



Japanese Slamming The Pacific Door In Face Of Allies

MacArthur and His Men Again Turn Back Japs in the Philippines

Despite a do-or-die defense offered by the British on Singapore Island, it is apparent that the Japanese hordes are continuing their push there and elsewhere and are about to slam the Pacific door in the face of the Allies.

Over in the Philippines, General Douglas MacArthur and his men have successfully repulsed another all-out Jap drive.

In Burma, volunteer American pilots flying under the Chinese flag are doing a masterly job in combating a far superior air force.

The latest American successes in Burma were revealed along with the news that a large force of Chinese troops has been concentrated in the southern Shan states along the Thailand border 250 miles north of the Salween River battle zone.

Their task might be to smash south and join the Salween battle or to prevent the Japanese from striking north to the Burma Road which winds into China.

It was also announced that Indian and Chinese troops are reinforcing the Salween line and that a "reasonably large force" faces the Japanese along the swift-flowing stream 100 miles east of Rangoon.

The Japanese—it was revealed—have slowed down their attacks against the west bank of the Salween, hoping perhaps by aerial blows to knock out Burma's air defenses before attempting to bridge the river and strike out toward Rangoon and the Burma road.

But in that venture they face the skill and courage of the American fliers, many of whom are former Navy aces who resigned their commissions with official permission to help the Chinese defend the Burma Road before their own country came into the war.

Late reports declare the situation in Singapore looks bad, some observers stating that possibly it would be only a matter of hours or a few days at the longest before Britain's great naval base in the Far East will topple.

Chinese military authorities are in India today planning a new defense of Burma, but while the conference is going on an attempt by the Japanese to push across the Salween River and toward Rangoon is believed pending.

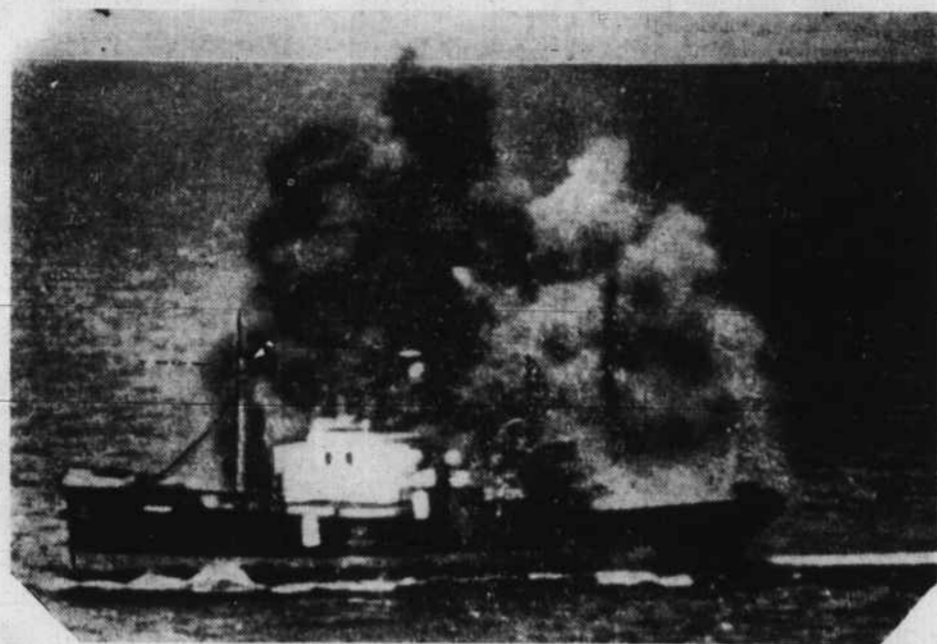
In Libya, the British are said to have checked the Axis forces, but news of the fighting there is scarce.

Young County Man Hurt In Accident

J. T. Bland, young local white man, suffered a broken neck and Robert Bullock, young Robersonville man, was painfully cut and bruised but not seriously when their car crashed into a concrete bridge near Edenton about 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

Bullock, driver of the car, stated that he dropped off to sleep and did not see the bridge. The car was wrecked.

Another Victim of Royal Air Force Accuracy



Heavy R.A.F. attacks on Axis shipping in the Mediterranean yielded this picture. An enemy vessel is shown on fire after a direct bomb hit by an R.A.F. plane. (Central Press)

District Blackout Test Last Evening Was Almost Perfect

Favorable Reports Received From Wardens in Adjoining Communities

Participating in their first test air raid blackout, the thousands of people in this district offered little light for the "enemy" last night.

Other county towns included in the district and also Plymouth reported the blackout was 100 per cent effective in their communities.

The warning was received here at 8:10 and the all-clear signal was given 45 minutes later.

Patrolmen of the air raid service covered the town long before the all-clear signal was received.

Those persons who failed to hear the air raid signal immediately turned out their lights when advised by the patrol wardens.

Believing that the people in the district know what and how to do to effect a blackout, it is not likely that another test will be held in the district any time soon.

Two motorists ran through the blackout zone last night. One of them, Clarence Swinson, colored of Poplar Point, was arrested and jailed.

REGISTRARS

Between 65 and 70 volunteer registrars will attend a special school of instruction in the county courthouse here this evening at 8 o'clock to make ready for the draft registration next Monday, February 16th.

Next Monday between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. all young men who became 20 years of age on or before last December 31st and all men who are not 45 years of age on or before February 16th must register for possible military service.

Thousands Of Dollars Await The Farmers In This County

Starting off in a small way last week when approximately \$6,500 was received, soil conservation payments are now being made rapidly and in big amounts.

The 345 checks received over the week-end amount to \$26,952.94 and represent 205 applications.

Farmers are again urged not to report for their checks until they have received direct notice to do so from the agent's office.

SEES NOTHING

Coming to town especially to see the test blackout, a farmer who lives just a few miles from the town limits, stated he was greatly disappointed in his trip.

A few persons walked the streets and puffed their cigarettes, but they were careful in using matches.

Mrs. E. P. Bunch Dies Near Here At Home Of Daughter

Funeral Services Were Held In Williams Township Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late home in Williams Township for Mrs. Mammie Wister Harris Bunch, widow of Edward Parker Bunch.

Mrs. Bunch was born in Chowan County on April 15th, 1874. When a young woman she was married to Mr. Bunch and made her home in Richmond for a short time before moving to Williamston the early part of this century.

Her walk through life was marked by humbleness and a great devotion for her family and friends.

Besides her daughter with whom she made her home, she is survived by a son, W. Lindwood Bunch, of Portsmouth.

After going over the top in the Red Cross war emergency drive, Martin County repeated the feat in the recent drive for funds to combat infantile paralysis.

The drive this year is believed to have exceeded all previous campaigns, Mr. Skinner stating that he found the people ready and willing to contribute for the relief of suffering humanity.

Approximately one-fourth, or \$99.50, of the \$391.99 raised in the campaign was listed as profit on the dance held on January 30th.

BUY AS YOU GO!

Buy all the Defense Bonds and Stamps you can, but do it with money currently coming in.

Buy bonds and stamps with the money you'd otherwise be spending on gasoline or tires, sugar or an all-out pleasure schedule.

Mr. Skinner's detailed report: Dance \$99.50 Coin collectors \$7.81 (Continued on page six)

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UNCLE SAM BATTLING TO UPHOLD America's Freedom

THE NINTH WEEK OF THE WAR

President Roosevelt told his press conference Pacific councils coordinating the war effort of the United States in the southwest Pacific have been operating for about a month.

The Senate passed and sent to the White House a joint authorization for a \$500,000,000 loan to China.

The White House announced the U. S. through the RAF has dropped a second pamphlet over several occupied French seaports in the "biggest pamphlet bombing job ever done."

A Navy aviation training program designed to develop 30,000 of the toughest pilots in the world annually for the Navy and Marine Corps will be put into operation by May 1st.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration reported a 60 per cent increase in private flying during 1941.

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Draft Board Policies To Remain Unchanged

FUNERAL TODAY



Funeral services are being held in the Baptist church here this afternoon for Samuel S. Brown, well-known county citizen and former register of deeds.

S. S. Brown Passes In Hospital Here Last Sunday Night

Funeral in the Baptist Church This Afternoon For Prominent Citizen

Samuel Spencer Brown, well-known Martin County citizen and former register of deeds for this county, died in a local hospital last Sunday night at 10 o'clock following an illness of about three weeks' duration.

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VICTORY BOOKS

The Victory Book Drive is progressing splendidly in some sections of the county, but in others the campaign to collect books for the men in the armed service is not meeting with much success.

Draft Board Will Not Call Married Men At This Time

To Exhaust I-A Classification First; Re-classify Nineteen Men Friday

The Martin County Draft Board is not planning to reclassify all of its registrants at the present time, according to information coming out of a meeting of the draft authorities last Friday night.

In their meeting last Friday, the board members, R. H. Goodman, chairman, J. H. Ayers and Dr. Jesse Ward, reclassified nineteen registrants and delayed action in several other cases until more complete investigations could be made.

The board was in session for more than three hours last Friday studying the requests for reclassifications, each claim receiving every consideration possible.

Reporting the death of his mother, Robert A. Barnhill, young Everett's white man, voluntarily explained to the board that he had no further claim to dependency, that he was ready to be reclassified.

Richard Earl Hale, white, Oak City, from I-1 to 3-A.

James Roy Manning, white, Oak City, 1-A.

Reuben Cherry, colored of Eureka, N. C. 3-A.

Wilmer Thomas Nelson, white of Robersonville, 3-A.

Collin Smith, colored of Oak City, 3-A.

Alton Ward, colored of Hamilton, 1-A. It is understood that Ward applied for a new classification after he had been examined.

Wille Chiffen Davis, colored of Williamston, 3-A.

Noah Rhodes, Harrison, white of Williamston R.F.D. 1-A.

Andrew Jackson Marriner, colored of Jamesville R.F.D. 1-A.

Cedric B. Burroughs, white of Oak City, 3-A. In this case the registrant was said to have made a mistake in filling in his questionnaire.

John Fleming Thigpen, white of Williamston and Huntsville, Ala., 1-A to 2-B. The young man is employed in a chemical plant and deferment was granted upon the recommendation of an Army general.

Jesse Alton Harris, white of Williamston R.F.D. 2, from I-1 to 1-A.

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No One Is Hurt In Two Auto Wrecks

No one was painfully hurt but considerable property damage resulted in two automobile accidents reported in the county over the week-end.

Driving home about 11 o'clock last Friday night, J. J. Pierce lost control of his car when it skidded on the wet pavement just as he started to turn into a dirt road near here on the Hamilton highway.

Yesterday morning at 1:45 o'clock the cars driven by Elbert A. Heath and Medrick Daniel figured in a head-on crash on a dirt road just off U. S. 64, a short distance from Holly Springs.