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## AMERICANS AND BRITISH NEAR MEET

### British Smash Gabes Bottleneck and Take Two More Towns as Americans Drive to Within 45 Miles of Junction; British First Army and French Also Advancing

Allied Headquarters, North Africa, March 31.—British Eighth Army forces, smashing through the Gabes bottleneck and seizing two more towns, were reported holding a highway terminal tonight only a 45-minute jeep drive from American troops forging ahead southeast of El Guettar.

A juncture of the two Allied armies was believed imminent.

The Eighth Army captured Metouia and Oudref, at the head of the bottleneck seven and nine miles above Gabes, yesterday, an Allied communique said, and was continuing to advance northward despite hastily thrown up Axis rearward defenses.

Oudref is the coastal terminal of the hard-surface road to El Guettar and the Americans, having ended organized Axis resistance in that sector with the capture of a road junction 15 miles to the southeast, now were believed within less than 40 miles of the British and still advancing.

Axis troops from the El Guettar sector were reported fleeing northeastward and their retreat, together with the loss of Oudref, appeared to have ended Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's last hope of keeping the two Allied forces apart.

Only rearward resistance or heavy mining of the El Guettar-Oudref road could delay the meeting of the main American and Eighth Army forces and their continuance side by side of the battle to drive Rommel into the sea or force his surrender.

Advance in North Africa.—The synchronized Anglo-American advances pinched off all remaining Axis positions below the Gafsa-Oudref line; and on the far north front, British and French forces helped intensify the squeeze with powerful attacks which regained the Sedanuan road junction in a 10-mile drive.

Preponderant Allied air strength continued to bomb and gun Rommel's forces as they streamed beyond the bottleneck toward the next Axis supply port, Sfax, 75 miles above Gabes, where they may reorganize for a new defense.

(The Algiers Radio said that many enemy troops in southern Tunisia were cut off and threatened with encirclement. The Algiers station said that French forces were closing in on Kebill, in the desert 50 miles south of Gafsa, where an Italian garrison was reported holding out.)

(There still was no confirmation of an Algiers Radio report yesterday that the British navy had landed forces at Sfax and London authorities advised that it be treated with reserve. The London Daily Sketch speculated that Royal Marines may have raided the port in Commando fashion.)

(Other London reports said that Rommel had ordered Sfax's port installations demolished, taking a lesson from Gabes, where the swift advance of the Eighth Army was said to have forced evacuation of the town before destruction could be carried out.)

Information comes to the Board that many in the County make application with representations that give them much more gasoline than they need, and they either sell the coupons or tear them out of the book and make additional applications for more. These matters are being placed in line for enforcement investigations, as it is a violation.

Radio states that grumblers of the Ration system ought to visit the boys in battle overseas for a while to become convinced that it is unparliamentary and unappreciative to deny the boys who are facing death the gasoline they need by wasting gasoline at home, making misrepresentations to get gasoline not needed and otherwise not cooperating with the boys on the battlefield.

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The public is cordially invited to hear this outstanding stage and radio artist at her appearance in the college auditorium at 8 p. m. on April 6. Admission is 35 cents.

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## GASOLINE

When the invasion of Europe begins people of the eastern Atlantic Seaboard may expect to have to do without gasoline for one week to a month at a time throughout the invasion and immediate fighting period, is the opinion of A. F. Johnson, Chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board. This opinion is based upon the increased number of men and equipment that will be put into foreign service, all of which is operated and protected with gasoline. Of course this is a question of transportation and not of gasoline resources. If we could drive about the oil wells we could get all we want with little restrictions or cost. Therefore it would be well for all who are depending upon gasoline to make some other arrangements for transportation and power that can be used in an emergency. "Prepare for war in time of peace" is a wise adage and makes a wise suggestion at this time.

The serious tire situation is not only becoming embarrassing to provide necessary tires but it is also reflecting itself in the ever increasing tightness of the gasoline situation. Latest information in the tire situation is "nothing favorable in sight." At present there are permits out in Franklin County for about 400 grade 3 tires with none to be found in the State.

Recently members of the Board have seen and many reports have been received of different persons using their tractors for highway hauling and riding. One was seen driving up and down the highway pulling a wagon about 12 to 15 miles from home, another pulling a wagon loaded with wood and others just riding down the highway. The owners of these tractors evidently don't realize they are violating the rules upon which they were granted this gasoline. Gasoline for tractors is non-highway gasoline and is not intended to be used on highway. The highway use is restricted to moving the tractor from one farm to another for working purposes on the particular farm. These practices had best be stopped as it may lead to the stoppage of the gasoline and the adoption of State highway license upon tractors.

Automobile owners are becoming more used to and many are appreciating the system, of giving full information in their application for supplemental rationing. Several failed to give sufficient information to get the necessary gasoline and upon investigation found they had been given about what they had asked for.

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## A PROCLAMATION

By The Mayor of The Town of Louisburg, North Carolina

WHEREAS, the United States Navy has seen fit to name one of its Liberty Ships in honor of a former citizen of the Town of Louisburg, the late Honorable Thomas Walter Bickett, North Carolina War Governor.

AND WHEREAS, the Town of Louisburg, in recognition of its former first citizen, the late Honorable Thomas Walter Bickett, desires to acknowledge the worthy recognition of its former citizen:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of the Town of Louisburg hereby appoints the following citizens of Louisburg and Franklin County as an official delegation and committee, to represent the Town of Louisburg at the launching of the ship, "Thomas Walter Bickett," to be held in the City of Wilmington, N. C., April 9, 1943:

- R. V. Collie, honor guest.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Beck.
- Hon. W. L. Lumpkin and Wife.
- Hon. A. F. Johnson and Wife.
- Hon. W. H. Yarborough and Wife.
- T. Mortimer Harris, P. M.
- Hon. J. T. Insoce and Wife.
- E. H. Malone.
- J. H. Boone.
- Mrs. B. T. Holden.
- Mrs. A. M. Hall.
- Rev. E. H. Davis.
- Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Yarborough.
- Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Burt.
- W. F. Mitchell, Supt County Schools.
- S. T. Wilder.
- T. W. Boone.
- J. Z. Terrell, Chairman Board County Commissioners.
- Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick.
- Mrs. J. B. Yarborough.
- Mrs. W. P. Neal.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Meadows.
- Mrs. Fannie B. Spivey.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Person.
- J. P. Moore, Sheriff.
- Joe and Fannie Mumford.
- Mr. A. E. Henderson.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Lancaster.
- Mrs. J. J. Barrow.
- Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McKinne.
- F. H. Allen.
- Miss Virginia Foster.
- Mrs. A. W. Alston.
- Mrs. Ned Ford.
- Dr. W. C. Perry.
- Dr. H. G. Perry.
- Dr. J. B. Wheelless.
- Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Jeffers.
- W. H. Allen.
- Mrs. L. L. Joyner.
- M. C. Pleasants.
- C. K. Cooke.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Egerton.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas.
- Percy White.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Taylor.
- G. W. Murphy.
- Mrs. S. P. Boddie.
- Mr. and Mrs. Blair Tucker.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson.
- Mrs. Hugh W. Perry.
- Misses Mary and Edith Yarborough.
- William Neal and Miss Annie Perry Neal.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cooper.
- Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner.
- Dated this March 30th, 1943.
- W. C. WEBB, Mayor.

## RED CROSS WAR DRIVE

The latest returns from the Red Cross War Drive show that the Louisburg Chapter has gone several hundred dollars beyond its quota. There is little doubt in the minds of the leaders that \$5,000.00 will have been raised when all returns are in. The list of donors will be published as soon as possible in the FRANKLIN TIMES. There has been great giving to a worthy cause by a fine people.

A. PAUL BAGBY,  
T. M. HARRIS.

## IN NORTH AFRICA

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## TRAINING UNION DIRECTOR

Miss Elizabeth Pearce, of Franklinton, has been appointed Training Union Director, of the Baptist Student Union Senior Council, at W. C. U. N. C., at Greensboro.

## DENTISTS TO TAKE HOLIDAY

Beginning April 7th the Dentists in Louisburg announce they will close their offices at 12:00 o'clock each Wednesday until November 1st.

## CARD OF THANKS

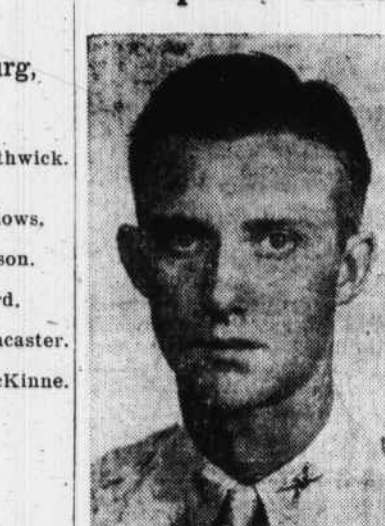
We cannot express in words how much we appreciated the aid given us during the illness of our daughter by many citizens of Franklin County. It showed that they were cooperative and had a spirit of good will. Their kindness shall never be forgotten.

S. E. Gupton and Family.

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## Captain Cobb



CAPT. W. ALLEN COBB

Information was received this week that Lt. W. Allen Cobb, had been promoted to Captain. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cobb, of Louisburg.

## Japanese Relics

Taken From Japanese Soldiers and Sent Home By Lieut. George T. Lumpkin

One of the most interesting collections of war articles seen in Louisburg is on display at Boddie's Drug Store in Louisburg. It is a collection of articles taken from Japanese soldiers and other articles and sent home by Lieut. George T. Lumpkin to his brother Rep. Willie Lee Lumpkin. Constituting the display is several bills of Japanese money, a thousand and stitch sash, upon which is a lot of stitches one of which was placed therein by each soldier in the owners outfit, two Japanese battle flags, also a piece of a Japanese airplane and a miniature bomb, used in practice dive bombing. Also on this display is the Navy Cross and Citation awarded Lt. Lumpkin for distinguished service in the battle of Midway Island.

This is a most interesting exhibit and should be seen by all people in Franklin County. It helps greatly to bring home to you the real facts that our home boys are engaged in deadly battle across the ocean to protect our lives, our property and our liberty.

It is a worthy tribute to the heroism and bravery of Franklin's son, Lt. Lumpkin.

## Cub Pack To Be Organized

A Boy Scout Cub-Pack will be organized to be made up of boys in and around Louisburg. Those boys between the ages of 9 and 12 who are interested in Scout movement please contact Mr. W. B. Barrow or W. J. (Pete) Shearlin, Scoutmaster.

Boys 12 years of age and older are eligible for membership in our local Scout Troop No. 20. Now is the time to join and enjoy Scout activities during the summer months.

## E. C. T. C. ALUMNI MEETS

The last meeting this season of Franklin County's E. C. T. C. Alumni Chapter will be held in the Home Economics Department of Mills School, Tuesday afternoon, April 6, 1943, at 3:30. E. C. T. C. Alumni, your support is needed.

Marjorie Gardner, Sec. & Treas.

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## More Vaccination

### Board of Health To Require All Children Attending School To Be Vaccinated For Small-pox, or Show They Have Been or Had The Disease

The Franklin County Board of Health met in regular session in the office of the Board of Health, with all members present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and ordered approved.

Dr. Burt's report for the month of March was read and ordered filed.

Dr. Burt read a letter he had recently received from Dr. Robert F. Young, Senior Health Physician, Division of County Health Work of the State Board of Health, requesting that Franklin County Board of Health adopt the Smallpox Ordinance as provided in the Public Health Laws of the State of North Carolina, subchapter 3, article 10, section 7162, which provides that any town, city or county shall have authority to require children attending the public schools to present a certificate of immunity from smallpox either through recent vaccination or previous attack of the disease. Upon motion of Dr. Green, the Board voted to adopt such an ordinance for Franklin County, making it mandatory that all children present a certificate of immunity from smallpox before entering the public schools of this county beginning with the school year 1943-44. Any violation of this ordinance by any parent, guardian, school committee-man, principal or teacher shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

There being no further business to be brought to the attention of the Board at this time, upon motion of Dr. Smithwick, seconded by Mr. Webb, the Board voted to adjourn.

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## WAR NEWS

Bern, Switzerland, March 31.—Persons recently in Berlin said today that German officialdom is making energetic efforts to provide new housing for bombed-out citizens who have suffered from the RAF's massed raids this month.

Wooden barracks begun three weeks ago were said to be taking shape outside the town, side by side with foreign workers' camps and more have been ordered.

One report said 20,000 persons had been given new housing after the March 1 raid, when persons in Berlin could see hundreds of fires in the western residential section.

Prison sentences were reported given to some hotel owners who refused shelter to bombed-out families. The closing down of businesses was said to be facilitating the conversion of many offices to apartments.

Some witnesses of damage to industrial objectives estimated that the bombing of Berlin was only about 15 per cent as effective as that in the Ruhr and noted that the big Siemens electrical works and new Krupp plant were untouched.

Madrid, March 31.—German naval authorities have made a pre-emptory demand that French merchant ships idle at three Mediterranean ports be refitted for immediate use and that emergency crews be found to sail them to Italian ports, advices from France said tonight.

It was believed that the ships were earmarked for urgent operations in the Mediterranean within the next few weeks and the advices reached here as speculation increased over the possibility of an Axis Dunkerque in Tunisia.

Advices said that the Germans had demanded all idle French ships at La Nouvelle, Sete and Marseille. Emergency French crews would sail them to Genoa and ports in Sicily and Sardinia where they would be given full crews, it was added.

All Affected (A London Daily Mail dispatch from Madrid said that all French ships in Mediterranean ports, immobilized when their crews deserted after the German occupation of Vichy territory, were affected and that about 350,000 tons of ships were involved.

London, Thursday, April 1.—Red Army troops, resuming their Kuban River offensive as the swampy terrain along the stream dried, have captured a base of the utmost importance to the remnants of the Axis Caucasus army holding the Novorossisk bridgehead, Russia announced today.

Advancing 11 miles in marshy country, the Russians captured heavily defended Anastasevskaya, the Russian Wednesday midnight communique announced, in a threat to give a wedge between the German forces north and south of the Kuban River.

Germany had reported, in a special Transoceanic Agency broadcast, that in the Kuban area terrain was beginning to dry and that the Russians had started to intensify their offensive.

The midnight communique revealed that in taking Anastasevskaya, the Red army had reached a point 38 miles north of Novorossisk and only 12 miles north-east of Verenskoyevskaya, the last main highway which joins the Germans north and south of the Kuban.

Washington, March 31.—Hope appears to be rising in United Nations circles that Axis reverses in Tunisia will fray Italian nerves perhaps to the breaking point, as the hour for invasion of the Continent from Africa draws nearer.

Both here and in London, officials emphasize that Italian troops in Tunisia again are being sacrificed to save German hides, as they were in Egypt. The officials obviously hope that their words will percolate through to the Italian people.

Prime Minister Churchill gave such a twist to his announcement to parliament of the occupation of Gabes by British Eighth Army troops following collapse of the Mareth Line defenses. He said it was too early to say how many Italians had been left holding the bag in Tunisia, as at El Alamein, while their Nazi masters escaped.

In Washington, Director Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information capped that today. Speaking of Rommel's retreat out of the Mareth trap, leaving sacrificial Italian rear guards to help his getaway, Davis said.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our many thanks and appreciations to those who were so kind to us during the illness and recent death of our father and grandfather. They will be long and tenderly remembered.

O. E. Wood and Family.

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## NEWSPRINT SITUATION BECOMING SERIOUS

### Publications Will Have To Reduce Use of Print Paper --- Subscribers Will Have to Pay Up

Newspaper is advancing in price and the war situation is causing a serious shortage necessitating a reduction in the amount that is used. Therefore the War Board has issued notice that all publications will have to work out some plan to reduce the amount of newsprint it has been using. The first effort will be to stop all papers to subscribers who are not paid up and in advance. Then will follow a reduction in size. Other methods may have to be resorted to.

The FRANKLIN TIMES is very appreciative of the fine spirit its subscribers showed the past fall in paying up their subscriptions. It appreciates the support its subscribers have given. We now, however, have a few on our list that are much behind in their subscription account. In order for us to continue to mail them the paper it will be necessary for them to pay up this back subscription, or Uncle Sam will deny us the use of the mails to send it to you.

With this issue we have corrected all dates on your labels. Check them. If you think they are wrong tell us so we can adjust any errors that exist. If they are right, come in and pay up, so we will not have the embarrassment of stopping the paper. We have shown our faith in you and our appreciation for your patronage by continuing your paper. We feel sure you will show your appreciation for this courtesy by coming in and paying up. Thank you!

## Sharp Paper Cut Expected

### Canadian Warns U. S. Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA, March 23.—Ralph Cowan, circulation director of The Toronto (Canada) Star, told the Interstate Circulation Managers' Association yesterday that newsprint would be cut drastically by July 1. He said there would be "one sweet honey of a cut" in newsprint by that date.

"U. S. publishers are overlooking the facts of very real shortages in Canadian wood, wood cutters, power, transport and production facilities," said Cowan, who formerly was president of the Circulation Managers' International Association.

The second 10 per cent, due April 1, was postponed, he said, because the price of newsprint went up \$4 a ton and because of reports of Canadian supplies "that do not exist."