New York, April 9.—The first battleship commissioned by the United States Navy in 18 years took its place as a "ship of the line" Wednesday in sober but colorful ceremonies aboard the new 35,000 ton North Carolina at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

ship, attended by 1,500 specially-invited guests headed by Secretary of the Navy Knox, were held under war-time restrictions with special police, marines and sailors on guard, hamisphere "We are foreshadowing with this ship," Secretary Knox said in a brief address, "the greatest navy the Vergerus

world has ever seen." Guarantee of Peace

He added, however, that this great fleet was not dedicated to war "but our peace and security."

The American people, he said, are devoted to the cause of peace, and a Mexican merchant marine in peace for the United States may only be secured through adequate de-

The U. S. S. Seattle, receiving ship, fired a 19-gun salute as Secretary Knox arrived. Admiral Harold Stark, chief of naval operations and Gov J. Melville Broughton, of North Carolina, spoke briefly.

The North Carolina is the first of 17 dreadnaughts ordered in the nation's speeding program to build the mightest naval power in the world.

The ship's company of 1,000 officers and men stood at attention on the quarter-deck during the ceremonies, under a clear bright sky.

Broughton Speaks. Governor Broughton told them

that "we give you a name and a tradition . . . we endow this ship with traditions and ideals which have made North Carolina one the great states of the American union."

"We will carry on at the home front, while you man your ship" he told them, recalling North Carolina's place in the nation's history as the site of the first English settlement, as one of the original 13 states, and as the home of men who have distinguished themselves at times of national crisis.

Secretary Knox said the North Carolina symbolized "American genius, American skill and American patriotism" and was a sample of what these three elements working together can produce.

Admiral Stark recalled the commissioning of the West Virginia, in 1923 and contrasted world conditions then and now. We congratulated the ship's company on the "opportunity that is yours to weld this vessel into a fighting unit." Largest In Navy.

Until her sister ship the Washington is commissioned in Philadelphia next month, the North Carolina will be the largest and most formidable ship in the U. S. Must Sign Farm Plan

Her nine 16-inch guns, a score of smaller broadside guns and antiaircraft weapons and her streamlined superstructure sheared back to effect greater mobility for the air guns presented such an odd 1941 Agricultural Conservation procontrast to a nearby cruiser than gram will not be made unless a one observer said the cruiser looked "like a skyscraper."

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Commander Andrew G. Shepard, a native of York, Pa, and a resident of Ayden, Town Hall in Ayden; Bea-Rochester, N. T. will be executive ver Dam, Mack Smithe Store of

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Mexican crews were assembled to man the shins in Mexican coastwise and international trade under a decree of expromission issued on as the best possible guarantee of Tuesday night by President Manuel

Avila Camacho. His order said the urgent need of wartime paucity of shipping space brought on the expropriation, but that compensation for the vessels would be arranged after the end of the European struggle.

Responsible sources said one item figuring in the post-war settlement was \$12,000,000 owed by Germany and Italy for petroleum shipments from Mexico.

President Avila Camacho ordered Finance Minister Eduardo Suarez to determine the indemnity for each ship, giving the owner the opportunity to intervene provided in our laws."

His order came a day after Mexico's flat rejection of Axis demands for the immediate surrender of the seized ships.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Beginning Sunday, April 20 there will be a series of services held at the Farmville Presbyterian Church. In these services the pastor will be a score of 22, to 42 and to Rocky any attempt to implement it puts la-In these services the pastor will be Hopewell, Va. Mr. Cook is a good Gospel preacher, and has had much experience in evangelistic work. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

In preparation for these services there will be four prayer meetings held in different parts of the town on Wednesday evening, April 16th. They will be held in the following homes: Dr. C. C. Joyner's, Mr. C. F. Baucom's, Mr. G. E. Beckman's and the Presbyterian Manse. These services are expected to begin at 7:80 Wednesday evening.

H. M. Wilson, Pastor.

Pitt Farmers Urged to Sign

To Receive 1941 Payments

"farm plan" for the farm is signed before April 15, according to an announcement from the county agent's office in Greenville today. Farm plans which have not been ship AAA committeemen on Thursday, Priday and Saturday, April 10. ment of 75 officers and 1,000 men un- 11 and 12, to a central place in each township so that they can be Committeemen will be in each township at the following places:

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of Admiral Alberto Lais, the Italian

"By note of April 3, 1941, the Secretary of State notified the Boyal Italian Ambassador that Admiral Alberto Lais. Naval Attache of the Royal Italian Embassy, was persona non grata to this government and requested that the Royal Italian government withdraw him immediately from the United States.

"The Secretary of State has now been informed by the Royal Italian Ambassador in a note dated April 8 much explanation of the reasons bethat Admiral Lais had ceased from hind the walk-out is apparent. his functions and will leave this country without delay.

"In the same note, the Royal Italian Ambassador stated that Captain ment, and requested that he be with- not let the nation down. drawn immediately from Italy."

FARMVILLE LOSES TO BOTH

the Course of the Farmville Country that they should share in the profits on the ships before the transfer, Club, local golfers lost to Tarboro by and while the argument has reason

improvement however, and have high leads many people to believe that hopes of taking some of the matches labor is alone to blame for all strikes. yet to be played ere the tournament is over. The two lowest scores for Rocky Mount was brought in by Hicks 74 and Graveley 75; for Tarboro, Jack Kirk 72, Harvey Ward, Jr., 74; for Farmville H. H. Bradham 77, J. C. Taylor 78, Rex Hodges 79 and W. S. Royster 79.

The next match will be played by Farmville, Kinston and Tarboro, at Tarboro, Wednesday, April 16.

OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Betsy Morriss, levely young daughtertained 25 friends on Thursday in Games were played in the garden where weenles were later cooked over lay in taking the drastic action would coals in the out door fireplace and have permitted further destruction.

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The people of the United States are: becoming somewhat, concern over the delays that labor difficultie are inflicting upon the defense program. This much is apparent, regardless of the respon labor or capital for the situation

The prospect of new strikes is not stand to lose public symmethy unless they manage to present their case more adequately to the average American. That the trend of publicity is against labor, as news of new tie-ups reach the people without

We are not ready to condemn labor have occurred. Undoubtedly labor for defense base sites. William C. Bentley, Assistant Mili- leaders have made mistakes and The vessels will help ren tary Attache and Assistant Military unions have given members bad ad- Britain's vital forces used for main-Attache for Air of the United States vice. This is admittedly true but, in taining her trans-Atlantic supply Embassy in Rome is persona non the main, we retain confidence in the lines, but whether additional armed grate to the Royal Italian govern- good judgment of laborers who will craft will be transferred to England

The trouble naturally arises when to escort convoys, workmen know that industry is cash- The cutters are armed, but Early The Farmville boys showed some sive which upsets the status quo and

The seizure of Italian, Danish and German ships in America harbors. followed by similar action in other Latin-American countries, reveals ty schools. of their vessels and this is sinster in through Friday. that it implies a decision by the owners to destroy their ships rather than let them serve the needs of the de-

The United States, in seizing the essels acted under ample legal autherity. The fact that many of the ships were damaged is proof that de-That Germany and Italy will not like Guests were afterwards invited the seizure of their vessels and the sailors, goes without saying.

The action of the United States is based upon the simple necessity of the presence the system of the complete dimension of work the Aris shout the conduct of this country. It is positive proof our action is to be based solely upon what will help defeat the totalitarian for coa liver of compilation and that his rescue Berlin and Rome are of no conse-

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Washington, April 9.—The releas of 10 Censt Guard cutters to the

secretary, told reporters the Goast Guard vessels had not yet been delivered to the English. but were being prepared for the transfer He said he preferred not to dissaid they were built from 1928

craft are involved in the deal. Early said. Presumably, he added, the cutters will be turned over to British crews on this side of the Atlantic. as was done in the case of 50 destroygenerally because of the delays that ers released to Britain in exchange

was not indicated. Britain has said that she is hadly in need of ships

TARBORO AND ROCKY MOUNT ing in on the defense program. This said he thought they had little more service. it seems, is inevitable as there is no than small cannons mounted on The next wave of bembers, the East clear way to "take the profit out of them. He said he doubted that ad-Carolina Golf Association played on war." Consequently, workmen argue ditional armament would be placed

Appearing In Pitt

The Puppet show sponsored by the State Division of Oral Hygiene. Dr. E. A. Branch, Director, and by the Pitt County Health Department is now appearing in the Pitt Coun-

The show is cleverly conducted by the Axis crews. Undoubtedly, the John Morgan and Miss Catherine men on German and Italian ships Mallory. The show began in the had orders to wreck the vital parts county Monday and will continue

The Puppet show is Oral Hygiene Education through entertainment and according to Dr. Ennett, the Health officer, it is a most effective way of teaching the children good dental care.

This program supplements the oral hygiene work now being carried on in the county schools by Dr. A. D. Underwood.

It is understood that the program has the warm endorsement of Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, secretary and dental member of the Pitt County Board of Health and of all the other dentists of Pitt County.

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Cities, Too: Coventry Blasted Again

Londos, April 9 .-- R. A. F. bomb ures and fired row upon row of ther buildings and warehouses in the town itself, the Air Ministry an

The hours-long Kiel raid described as "Seven more impressive" than that of the preceding night, was coupled with other attacks by powerful R. A. F. formations on Bremerhaven, Emden and Rotterdam. At the same time, the Luftwaffe pounded Coventry, in Britain's injustrial Midlands, with the heaviest inslaught since the devastating fire bothb raid of last November 14. Many casualties were inflicted

at Coventry and buildings erected since the last big attack were levelled. The Air Ministry said that Kiel. where many of Adolf Hitler's subby the R. A. F. "even before it could recover from the shock" of the preceding night. It was the 37th raid of the war on this important Nazi

"High explosives began to shatter buildings in the dockyards and the town at the very start," the Air Ministry reported through its news

on, found both banks at the south end of the estuary "already outlined by angry fires" and further bombs spread the flames in all directions. A large factory at the north end of the naval dockvard was said to have blown up.

SURPLUS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced the purchase of appreximately \$10,000,000 worth of surplus food commodities during the period of March 15 through March

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elasting at the Nazi "nanzer" forces 24 hours a day, were said to be supporting a "hold-or-die" Greek stand in new positions west of fallen Salonika, Greece's second city and great Aegean port which the Germans occupied vesterday.

Yugoslav forces meanwhile said officially to have stormed across the Drin river into the interior of Italian Albania against the Pascist army and to be battling the Germans in rugged mountain passes 20 miles north of Skolpje along the Vardar, already fallen to the Nazis.

The Greek high command's announcement that the isolated Greeks in eastern Macedonia are still battling the German tide near the Bulgarian frontier dispute a German high command claim that the Greek forces there, hopelessly entrapped. had "thrown down their arms and capitulated." Salonika Falls.

Today's Greek war communique confirming the fall of Salonika after the collapse of the Yugoslav Vardar Valley army on the Greeks' left flank, said:

"German motorized forces which entered through the Vardar Valley and were checked up to Tuesday due north of Salonika) continued their attack on Salonika and entered the town.

"Despite the difficult positions in which our troops in eastern Macedonia found themselves because of this, they did not waver in their resistance on the frontiers and kept our lines impregnable, according to the latest reports Wednesday afternoon.

"On the Albanian front local enemy (Italian) attacks were repulsed with heavy losses for the attack-

ers." A communique of the Ministry of Home Security said that German planes were dropping magnetic mines at various points along the coasts of Greece. Magnetic mines previously had been dropped on Monday, it was said.

Piracus Bombed. German planes sweeping over the others region in four waves during the night hours bombed Piracus. Lists Drawn For Each the port of Athens previously bomof Two Weeks of Pitt barded on several occasions by the Italians, but without either casualties or damage, the Ministry of Public Security said.

A Greek radio broadcast heard weeks of criminal court convening by CBS in New York said that more in Greenville next Monday morning than 400,000 "perfectly organized" have been drawn and released for Italian troops on the Greek front publication. Thirty-six men were are awaiting the arrival of the German Panzer forces in Albania Those to serve during the first of and are refraining from any imthe two weeks, beginning Monday, portant attacks until the Germans

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