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## BIG BATTLE RAGING IN SOLOMONS

### Navy Indicates Battle of Major Proportions Impending; Extent of Fighting and Scope of Losses Not Yet Clear; Americans Make New Gains On Guadalcanal

Washington, Feb. 3.—American and Japanese air and naval forces are pounding away at each other in the Guadalcanal area, the Navy said today in a communique which implied that a battle of major proportions is in the making.

## Ration News

From Louisburg War Price and Ration Board

### Price Ceiling

The Local Price and Rationing Board has received word from the Office of Price Administration that repairmen who render maintenance or repair on farm equipment, furniture, home appliances, oil burner or other commodities are subject to price ceiling regulations and they must not now charge more for their services than they did in March of 1942. Persons or firms rendering a service in connection with commodities are required to file a list of their prices with the Local War Price and Rationing Board.

### Warning

If you are not reported earlier, you WILL BE ASKED, when you apply for a renewal of your present ration, "How much gas have you used for unnecessary and forbidden driving since Jan. 7, 1943?" If it appears from your answer that you have used any gas, that amount will be deducted from your renewal ration or your entire ration may be withdrawn.

If you misrepresent the facts in your answer to this question, you will be liable to a very heavy fine or imprisonment or both.

It is not desired by your Ration Board nor your government to work any hardship or disrupt the economic life of our country, but the consumption of gas must be cut. Your patriotism prompts your government demands, and your Ration Board will endeavor to see, that forbidden use of gas is STOPPED.

### Fuel Oil

You will not be required, at the present time, to exchange your oil stove for a coal stove but there is little hope for any extra fuel oil and if you want to be comfortable you are urged to change to other fuel while you can procure coal and wood heaters.

A ruling is being sought to clarify the eligibility of a child for Coffee allotment, who was under 15 years of age when registering in July, but has attained the age of 15 since. The present ruling denies this privilege to one who was under 15 years of age when registering in July, 1942.

### Land Action

The communique was considerably more explicit about the land action on Guadalcanal.

It said that on Monday, advancing American forces—mostly Army troops—pushed westward across the Bonegi river to within a half mile of Tassafaranga, 10 miles west of Henderson field and formerly a landing point for Japanese reinforcements.

Stiff enemy resistance was encountered in this drive and 60 Japs were killed—bringing to at least 8,994 the number of enemy troops definitely slain in the six months of the Solomons campaign.

A Navy communique Tuesday night said the Japs had launched a "major effort to regain control of the entire Solomons area" and that both sides had suffered some losses.

But Knox told a press conference that any assumption of the communique that a tremendous battle is in progress at the moment is incorrect. What is going on, he said, is "a process of feeling out by both sides" with a lot of preliminary dispositions.

(Dispatches from United States Pacific Fleet headquarters at Pearl Harbor said it was indicated that American and Jap naval forces are fighting a major engagement in the Solomons.)

British cash purchases of essential war items in the United States have exceeded \$7 billions, almost equal to the cumulative value of all Lend-Lease aid extended by the United States from March 11, 1941, to November 30, 1942.

Observers from the Office of War Information traveled more than 12,000 miles, visiting and inspecting troop concentration areas, to find out about American soldiers' drinking habits, and found they were good.

## CLERK'S BOND RAISED

### KEMP RESIGNS AS COTTON WEIGHER

#### County Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting; Dispose Of Many Matters of Minor Importance; Receive Reports.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday in the Commissioners room with J. Z. Terrell, Chairman, H. T. Bartholomew, Howard Pearce, T. S. Dean and Percy Joyner, present.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The resignation of T. E. Kemp as cotton weigher in Louisburg was accepted by the Board and on motion of Com. Bartholomew, seconded by Com. Joyner, Roy Holmes was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

Upon recommendation of Com. Joyner, J. Henry Cash was unanimously appointed Constable in Youngsville Township for the balance of the term.

After investigation the Board directed the County Accountant to refund \$2.00 to Percy Cooke, Franklinton Township for poll tax listed in error, said Cooke being 53 years of age.

The following reports were received and ordered filed: Dr. S. P. Burt, Health Officer; Supt. E. R. Richardson, County Home; Mrs. J. E. Mitchiner, Welfare Officer; W. C. Boyce, Farm Agent; Miss Lillie Mae Braxton, Home Agent; H. H. Price, Negro Farm Agent.

Upon motion made by Com. Pearce duly seconded and carried, the County Attorney was instructed to make deed to Emily Joyner Person for the Western half of the Hotel lot being No. 3 of the I. H. Kearney lot on Water Street conveyed to Franklin County by the Franklinton Realty Company, upon the cash payment of \$125.00 and to make deed to Jas. A. Daniel, Jr. for the Eastern half of the same lot upon the cash payment of \$125.00.

Robert Etheridge was before the board asking some help for his sister who is unable to take care of herself and stated that he was not financially able to look after her. It was informed that this matter would be taken up with the Welfare Department.

The commissioners were informed that there would be no February term of Criminal Court.

An offer for the Cheatham lot in Franklinton was made to the Board and Com. Pearce was appointed to investigate it.

Upon motion by Com. Dean, seconded by Com. Pearce and duly carried the County Accountant was instructed to pay to the Atlantic Coast Line the sum of \$240.02 and to pay the Court costs in the case which was settled out of Court at the last term of Superior Court.

The County Attorney was instructed to employ the firm of Mammel & Mitchell, Bond Attorneys, New York, in the matter of Louisburg and Franklinton road bonds.

Upon motion of Com. Pearce, seconded by Com. Dean, and duly carried, the report of the Auditor on the Clerk of the Court's office was accepted by the Commissioners.

Due to the amount of money carried by the office and the number of responsibilities of said office, it was on motion of Com. Pearce, seconded by Com. Dean and duly carried that the bond of the Clerk of the Court be raised to \$15,000.00.

The County Attorney was instructed to write a letter to the State Highway and Public Works Commission regarding repairs to a certain road.

Wiley Green was before the Board in reference to the lot on which he lives and the amount due the county on same. He was given two weeks to see what he could do about the matter, and was instructed that he would have to pay weekly rent for said lot in case he could not make arrangement to purchase same.

John F. Matthews, County Attorney, went over the various tax suits, foreclosures and other matters which has been attended to during the past month and which is being looked after now.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned.

## COFFEE RATION IS CUT TO POUND FOR SIX WEEKS

Washington, Feb. 3.—The Office of Price Administration today reduced the next coffee ration from one pound every five weeks to one pound every six weeks.

OPA said reduced coffee inventories in the hands of wholesalers and retailers made necessary the reduction in the next ration.

## Rick Gets First Poster



NEW YORK.—First of 1,250,000 War Bond posters being distributed throughout the country this month by Boy Scouts and other volunteers is received by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker from Life Scout Dominic L. Mileto of Manhattan. Scout Mileto told America's hero of two wars that he has filled and turned in his Stamp books as urged by Secretary Morgenthau in connection with the Treasury Department's current drive to fill the country's 100,000,000 outstanding albums for immediate conversion into Bonds. Rick paid tribute to the patriotic war work of the Boy Scouts.

## WAR BONDS

### Epsom Evening Class Farmers Buy for Uncle Sam While Learning How to Produce More Food for His Boys

Farmers of the Epsom Evening Class Group, a group of about forty local farmers attending a series of nine educational meetings on Food Production, have a special feature in the program for 1943 which is creating a great deal of interest. It is known as the Prize Giving-War Bond Buying Campaign, and it works for the benefit of all concerned. The donor gains the goodwill of his neighbors, the Buyer purchases financial security for himself at a bargain price and at the same time is being given the object which is auctioned as an inducement for helping himself, and Uncle Sam gains by having more ready cash on hand for financing his war.

The following took place in the auction sale last Monday night which was the second meeting in the series, the first named being the article, second, the donor, third, the buyer, and fourth the price it brought in bonds:

- 1. Horse Collar, J. P. Timberlake, Tolle Smith, \$500.00.
2. Horse Bride, Dave McKinne, George Robertson, \$500.00.
3. Shirt & Tie, Leggett's Dept. Store, George Eaves, \$275.00.
4. Bag Growing Mash, George Robertson, Tolle Smith, \$50.00.
5. Baby Chicks, 25, Roger Mitchell, George Eaves, \$200.00.
Total Bonds sold, \$1,525.00.

All of the above prizes were donated by Louisburg merchants except the growing mash. J. T. Griffin, agriculture teacher, served as auctioneer. Mr. Walter Bowen and Mr. Frank Asycue have agreed to bring prizes next Monday night at which time the group will study METHODS OF INCREASING MILK PRODUCTION. The subject used last time was INCREASING Poultry PRODUCTION, and Mr. George Robertson, a local poultry farmer had charge of program.

## MRS. KATIE M. RICHARDSON DEAD

Mrs. Kate Mann Richardson, wife of C. F. Richardson, of Louisburg, Route 1, died suddenly at her home late Monday afternoon.

Surviving are her husband; two brothers, Wright Mann, of Wendell, and Billie Mann, of Caryle, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Ina Harris, of Louisburg; three daughters, Mrs. R. P. Wright, of Dudley, Ga., Mrs. P. W. Joyner and Mrs. J. B. White, of Louisburg; four sons, Bruce Richardson, of Danville, Ga., Earl Richardson, of the Army, Charles and Carl Richardson, of Louisburg; and 12 grandchildren.

## LOUISBURG METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Holy Communion will be celebrated. In connection with this service there will be a special installation program for the officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Evening service at 7:30. Church School will convene at 9:45 a. m. Young People's services at 6:45 p. m. You are welcomed!

## Breaks Leg

Mr. William Eden fell from a scaffold while working on the home of Mr. J. H. Best near Mapleville and suffered a broken leg. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He was brought to Dr. J. B. Whelless' office where he received first attention and was taken from there to Park View hospital at Rocky Mount.

Last information stated he was resting easy.

—On Pay Day, Buy Bonds—

## WAR NEWS

### ELECTED PRESIDENT



P. R. Inscoe, of Castalia, was elected president of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors Thursday at the society's annual meeting held at State College, Raleigh.

A. L. McNeil, of Rockingham, was elected vice president, and Prof. C. L. Mann, head of the college's department of civil engineering, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Inscoe succeeds Weldon Mills, of Marion.

Principal speaker was R. Getty Browning, chief locating engineer of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, who discussed "What Constitutes a Land Survey."

## The Income Tax Dates

The FRANKLIN TIMES is requested to announce that Mr. George D. Davis, representative of the Internal Revenue Collector's office, will visit Franklin County during February and March as announced below for the purpose of assisting persons in making up and filing their income tax returns. He requests all persons coming to see him, farmers especially, to bring with them an itemized list of their income and expenses. This he says will save a lot of time for both parties.

The dates of the visits will be as follows: At Louisburg, in the Register of Deeds office in the Court House on February 19th and 20th, and on March 4th, 5th and 6th. At Franklinton, at the Bank on February 23rd, and March 12th. At L. H. Dickens Store on February 22nd.

## LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

The subject of the Sunday morning February 7th sermon, will be "Lighting a Candle vs. Cursing the Dark." At the evening hour the pastor will preach on the subject: "Fighting against God." Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "There is a little plant called Reverence in the corner of my garden, that I love to have watered about once a week." How is it with you? Has the plant altogether dried up in YOUR garden?

9:45 a. m. Bible School. 11:00 a. m. Morning Worship. 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship. A hearty welcome to all!

## Boxes Arrived

The First-Citizen Bank & Trust Co. announces that it has just received a large shipment of safe deposit boxes, and are now at the services of the people of this section. These boxes were ordered in September and just arrived the past week.

## PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Feb. 6th: Saturday—Johnny Mack Brown and Tex Ritter in 'Cheyenne Roundup' and Warren William in 'One Dangerous Night' also 'King of the Mounties.' Sunday—Monday—Monty Woolley and Ida Lupino in 'Life Begins at Eight-Thirty.' Tuesday—George Sanders and Tom Conway in 'The Falcon's Brother,' also Bill Elliot in 'Valley of Vanishing Men.' Wednesday—James Ellison and Jane Wyatt in 'Army Surgeon.' Thursday—Friday—Brian Donlevy, McDonald Carey and Robert Preston in 'Wake Island.'

London, Feb. 3.—The RAF devastated new areas of Cologne in their 112th raid of the war upon the German arsenal city last night and followed through today with attacks on railway objectives and an airfield in North France.

Other British bombers may be swarming over Germany tonight, it was indicated when the DNB station at Berlin went off the air "for technical reasons."

American and other Allied Spitfire squadrons escorted British Ventura medium bombers in daylight attacks upon railway installations at Abbeville and an airfield at St. Omer, the Air Ministry announced.

Two bombers and eight fighters were lost, but one of the fighter pilots was saved. Three enemy fighters were shot down during the attacks.

The British night raiders, mostly four-engined bombers, dumped 100 two-ton block-busters and literally torrents of the latest and heaviest type of fire bombs on Cologne in a thunderbolt saturation raid.

Moscow, Thursday, Feb. 4.—Soviet troops have cut the Moscow-Khar'kov railway above Wursk in a lightning advance that slashed into territory held by the Germans since 1941 and Caucasian forces have pushed to within 30 miles of Rostov, the Red army announced today.

The triumphant special communique reporting the rupture of the Moscow-Khar'kov artery also told of the capture of Kupyansk, key railway junction, 63 miles southeast of Khar'kov, and Kuschchevka, 43 miles below Rostov on the main Caucasian railroad from Baku, in smashing victories on a 400-mile southern front.

A more potent threat to Rostov was revealed in the Wednesday midnight communique, which reported that other Caucasian troops had driven another 10 miles up the branch railway from Salsk and captured Kagalnikskaya, 30 miles southeast of Rostov.

Striking westward on the Voronezh front, Soviet troops swarmed over two towns on the Moscow-Khar'kov trunk line between Kursk and Orel. The Germans making up and filling their income tax returns. He requests all persons coming to see him, farmers especially, to bring with them an itemized list of their income and expenses. This he says will save a lot of time for both parties.

The last reported westernmost position of the Russians in that region was at Kshen, on the Kursk-Voronezh railway, 65 miles east of Kursk, which was captured Monday.

London, Feb. 3.—German radios which have blared so many Nazi peans of triumph today broadcast to the accompaniment of funeral marches the news that the fight for Stalingrad was over, and proclaimed three days of national mourning for its victims.

A special communique announcing end of the sacrificial struggle on the banks of the Volga was followed by the funeral march from Wagner's 'Gottterdammerung,' the love death 'From his Tristan and Isolde.' 'I Had a Comrade,' and the German, Russian and Croatian national anthems.

Then came the decree by Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels that Germany would observe three days of mourning for her soldiers who fought at Stalingrad. All theaters and entertainment places of every nature will be closed.

While the Germans were digesting the word of Adolf Hitler's worst military disaster, they were dealt more bad news from Russia. The daily war communique said:

"Between the Caucasus and the Lower Don, our armies, carrying out their movements according to plan, reached the objectives ordered for the day."

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Feb. 3.—American tank crews who sing "From Maknassy to the Sea," were dug in astride the railway one mile east of Sened and 47 miles from the coast in central Tunisia today, where their wedge poised a new threat to the lifeline of Marshal Erwin Rommel.

From the east the British Eighth Army based on the Nile continued its eight-miles-a-day advance since taking Tripoli and was reported in contact with the Rommel-rearguard at Plisida, only 12 miles from the Tunisian frontier, after passing through Zelten.

Although the American column of medium and light tanks and armored half-tracks scored an unexpected success by taking Sened yesterday and remain to establish a strong spearhead in the position during what had been scheduled as a mere raid, Allied headquarters frankly acknowledged a lack of the necessary punch farther north where the Germans still held strong positions in Faid Pass.