr., plead guilty to no drivers license. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

J. W. Smith was found guilty of operating automobile intoxicated and reckless driving and given 90 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs to include doctor's bill.

J. T. Smith plead guilty to public drunkenness, defendant taxed with costs.  
E. R. Burgess was found guilty of public drunkenness, and was taxed with the costs.

J. H. Holmes plead guilty to no drivers license, bad lights, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.  
Joe Green plead guilty to no drivers license, bad lights, judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

Lonnie Moore was found guilty of larceny and receiving, and was fined \$10 and costs.  
Worth Weaver plead guilty to larceny and receiving and was given 6 months in jail, to be placed on probation for 2 years, not to violate any laws of N. C. and to pay \$25 fine and costs.

The following cases were continued:  
Zollie Parrish, forcible trespass, to pay.  
Buddy Conyers, adw, to pay.  
J. R. Brooks, oal, to pay.  
Joe Cooley, adw, to pay.  
G. A. Gardner, unlawful possession of whiskey.

Percy Williams, reckless driving, no drivers license.  
C. P. Shearin, operating automobile intoxicated, unlawful possession of whiskey.  
Ollie Jeffreys, no drivers license.  
Maryland Dick, larceny and receiving.

## HOME NURSING CLASS

Mrs. Frank Culpepper announces that the first meeting of the Home Nursing Class will be at Louisburg College next Monday evening (Oct. 2) at 7:30 o'clock. Those who wish to take this class are asked to be on time, starting with the first meeting.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Sioux Falls, S. D., Oct. 25.—Sgt. Luther R. Taff, of Louisburg, N. C., assigned to the Sioux Falls Army Air Forces Technical School, has been appointed executive officer of the student organization in the 605th Squadron.  
Were sportsmen, skeet shooters and other marksmen to turn in all their discharged shells and cartridges, they would add more than 2,000 tons of war metals to the national scrap pile.

## SCRAP RALLY TONIGHT

Hayesville Township farmers, businessmen and their families are being urged to attend a free motion picture and other entertainment lasting two hours at the Epsom High School, Friday night, Oct. 30th.

The entertainment is being presented by the Extension Service and Production Credit Association of Franklin and Vance counties, and the Epsom High School faculty.  
Bring with you all scrap you have to add to the Epsom scrap metal pile. Also go prepared to buy War Bonds to help in the War effort.  
Let's do our part to bring our boys and girls back alive.

## CHICKEN SUPPER

There will be a chicken barbecue supper at Pilot School on Saturday, October 31, from 5 to 8 P. M. Admission 35c, proceeds to go for benefit of school.

## To the Voters of Franklin County

"Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of the party."  
As chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Franklin County, I earnestly beg every loyal Democrat in Franklin County to go to the polls on Tuesday, November 3, and vote for the nominees of the Democratic Party.  
On account of the gas and rubber shortage there has been no campaign in Franklin County.  
I am urgently requesting every member of the County and Precinct Executive Committees to do his or her best to get out the biggest vote possible.  
E. H. MALONE, Chairman  
Democratic Executive Com. for Franklin Co.

## Carlton - Yarborough

### Truck Dead Line

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—Pointing out that November 15 is the deadline for owners of trucks and other commercial vehicles to obtain certificates of war necessity, State ODT officials urged today that operators file their applications immediately.  
An operator cannot wait until November 14 to file his application and then expect to receive his certificate the next day, officials pointed out. Applications must be mailed to the Detroit office where several days are required for processing, they pointed out.  
Mailing of applications has been completed for all of North Carolina. If an owner of a commercial motor vehicle has not yet received his application blank or if he has lost it, he should apply at once to his nearest district ODT office. North Carolina offices are at Asheville, Charlotte, Wilmington, Winston-Salem and Raleigh.  
"Commercial motor vehicles" mean trucks, buses and taxicabs, whether operated as public carriers or privately. In fact, most of them are operated privately—more than 1,000,000 of them by farmers.  
If a farmer has any difficulty in filling out his application blank, said ODT officials, he should contact his local USDA War board at once.  
Unless the owner of a commercial motor vehicle has a certificate of war necessity after November 15, he will be unable to buy tires, gasoline or parts.  
Operators were urged to make full use of the instruction booklets which were mailed with the application blanks. A self-addressed envelope was included with each application blank mailed.

## GETS LOTS OF SCRAP

The following item has been received by the FRANKLIN TIMES, which we gladly publish:  
"Over an intensified period of ten days, the students of Franklinton School, Franklinton, N. C., added 51,673 pounds of scrap iron to Uncle Sam's war effort.  
"Feverishly working to this climax, the students worked seven days in the most adverse weather conditions.  
"Although the campaign ended October 21, the students of this school continued to do their bit by adding several thousand more pounds to the initial collection."  
Seventy farmers of Swain County have seeded 2,500 pounds of crimson clover during the month of September.

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With United States Army Air Force in Egypt, Oct. 28.—American airmen have downed 19 Axis planes and damaged many others since the start of the Allied land offensive in Egypt and our pilots only fear is that the "Huns may run out of planes."  
Yesterday the Americans got seven of the day's total of 18 enemy planes destroyed. The hero of the day was Lieutenant Lyman L. Middleditch, of Union, N. J., who destroyed three Messerschmitts. A member of the Black Scorpion Squadron, he had downed one Messerschmitt Sunday.  
The seven enemy planes were downed in a battle over the Axis held port of Fuqua when American fighter-bombers, accompanied by fighters, pounced on a big formation of 20 German Stuka dive-bombers protected by 20 Italian CR-42 pursuit planes and 20 Messerschmitts.  
Middleditch immediately shot down one Messerschmitt and then found three others on his tail. Shaking them off, he turned around and with his own guns blazing, shot down two more, the last over the sea.  
Other American pilots shot down four of the Italian pursuit planes.

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