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WAR NEWS

London, Jan. 20.—Fast German fighter-bombers blasted and strafed the London area in a lunch-hour terror raid today, killing at least 60 persons, half of them children trapped in a bombed schoolhouse.

British fighter planes met the formations of Focke Wulf 190s and Messerschmitt 109s as they swept across the southeast coast and shot down 13 of them with a loss of only two of their own aircraft in dogfights that ranged all the way from the English Channel to London itself. The Air Ministry said many others probably were destroyed or damaged.

United States Army Air Force fighters also roared into action, but failed to draw any of the raiders into combat.

Though the raid was the sharpest on London by daylight since the Battle of Britain in 1940-41, the Air and Home Security Ministers reported in a joint communique that only a half-dozen planes penetrated the capital area out of some 25 that crossed the coast.

The formations spread over a wide area of Kent and Sussex counties, the communique said, and the majority were turned back after bombing three southern England towns.

Washington, Jan. 20.—American troops killed 1,032 Japanese on Guadalcanal within a five-day period during the past week, the Navy announced today.

It was perhaps the best bit of ground hunting since the early phases of the Solomons campaign and raised to at least 8,157 the number of Japs definitely known to have been killed in land fighting since the American invasion five months ago.

This does not include the many thousands who perished at sea when American air and naval forces smashed such huge invasion armadas. Nor does it include those who have died of disease and starvation or those killed in Jap-held areas by American bombs and long-range guns.

All told, the enemy's attempt to recapture lost bases in the southern Solomons is estimated to have cost upwards of 50,000 Japanese lives thus far.

In the first stages of the campaign, the Japanese strength on Guadalcanal was estimated at 20,444 troops. Roughly half of this force has been wiped out. During the first three months, the enemy frequently succeeded in landing reinforcements, but when large-scale invasions were attempted, Jap losses in ships and men reached such proportions that they subsequently gave up the idea and have since sought to move in with small groups of destroyers.

Moscow, Thursday, Jan. 21.—Russian forces plunging westward into the Ukraine bypassed Rostov 120 miles to the north yesterday, capturing a string of towns curving down within 28 miles of Voroshilovgrad, big industrial capital of the Donets basin, the Red army reported today.

Soviet communiques revealed that troops striking 45 miles beyond the lower Rostov-Voronezh railway had advanced well west of Rostov and captured Bolshe-Chernigovka, 28 miles north of Voroshilovgrad.

That town and others captured in the area marked the course of a southwestward sweep from the northern Donets, its direction suggesting that the Russians might try to swing in behind Rostov and cut off all the German forces to the south east.

After a special bulletin had reported the capture of Belokurkino and Belovodsk, respectively, 58 and 48 miles above Voroshilovgrad, the Wednesday midnight communique added the towns of Gorodische, 38 miles northeast of the Donets basin industrial center; Chebatovka, 27 miles to the northeast on the railroad to Millerovo, and Bolshe-Chernigovka.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The United States is sending more lend-lease aid to Russia than to any other country and the shipments will grow despite intensified German U-boat attacks on Soviet-bound convoys, it was announced today.

Lend-lease Administrator Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., confirming that Russia has displaced Britain as the No. 1 lend-lease recipient, reported that about 2,500 planes and more than 3,200 tanks have been sent to the Soviet Union. This is more than the United Kingdom or other European theater has received.

It also has sent Russia 81,000 trucks, jeeps and other motor vehicles and has "now begun to send food in greater quantities than to the United Kingdom," he reported.

Stettinius did not reveal the exact amount of aid delivered safely, but he acknowledged that

COURT ADJOURNS

No cases of any special public interest was called before Franklin Superior Civil Court last week, which was so capable and pleasantly presided over by Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville.

Following our last report cases were disposed of as follows:

Minnie Teasley and Simon Parrish were granted judgments of \$187.00 each against Mrs. Bessie (Cleo) Pearce.

Hudie R. Sills Jenkins was granted a divorce from John C. Jenkins.

D. R. Richardson was granted a divorce from Anne A. Richardson.

A non suit was granted in the case of B. Ray Lucas, Superintendent, against W. B. Barrow.

Moses Rogers was granted a fee simple title to a piece of property clear of any lien, on account of an aforesaid Deed of Trust, unpaid taxes and to recover costs in such action. The defendants gave notice of appeal.

Jim Collins was granted a judgment of \$200 against W. B. Carson and his bondsman H. K. Perry. Appeal was noted.

Eva Denton vs Jesse Lee Rayborn and wife, an order of survey was granted and case was continued.

Upon order of the case of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. vs Franklin County, First-Citizens Bank & Trust Co., Treasurer, was stricken from the docket of the Court.

Air Raid Wardens Meet

Chief Air Raid Warden C. F. Cash reported an interesting meeting of the local Air Raid Wardens in Louisburg held Tuesday night at the Court House. Although only a small percentage of the entire number were present the plans and possible calls were gone into and discussed. Out of 42 white 13 were present and 12 colored 9 were present. Chief Warden Cash says they will have another meeting at the Court House next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, at which time it is urgently desired that all Wardens be present.

Theatre Changes Schedule

Program schedules designed to save from 6-1-2 to 7 hours of actual operating time each week to conserve fuel oil, film and irreplaceable equipment were put in effect this week at the Louisburg Theatre.

Although the new schedules save the equivalent of a full days operation each week the theatre has so designed the show times to still offer their patrons matinee and evening shows, seven days a week.

The only change in the regular schedule of shows is on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings only, when the show will begin at 7:30, 15 minutes later than usual, and will last to 10 instead of a full second show lasting to 11:15 or 11:30 as heretofore. The theatre boxoffice will remain open from 7:15 to 8:30, closing one hour earlier than before.

The complete schedule of shows appears below:

Saturdays, continuous from 1 to 11; Sunday 2, 4, 9; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays at 2:30 and 7:30 (complete shows may be seen from as late as 8:15 on these evenings).

The theatre management is urging out-of-town patrons to so arrange their business trips to town in order that they may attend the matinees and conform fully to the OPA regulations.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach at both services next Sunday. In the morning his subject will be, "Keeping the Home Fires Burning," and in the Evening, "A Private Conversation."

A glad welcome awaits everyone who would come our way. 9:45 a. m. Bible School. 11:00 a. m. Morning worship. 7:30 p. m. Evening worship. A. Paul Bagby, Pastor.

About 15 million shearing sheep pelts are needed to line aviators' coats.

"part of what we have sent has been lost on the way" as result of German attacks.

LETS OIL CONTRACT

No Diesel Fuel Oil Bids Received; Take Action Toward Cutting Off All Unnecessary Lights

The Board of Town Commissioners met in special session, Friday, Jan., 15th., 1943, for the purpose of awarding contracts for Diesel Fuel and lubricating oils, and for the consideration of other business.

Upon opening and examining sealed bids a motion was passed by roll call vote to award the contract for lubricating oil to the Texas Company. There were no bids offered on the Diesel Fuel Oil contract. The Board voted to accept the proposal of the Home Oil Company to haul Esso Diesel Fuel oil for the Town of Louisburg from the point of delivery to Louisburg for the price of the prevailing freight rate from the point of delivery. The Board instructed the Town Clerk to notify Louisburg College to cut off the campus lights at the college at 10 P. M. every evening and to appoint some one at the College to be responsible for cutting off all lights at the college, including the campus lights, in the event of an air raid warning.

The Board instructed the Light and Water Committee and the Street Committee to make a survey and inspection of all secondary street lights, and make recommendation for the discontinuance of all such lights that are not positively necessary from a standpoint of public safety.

The following Resolution was adopted by the Board; after which the Board adjourned.

WHEREAS, under the existing Machinery Act of the State of North Carolina (Section 1403), a discount of 2% is allowed on prepayments of taxes, if such taxes are paid on or before July 1st. of each year; a discount of 1 1/2% is allowed if taxes are paid during the month of July; a discount of 1% is allowed if taxes are paid during the month of August; and on or before Nov. 1st., next after taxes become due on Oct. 1st. of each year, a discount of one half of one percent is allowed;

AND WHEREAS, due to the time of the year in which the 2%, 1 1/2%, and 1 percent discounts are permissible; with few exceptions only big corporations or businesses, and well to do persons are financially able to secure these liberal discounts for themselves;

AND WHEREAS, because the mass of farmers have their money tied up in their crops during the months of June, July and August, and the average small business is operating for no substantial profit during these months, they are financially unable to pay their taxes and thereby secure the legal liberal discounts for themselves; Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Louisburg, N. C., do hereby petition Honorable W. L. Lumpkin, Member of the House of Representatives, representing Franklin County, to introduce and strive diligently for the passage of a General Act by the General Assembly of North Carolina which is now in session, or a Local Act applicable to the Town of Louisburg, N. C., to establish tax discounts and tax penalties on General Taxes or taxes of the Town of Louisburg, N. C., which become due for payment on October 1st. of each year, as follows: 1st. A discount of 2% is to be allowed if taxes are paid on or before July 1st. of each year; and during the months of August, September, and October, of each year; and a discount of 1% is to be allowed on taxes paid during the month of November of each year.

2nd. Penalties on General Taxes, or taxes of the Town of Louisburg, N. C., which are due for payment on October 1st. of each year shall be as follows: After the 1st. day of February next after due and payable, there shall be added to the tax a penalty of 1% each consecutive month until a total penalty of 6 percent shall have accrued. The interest on Tax Sales Certificates shall be at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of sale of tax liens; and a penalty of one half of one percent per month, shall be continued in addition to the tax, on all property and taxes not included in Tax Sales Certificates, from the date of sale of tax liens.

That a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, N. C., the Mayors of the towns of Franklin, N. C., Youngsville, N. C., and Bunn, N. C., and that this Resolution be published in THE FRANKLIN TIMES.

A Wautosa, Wis., man sold his auto and bought a pony and cart for personal travel.

GAS AND OIL

GAS
It is expected that the Gas and Oil situation will get worse before it gets better. If we get what we THINK we need our armed forces cannot have what we KNOW they need. Since there can be no, more pleasure driving many of us can get along on our "A" Rations and if we will plan our trips we will find that we can make one trip do the work of several. ALWAYS WATCH THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR RATION BOOK. Do not use your last coupon until just before your Ration expires.

Up to the present time the Board has been very lenient with those who have exceeded the 35 mile speed limit or have unintentionally violated Driving Rules. The officers of the law are being requested to report all violations. The first offense MAY and a second offense will mean the suspension or withdrawal of your RATION.

OIL
Residential heating will have to cut. Heating of offices and business establishments where it is possible to use other fuel, will have to be cut out. All coupons for business and office heating are being called but these will be returned where allowable, but those who can make other heating arrangements should do so as early as possible.

"OIL IS AMMUNITION." LET THE FIGHTING MEN HAVE IT WITHOUT A SQUAB.

Appeal for Volunteer Workers

Dr. A. Paul Bagby, general chairman of the Louisburg Chapter of the Red Cross, joined this week with Mrs. Robert W. Smithwick, production chairman, in issuing an urgent appeal for volunteer workers, to aid in the local Red Cross production program.

Mrs. Smithwick pointed out that Louisburg would fall behind on its quota of sewing and knitting, badly needed on the many American war fronts. If more Louisburg and Franklin County women did not volunteer to aid the production program.

Mrs. Smithwick said that women could call by her home at 407 Church Street, or could send after sewing and knitting material.

The local chapter now has on hand material for 137 bed shirts, 58 nightgowns, 60 children's gowns, 60 slips, 50 petticoats and 47 mens shirts. Also on hand is 125 pounds of yarn to be knitted into 133 sleeveless sweaters, 100 gloves and some relief sweaters.

Mrs. Smithwick said that the local production work had completed and shipped, during last December, 40 Army sleeveless sweaters, 45 pairs Navy socks, 40 pairs Army socks, 14 Navy sleeveless sweaters, 3 turtle-neck sweaters. Thirty-five pairs of rompers are ready to ship now.

Americans in 1943 will pay a Victory Tax estimated at \$2,000,000,000, or about \$15 each per year.

Hollanders in 1943 will pay Hitler an Occupation Tax of \$657,000,000 or more than \$75 for each of the 8,700,000 Dutchmen who are forced to forge their own Nazi chains.

Argentine Alone

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 20.—Chile severed diplomatic relations with the Axis today, leaving Argentina the only South American republic still maintaining relations with Germany, Italy and Japan.

Foreign Minister Joaquin Fernandez summoned the heads of diplomatic missions of friendly countries to the foreign ministry this morning, and advised them of the break.

President Juan Antonio Rios, who signed the decree ordering the rupture, will address the Chilean people tonight.

Rios had taken swift action following last night's overwhelming senate vote approving his administration's foreign policy.

It was not known whether the heads of the missions of the Axis countries had been handed their passports.

The diplomatic representatives of the other countries were summoned to the foreign office by the Papal Nuncio, who is dean of the diplomatic corps, after he had been called by telephone from the foreign office.

United States Ambassador Claude G. Bowers, who was among the first to arrive, was smiling with satisfaction.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—



PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY DRIVE

Begun in Louisburg On January 15th; Mrs. H. W. Perry, County Chairman, Announces Committees

Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, County Chairman for the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday is in receipt of the following telegram from Gov. Broughton relative to the opening of the drive, and predicting the success for the State, in the drive for funds to help in the fight against infantile paralysis. The telegram reads:

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14
Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, Co. Chmn. Com. for Celebration President's Birthday.

As you launch your drive today to raise funds for the fight against infantile paralysis I wish you God Speed and Best of Success when we celebrate the President's Birthday and bring campaign to a close on Jan. 30. I am confident that N. C. under leadership of you and your co-workers will have broken all previous records in this splendid cause. Personal good wishes.

J. M. BROUGHTON, Governor N. C.

The following have been asked to serve in their respective communities: Miss Louise Brown, Wood, N. C., Mrs. Kenneth Tharington, Youngsville, N. C., Mr. R. C. Whitfield, Franklinton, N. C., Scoutmaster W. J. Shearin and Scout Troop No. 20 in Louisburg, N. C. Mr. Decimo Clay, Bunn, N. C., and the Lions Club in Louisburg unanimously voted its support.

Containers for the collection of coins have been placed in various places throughout the county and our Franklin County people are earnestly requested to cooperate in every way possible in this drive.

Back to Horse And Buggy Days

Since the ban on pleasure driving the local golfers have had a hard time getting to the course. But on last Sunday afternoon with the loan of two fine mules and a wagon from Mr. Geo. W. Ford, local mule dealer, and the services of John Bullock, colored about fifteen members of the Green Hill Country Club were able to get in an afternoon of the pastime. The members are very grateful to Mr. Ford for this courtesy.

Franklin Recorders Court

The following cases were disposed of in Franklin Recorder's Court Tuesday:

T. V. Pool, through father enters plea of guilty to operating automobile intoxicated and reckless driving, and was fined \$50 and costs and not to operate a car on the public highways for 12 months.

Edward Leon Page plead guilty to violation of motor vehicle laws, and was discharged upon payment of costs.

D. J. Anderson, amended to D. J. Andrews, operating automobile intoxicated, requested a jury trial.

Rosa Bell Moss Evans, was found guilty of assault and disorderly conduct and was given 30 days in jail.

A nolle pros with leave was taken in the case against Clarence Yarborough.

The following cases were continued: Richard Patton, no drivers license.

Robert Henry Dunston, assault with deadly weapon.

William Closs, operating automobile intoxicated.

It takes both warships and warplanes to clear the ocean of Nazi submarines. It takes both War Bonds and Victory Taxes to beat the Axis. Buy More War Bonds.

FRENCH AND BRITISH JOIN

ANNUAL MEETING

Louisburg Production Credit Association Makes Good Showing for 1942

Reports submitted by the officers and directors of the Louisburg Production Credit Association at the annual meeting indicated that 1942 was another successful year for this farmers' cooperative credit institution.

The meeting was held at the Court House in Louisburg and was presided over by J. O. Wilson, president of the association.

Total loans for the year to 575 farmers amounted to \$319,000.00, Mr. Wilson said. He added that the reports also indicated a splendid collection record.

By use of charts, a complete and detailed financial statement of the association was presented to the stockholders.

Mr. T. M. Harris from Franklin County, and Mr. J. G. Winston from Franklin County were elected directors of the association by the members and they will serve during the coming year with the following other directors whose terms did not expire this year: Mr. J. O. Wilson, Mr. W. H. M. Jenkins and Mr. M. H. Gupton.

During the meeting there were also discussions on the food-freedom program and the 1943 production goals for this area.

The Louisburg Production Credit Association makes short term loans to farmers for practically every purpose for which they have to borrow money. It is strictly a cooperative and is operated by the farmer members.

Cooperating With War Boards

As representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, all Farm Security Administration employees are cooperating with local War Boards, and other agricultural workers in helping farmers to carry out their 1943 food production goals in line with the President's "Farm Mobilization" Proclamation.

All the facilities and services of the Farm Security Administration will be available to farmers of Franklin County requiring such services to put themselves into better shape to increase their production in 1943, said Walter J. Smith, County FSA Supervisor.

"Our office will continue to make loans to enable farmers to increase food production," Mr. Smith said. "Loans will include money to buy additional cows, hogs, chickens, farm machinery and other operating goods; and will be available to farm families who do not have adequate credit resources to reach maximum production."

"It will be our job in the New Year to help place every good heifer calf and milk cow which would otherwise be sold for beef with a farm family; in cooperation with Employment Service, to help find tenants, sharecroppers and year-round and seasonal labor required for the cultivation of all idle farm land; to encourage sharing of scarce farm machinery and equipment, and help plan fullest use of all farm labor needed to produce food and fibre in the war effort," the supervisor declared.

In 1943 Americans will pay a Victory Tax aggregating about \$2,000,000,000.

In Norway 3,000,000 people who abhor Hitler's new order must pay their conquerors more than half a billion dollars each year.

Be glad it's a Victory Tax. Europeans pay an Occupation Tax.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Jan. 23:

Saturday—George Montgomery in Zane Grey's Riders of the Purple Sage and Lloyd Nolan in Time To Kill. Also 'King of the Mounties.'

Sunday—Monday—Claudette Colbert, Joe McCrea, Rudy Vallee and Mary Astor in 'Palm Beach Story.'

Tuesday—Allan Jones, Jane Frazee and Phil Spitalny and his All Girl Band in 'When Johnny Comes Marching Home.' Also Bill Elliott Serial.

Wednesday—Weaver Bros. and Elvira in 'Mountain Rhythm,' also Superman.

Thursday—Friday—Humphray Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Conrad Veidt, Claude Rains and Paul Henreid in 'Casablanca.'

Two Armies Closing In on Rommel at Tripoli; Fourteen Axis Ships Sunk

London, Jan. 20.—The Fighting French swarming northward from Equatorial Africa have joined forces with the British Eighth Army closing on Tripoli, it was announced tonight, while the British reported sinking 14 Axis vessels in the Mediterranean in the first three days of this week.

These French troops swept up from the Lake Chad area over deserts and mountains, conquering the Italian Fezzan, and now "are continuing their advance northward and have established contact with the British Eighth Army," a communique from Brigadier General LeClerc's headquarters announced.

"These forces brilliantly are taking part with their British Allies in the advance on Tripoli. They are attacking on the left of the Eighth Army moving northward," said the war bulletin broadcast by the Fighting French Radio at Brazzaville.

Sink 14 Ships
The juncture was announced shortly after the British had reported sinking 14 Axis ships in the central Mediterranean in the first three days of this week, and as twin British columns pounded toward Tripoli were reported within 40 and 60 miles of the bomb-battered capital of Mussolini's vanishing Libyan empire.

The new thrust increased the probability that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel would fight only a delaying action at Tripoli, instead of making a final stand there.

The French column had moved up under Colonel Ingold, the field commander under LeClerc. Its new advance was announced by the authoritative French radio station at Brazzaville, and not the "Radio Brazzaville" used as a cloak by an Axis broadcasting station.

A triumphant communique by the Admiralty tonight disclosed that a pack of destroyers, six British and one Greek, sank these vessels on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights without damage or loss.

A 3,000-ton supply ship, apparently carrying ammunition which blew up south of Sardinia.

Ten ships of varying sizes, off Tunisia.

A motor launch, also off Tunisia.

A small naval vessel carrying gasoline to the Island of Lampe-dusa.

LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

"The Christian's Will" is the sermon subject for the 11:00 o'clock service at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Evening service at 7:30, at which time Mr. Hedden will speak on "Keeping Young And Getting Old."

Church School will convene at 9:45 a. m.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship services will be held at 6:45 p. m.

The Church is yours. You are urged to attend.

Guernsey Is Sold To Spruill

Petersborough, N. H.—Harold Lloyd Spruill, of Macon, N. C., recently purchased a registered Guernsey bull from W. D. Fuller, of Wood, N. C., to add to his local herd.

Snowdrop's Fancy Lass' Prince 324887 is the name under which this animal is registered with The American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Phone Rate Cut

Washington, Jan. 20.—The Federal Communications Commission announced tonight that American Telephone and Telegraph Company would reduce its long lines revenue by an estimated \$50,700,000 per year, of which \$34,700,000 would be an immediate saving to the public.

No reduction will be made in the charge for the initial three minutes of long distance telephone calls, but the overtime charge will be cut.

At present this charge for each three minutes overtime is one-third of the rate for the initial three-minute period. The new rate will be one-fourth of the initial period. The FCC estimated that this would result in an annual saving of \$22,800,000.