REGISTRATION

VOLUME XLV—NUMBER 12

ESTABLISHED 1899

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. The Japs were said to have landed on Singapore Island yesterday and have penetrated swamp and jungle areas to within about ten miles of the city of Singapore. How-ever, the defenders still maintain that they have the situation well in hand, but it is admitted that Singapore as a base for the Allies is now worthless.

Over in the Philippines, General Douglas MacArthur and his men have successfully repulsed another all-out Jap drive. The attack, sup-ported by artillery and dive bomb-ers, was beaten back after three days of bloody fighting, meaning that the Japs will have to rest a day or two before they can herd more targets for MacArthur's guns.

In Burma, volunteer American pilots flying under the Chinese flag are doing a masterly job in combatting a far superior air force. The "Tigers" have downed more than 140 Jap planes, many of them bombers, in defense of Rangoon and the

Burma Road.
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 Thai-land 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 Japenese from striking north to the Burma Road which winds into China.

It was also announced that In dian and Chinese troops are reinforcing the Salween line and that a "reasonably large force" faces the Japenese along the swift-flowing stream 100 miles east of Rangoon. Lieut. Gen. T. J. Hutton, command er of the Burma area, said the situa-tion is "far sounder" than it was nine days ago when the Japanese smashed up from Thailand and captured the river's east bank

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 be-fore 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 commis sions with official permission to help the Chinese defend the Burma Road before their own country came

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. The rapid fire of machine guns could be heard in the city of Singapore itself this morning according to one claim, and the Japs are said to have repaired the damage done when the causeway between Singapore Island and the mainland was blown up by the British. Heavy mobile equipment and troops are said to be pouring across the causeway in numbers.

While Singapore totters, the Japs are pushing ever closer to Java and Sumatra and in the direction of Australia. Batavia, capital of Java was bombed again this morning and important points are falling into the hands of the invaders. A new foothold has been gained by the Japs or islands just north of Australia.

Chinese military authorities are in India today planning a new de-fense of Burma, but while the conference is going on an attempt by the Japanese to push across the Sal ween River and on 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.

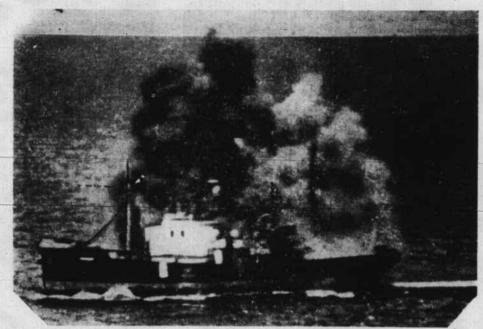
(Continued on page six)

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. The two men were remov-ed to a Washington hospital where Bland is expected to recover ever though his condition is serious. Bullock, his right wrist sprained and with a bad cut on his head, was discharged from the institution after receiving first-aid treatment. He was able to be out this morning and was planning to return to Ports-mouth where he is engaged in de-

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



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, W. F. Nufer, Assistant Director of Civilan Defense, was here last night and he was well pleased with the success of the test. Williamston, according a record when it snuffed out its lights within two and one-half minutes after the warning was received from district headquarters in Norfolk. Hearing the signal as it came over the town's fire alarm system, a citizen dashed from the town hall to the post office for his mail and be-fore he could get back the lights were out.

Other county towns included in the district and also Plymouth re-ported the blackout was 100 per cent effective in their communities. Rural residents, enjoying lights, al-so blacked out, but there was an ocasional light along the roadside

The warning was received here at 8:10 and the all-clear signal was given 45 minutes later. Some were of the opinion that the test period was longer than necessary, but there was no grumbling and everyone seemed anxious and willing to cooperate in the all-out test.
Patrolmen of the air raid service

covered the town long before the all clear signal was received. A few pe sons had forgotten to turn off pilo lights in their places of business, and one citizen anxious to help reported to district headquarters where he was advised to tell it to President Roosevelt. Most people apparently recognized the potential value of the test, but there were a few who ex

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. However, one blasts from the fire siren

Two motorists ran through the blackout zone last night. One them. Clarence Swinson, colored of Poplar Point, was arrested and jailed. The other man escaped when he, few remaining days she complaindriving between 50 and 60 miles an ed little. Rev. W. B. Harrington, sibly a hundred or more cars were stopped at the district lines, and traflocal streets was at a complete standstill with the exception of the fire truck and the warden's car which blundered around in the dark.

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 Mon-day, February 16th. "It is neces-

day, February 16th. "It is necessary that all registrants attend the school," R. H. Goodmon, chairman of the county draft board, said this morning.

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 45 years of age on or before February 16th must register for possible military service. Those men who registered in the prev-ious registrations do not have to register again.

Thousands Of Dollars Await The Farmers In This County

Starting off in a small way last mers to report for their checks ar week when approximately \$6,500 circulated by the postmen today. was received, soil conservation payments are now being made rapidly represent 205 applications. morning. Over the week-end, a total of 345 checks were received, the ofof 345 checks were received, the of-fice force taking yesterday morning report for their checks until they off to prepare and mail notices direct to the check owners, advising from the agent's office,

The 345 checks received over the week-end amount to \$26,952.94 and and in big amounts, Miss Mary Car- checks average about \$78.12 each or starphen, clerk in the office of Farm considerably more than they aver Agent Tommie Brandon, said this aged a year ago. The average appli considerably more than they aver-

hve received direct notice to do so

them to call for their "come-back"

It was possible for Martin farmers money. A few had been notified last to carn a total of \$151,465.37 under to carn a total of \$151,465.37 under to carn a total of \$151,465.37 under to distribution, and yesterday morning the owners crowded into the agent's office for their checks. It cannot be a support of the carn a total of \$151,465.37 under the soil conservation program for qualify for hardly more than 90 per agent's office for their checks. It cannot be a support of the carn a total of \$151,465.37 under the soil conservation program for qualify for hardly more than 90 per agent's office for their checks. It cannot be a support of the carn a total of \$151,465.37 under the soil conservation program for qualify for hardly more than 90 per agent's office for their checks. was one "bigger" rush there for a few minutes, and an even bigger rush can be expected just as the notices advising several hundred far-

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. "I came here to see it and every-thing was so dark I could not see a thing," the farmer said. The farmer admitted that he did right well feeling and smelling his way to a fire after he was swallowed up in the dark.

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

Mrs. E. P. Bunch

In Williams Township Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted from her late home in Williams Township for Mrs. Mammje Wister Harris Bunch, widow of Edward had been critically ill for several weeks, the end coming last Saturday night at 9:45 o'clock. She was a patient sufferer, and even in her last

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 short time before part of this century. The family lived on Rhodes Street for a num per of years, but with the opening of a new highway to Hamilton, Mr and Mrs. Bunch built a store and ontinued in the mercantile business on North Haughton Street where he made her home until Mr Bunch's death some years ago. Since that time she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Gurganus n Williams Township.

Her walk through life was mark ed by humbleness and a great devo-tion for her family and friends. She was a member of the Baptist church for 35 years, and had many friends in her adopted communities.

Besides her daughter with whon

she made her home, she is survived by a son, W. Lindwood Bunch, of Portsmouth. She also leaves severa grandchildren, two of whom are serving in the nation's armed forces, one in the Pacific area and the other in Washington City.

Infantile Paralysis Campaign in County Has Marked Success Gen Market Treatment for flight duty. The Civil Aeronautics Administration reported a 60 per cent increase in private flying during 1941. The War Front

Chairman Skinner Says Fine Cooperative Effort Put County Over the Top

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. Releasing a detailed report today, W. Iverson Skin-ner, chairman of the campaign, stat-ed that the county had far exceeded its quota, that the people through-out the county offered splendid co-Dies Near Here At
Home Of Daughter

out the county offered splendid cooperation in making the drive a success. Mr. Skinner expressed his appreciation to all those who aided the movement and declared that he would assist the council in caring for infantile paralysis victims and needs

oners of war. The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to continue the pay of persons in the armed forces and civilian employees of the would assist the council in caring for infantile paralysis victims and needs three bombs could fall with harmless Funeral Services Were Held crippled children. A certain portion of the funds is being retained for use in the county, and the remainder has been forwarded to Washington.

The drive this year is believed to have exceeded all previous cam vesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock paigns, Mr. Skinner stating that he found the people ready and willing to contribute for the relief of suffer

ing humanity. Approximately is possible, and local people are urged Parker Bunch. Experiencing declinito act promptly when they hear five ling health for some time. Mrs. Runch campaign was listed as profit on the campaign was listed as profit on the dance held on January 30th. eighty coin collectors netted a total of \$57.81. The campaign received its greatest report from the "March of Dimes," Mr. Skinner stating that nearly \$2,500 of the thin coins were collected during the drive. The hour, even dared to run down the pa-trol warden at the edge of town. Pos-the last rites and burial was in the eral. It is roughly estimated that at least 2,000 people contributed some

> Mr. Skinner's detailed report: Dance Coin collectors

(Continued on page six)

BUY AS YOU GO!

Buy all the Defense Bonds and Stamps you can, but do it with money currently coming in. Actit doesn't add anything to Uncle Sam's total war chest to buy bonds with money taken out of savings accounts — for the bank already had invested that money, and in order to hand you the cash it has to sell its government bonds in correspon amounts. Net result is no increase whatever in total amoun of money available for the war effort.

Buy bonds and stamps with the money you'd otherwise be spending on gasoline or tires, su-gar or an all-out pleasure sched-



President Roosevelt told his presi conference Pacific councils coordi nating the war effort of the United been operating for about a month. The military command in the ABDA area itself, the President said, is in the hands of Gen. Archibald Wavell, but strategical problems are referred to Washington and London. The joint military and naval staffs sit in Washington.

The Senate passed and sent to the White House a joint authorization for a \$500,000,000 loan to China President Roosevelt said the money will make it possible for the Chine o purchase numerous war materials to purchase numerous was materials, both in China and in other countries. He said the loan would be a definite relief for the Chinese financial structure strained by the long war

with the Japanese.
The White House announced the
U. S. through the RAF has dropped a second pamphlet over several oc-cupied French seaports in the "big-gest pamphlet bombing job ever done." The first pamphlet, announc-ed a month ago, stressed the traditional friendship between this coun-try and France; the second told of the rapidly-expanding U S wa

A Navy aviation training program designed to develop 30,000 of the oughest pilots in the world annual y for the Navy and Marine Corp. will be put into operation by May 1st, Navy Secretary Knox announce

ed. Applications for training are now being accepted. Mr. Knox asked U. S. high school youth to aid the Navy by producing 500,000 aircraft mod s of 50 different types of fighting planes to be used in aircraft recog nition and range estimation in gun nery practice and for training civil ians in aircraft recognition. The Of fice of Civilian Defense invited col lege flyers and aviation enthusiasts to participate in the Civilian Air Patrol which is seeking to enlist 90,000 civilian pilots. Sixteen years is the minimum age for enrollment for

Gen. MacArthur's troops in the Philippines repulsed continuous at tacks by the enemy throughout the week. Enemy losses during the week included 11 planes plus an undetermined number destroyed in the air and on the ground in an attack on Japanese-occupied Marshall and Gil bert Islands, many fleet auxiliaries two transports and "probably" third, and an enemy warship tor-pedoed U. S. losses were 13 planes

two tankers and two freighters. The Navy and Marine Corps reported 1. 294 officers and men missing or prisoners of war. The House passed and Congress passed the largest appro priation bill in history of nearly \$24 billion in direct cash appropriations

and \$4 billion in contract authoriza-tions for the Navy. The Navy said 100,000 men have enlisted since the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Marine Corps has passed the 100,000 man mark in officers and men, both reserves and regulars. Three destroy ers and one battleship were launch ed and two more destroyers and one cruiser will be launch on Lincoln's birthday.

Selective Service

Selective Service Director Hersho sked local draft boards to aid de ferment of apprentices in essentia war production trades because there is a mounting demand for skilled workers. Gen. Hershey said a plan has been proposed for allowance and allotments to release for induc tion many registrants now deferred on grounds of dependency. In World War 1, he said, payments up to \$50 a month were made. He said no figures will be issued on the number of men who register February 16. Shipping
President Roosevelt told his press

conference emergency shipping schedules make it almost impossible to utilize full cargo capacity of American merchant vessels because war developments often make it necessary for the ships to sail without ad vance notice. The Maritime Commis sion said through cooperative action with American ship operators, im ports of 10 important raw materials increased about 200 per cent during 1941. The Commission maintained its ship-a-day construction schedule by launching 14 new vessels during the last half of January. Eight French merchant ships in U. S. ports were requisitioned by the Commission.

Production and Conversion The WPB announced it cleared ontracts amounting to \$3 billion in the week ending January 21st. The War Department announced produc-

(Continued on page six)

Draft Board Policies To Remain Unchanged

FUNERAL TODAY



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

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

ormer register of deeds for this ognized by the draft authorities, county, died in a local hospital last. The board was in session for more Sunday night at 10 o'clock following an illness of about three weeks' dur-ation. Enjoying fairly good health each claim receiving every consid ciently to get up for a few days and went out especially to see about the Masonic Lodge property late one they may that no one is to be unafternoon during the extremely cold necessarily excused that some other spell. Returning to his home he sufered a relapse, and his condition, the service before his time while not considered critical at first. Reporting the death of his moth gradually grew worse and he was er. Robert A. Barnhill, young Ever removed to the hospital the middle

The son of the late James Z. and placed in 1-A. Mary Long Brown, he was born in J. F. Moore of Norfolk, white, Jamesville Township on October 3, from 1-H to 3-A. Richard Earl Hale, white, Oak City, from 1-H to 3-A. James Roy Manning, white, Oak City, 1-A. James Roy Manning, white, Oak City, 1-A. Richard Earl Hale, white, Oak City, 1-A. James Roy Manning, white, Oak City, 1-A. Richard Earl Hale, white, Oak City, 1-A. James Roy Manning, white, Oak City, 1-A. Richard Earl Hale, white, Oak City, 1-A. James Roy Manning, white, Oak City, 1-A. Richard Earl Hale, white, Oak City, 1-A. James Roy Manning, 1-A. James Roy Manning, 1-A. James Roy Manning, 1-A. Jam Mr. Brown in his tender years de-veloped a friendly feeling and comion for his fellowman, caring little for the material things in life. Recalling not so long ago the days when he was a youngster, Mr. Brown stated that he worked for a dollar and a half per month, taking advan-tage of the few weeks of schooling provided in those trying days. After a stay of about five years on the farm in Beaufort County he returned to his native home, and as a stay of about five years on the pealed for a new classification after he had been examined to the figured prominently in the relief of of his classification needy humanity. Among those who went to his store, few were ever den-Williamston, 3 A went to his store, few were ever denied food because they were unable to finance a purchase, and while the goodness of his heart taxed him greatly and no doubt brought worry to him, his faith in his fellowman to him, his faith in his fellowman will be registrant. o him, his faith in his fellowman carried by the faith in his fellowman carried by the faith in his fellowman carried by the faith in his faith in h a friend to his fellowman. Even in was said to lave made a rais declining years, he cherished the filling in his questionnaire. friendship of everyone, regardless of one's status in life or society, and those who enjoyed his friendship 1-A to 2-B. The young man is emknew best his sterling qualities and ployed in a chemical plant and de-he goodness flowing from an unelfish heart. He held malice toward to one, and was ready and willing to end a helping hand to the down-

codden and distressed After quitting the mercantile bus ess, he was appointed to the office register of deeds in September, 912, to fill an unexpired term. His election followed in succession for six terms or until 1924 when he vol

(Continued on page six)

VICTORY BOOKS

The Victory Book Drive is progressing splendidly in some sections of the country, but in others the campaign to collect books for the men in the armed service is not meeting with much success, according to preliminary reports coming from the chairman this morning. It was stated that several leaders for got to direct the appeal to their groups.

A depository has been placed

on the Main Street here in Front of the VEP building, and parents are urged to leave books there or send them to school with their children or carry them to church next Sunday, the day the drive is scheduled to end.

Draft Board Will Not Call Married Men At This Time

To Exhaust 1-A Classification First: Reclassify Nineteen Men Friday

ot planning to reclassify all of its of a meeting of the draft authorities last Friday night. With several hun dred men in the 1-A group, the board before drawing from the list of mar ried men. The delay in dipping into the married group is only temporary; the married group is only temporary; however, a board spokesman explaining that with the passage of the "allowance and allotment" act now proposed in Congress a reclassification was to be expected According to the report, those married men who are contributing small amounts for the upkeep of dependents will be, subjected to multipary service if and when the government makes some provision to allow certain amounts to the dependents

In their meeting last Friday, the board members, R. H. Goodmon, chairman, J. H. Ayers and Dr. Jesse Ward, reclassified nineteen regis trants and delayed action in sever Funeral in the Baptist Church al other cases until more complete investigations could be made. These Prominent Citizen

Samuel Spencer Brown wellnown Martin County citizen and proper register, of deeds for the county county of the county cou

than three hours last Friday study ing the requests for reclassifications up until a short time ago, Mr. Brown cration possible. While anxious to was taken ill but recovered suffi-

of last week. The end came peace-fully with members of his immed-iate family at his bedside.

ed to the board that he had no fur-ther claim to dependency, that he was ready to be reclassified. He was

Wilmer Thomas Nelson, white o Robersonville, 3-A Collin Smith, colored of Oak City

Alton Ward, colored of Hamilton

ruary 10, 1891, married Miss Dora if he is to get out of the service. Lilley. In 1896 he moved to Williamston and entered the mercantile bussixteen years. During that period he, to appeal must file his application in addition to serving the public well, within ten days after he is notified to appeal must file his application

was said to laive made a mistake in

ommendation of an Army general. Jesse Alton Harris, white of Williamston R.F.D. 2, from 1-H to 1-A.

(Continued on page six)

No One Is Hurt In Two Auto Wrecks

No one was painfully hurt but considerable property damage re-sulted in two automobile accidents eported in the county over the eek-end

Driving home about 11 o'clock last Friday night, J. J. Pierce lost con-tro! of his car when it skidded on the vet pavement just as he started to turn into a dirt road near here on he Hamilton highway. The machine turned over and caused damage es-timated by Patrolman Whit Saunders at about \$200. Pierce and three companions were not hurt.

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. No one was hurt. trolman Saunders estimated damage to the Heath pick-up truck at \$150 and that to the Daniel-Chevrolet at \$200.