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UNCLE SAM SENDS TROOPS TO TWO DUTCH OIL ISLES Farm Loan Ass'n

Landed on West Indies Islands of Aruba and Curação, Near Venezu-New Attack: Japanese Use American Gifts as Weapons

Washington, Feb. 11 .- To thwart any Axis grab for the oil wealth of favoring the enemy as the result of the Dutch West Indies, the United States announced tonight that it had sent troops to the Dutch islands of Aruba and Curação off the coast of

This follows up the government's action last Noxember in sending troops to Dutch Guiana, on the north coast of South America, to guard the mines producing bauxite, from which aluminum is manufactured.

Tonight's step was taken at a time when the Dutch East Indies, on the other side of the world, are newly menaced by the imminent fall of Singapore, and it was apparent that the United States and the Netherlands wanted to be in a position to repulse any synchronizing stab by Germany at Dutch resources in the Atlantic.

Not Disclosed.

The size of the forces sent to Curação and Aruba was not disclosed. A formal announcement by the State Der artment said the move was made at the request of the Netherlands government and that the troops would be withdrawn at the end of the war.

It was understood, the statement added, "that the Venezuelan and Netherlands governments have reached an agreement whereby the former will cooperate in this defense measure in a manner similar to that agreed upon between the governments of Brazil and the Netherlands in the case of Surinam (Dutch Guiana).

Curacao proper and Aruba, which belong to the Curacao group of six islands, both are highly important as oil refining centers. The Royal Dutch Shell has large refineries on Curação and the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has important facilities on Aruba. These plants refine oil from Venezuela.

The area of Curação is 210 square miles and that of Aruba 70. square miles. Curacao harbor has long been an important shipping center.

A duty-free port, it was visited in 1939 by 7,000 ships, including cruise vessels whose passengers bought European cosmetics and other articles there.

MacArthur Waits.

Awaiting a renewed offensive by the heavily reinforced Japanese, Opportunity For General Douglas MacArthur today reported to the War Department the details of a "spectacular" air battle in the Philippines in which a force of six enemy planes was completely destroyed.

One American pursuit ship was missing as a result of the action, which was first reported yesterday.

Several American fighter planes,
which had been escorting a slowmoving photographic plane, were about to land when they spotted the enemy group. Instead of taking to work. the ground, they pounced upon the High school and college student

"A series of thrilling dogfights "Four enemy fighters immediately shot down. A fifth was crip and veered off to the north, ng on an air field near Pilar, tere it was destroyed by our artilry. The sixth plane fell out of control and ultimately was found where it crashed in the mountains of Bataan. This accounted for all of the enemy planes engaged in the combat. One of our planes is miss-that have never been equalled

province, was piloted by Captain Jesus Villamor of the Philippine air force, who resently was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross with oak leaf cluster for repeated acts of extraordinary heroism. He had landed safely when the enemy planes were sighted.

On Eatasn peninsula, meanwhile.

The students in American schools an colleges.

Besides being patriotically enrolled in the world's hardest fighting navy, each young man who is accepted will be furnished food and lodging and initial uniforms while on active duty. Pay will start with the base amount for seamen and will be increased in the man advances in the man adva

BOMBS AT PARIS

Vichy, France, Feb. 11. - Three ela; MacArthur Awaits on the order of the German com mander after a new outburst of ombing directed at conqueror and collaborationist alike.

The victims were listed as Rebert Alcoulombre and Roger Yabbes, both of St. Maur, accused of "activity De Gaullist agitation," and Andre Durand of LeMans, condemned for espionage.

Four different explosions were re ported: One in the German officers' mess in the university city at the south edge of Paris, where a bomb blew up in the very room, where officers were eating; the other three blasts at various headquarters of the "Social Revolutionary Movement," an extreme right organization with the conquerors.

No casualties were reported.

PITT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

According to reports from school authorities there appears to be many families not cooperating with the school by not keeping their children in school and violating the compulsory school attendance law. In view of this situation, which is working a handicap on the schools by low attendance, the principles are being requested to make up a list of those who are violating the law and forward same to K. T. Futrell, Acting Attendance Officer, for investigation and prosecution of those found to be violating the law.

The complusory school attends law requires all children between the ages of 7 and 14 years to attend school while school is in session The principal of the school will excuse children for temporary non-attendance by reason of sickness or other unavoidable causes. There fore, a complete record of attendance of the child since school opened is being requested for the current year and for the year previous. Several prosecutions are pending at the present time.

WHAT MAKES NEWS?

not news of a cat bites a bird, but it would be very good news if a bird be if we could train birds-but that is a fantastic hope! - Burges Johnson, Rotarian magazine.

N. C. Youths To **Serve Country**

Charleston, S. C .- The U. S. Navy has announced another opportunity

between the ages of 17 and 19, inclusive, can now enlist in a new Naval Reserve group and will not be called to active duty until the completion of their current school year if they so desire.

The students will enroll in th Navy's V-1 class, a general service branch of the reserve, and when they become enrolled, they will not be subject to the draft.

Naval authorities have declar

youths the opportunity of obtaining free \$1,500-worth of training in an of 45 trades or vocations. A physi-cal fitness program will develo-

Farmville National Meets Here Feb. 18

Meeting To Be Held In City Hall Beginning at 2:00 p. m.

The annual meeting of the Farm-ville National Farm Loan Association will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 1942, at 2:00 p. m., in the Town Hall at Farmville, North Carolin according to announcement made by W. G. Stancill, Secretary-Treasurer. The association will commemorate its twenty-fifth anniversary at this meeting and an interesting program has been arranged, Mr. Stancill said. Reports on the past year's operations will be made to members of the as-sociation and one director elected by them for a term of three years. Long-term farm mortgage loans

Columbia in Beaver Dam, Farmville, Falkland and Fountain Townships of Pitt County are serviced through the facilities of the Farmville Association. At the present time the asso-ciation has 57 loans outstanding amounting to \$159,650.00. The Columbia Bank has ample funds at this time for lending to qualified farmers and the present rate of interest is 4%. All or any part of the loah may be repaid at any time and future payments are accepted by the Bank on which interest is allowed the borrower at the

made by The Federal Land Bank of

same rate charged on his mortgage. Present directors of the Farmville Association are; John T. Thorne, President; T. E. Barrow, Vice President; Herbert Burnette, E. M. Tyson and Clifton L. Jones. The Farmville Association maintains a joint office at Washington with other associations serving Beaufort, Greene, Martin, Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell counties. Mr. W. G. Stancill is Secretary-Treasurer of all the associations in the Washington group.

Registration Day Monday, Feb. 16

Places For Third Registration Disclosed: The Hours-7:00 A. M. To 9:00 P. M.

17, 1897, and on or before Dece 31, 1921, and not heretofore registered, will be required to register on February 16, 1942, between the hours of 7:00 A. M. and 9:00 P. M.

The following registration places have been established throughout the County for the convenience of those required to present themselves for stration on that date:

Ayden High School Building.

Bell Arthur Mack Smith's Store.

Belvoir—School Building. Black Jack-E. L. Adams old Bar-

Chicod-L. C. Venters Store. Cox Mill - Hollywood Community Falkland-School Building. FARMVILLE Horton Building, at

109 South Main Street. Fountain-Agricultural Building, Greenville-County-City Armory. Greenville-Office of Selective Ser vice Board, City Hall. Grifton—Community Building.
Grimealand—Police Station.
Partalus—School Building.
Stokes—Old J. S. Cherry Store.

Swift Creek—Timothy Church. Winterville—High School Build All men who give as their reside place in the city of Greenville on the outh Side of Fifth Street, those liv-South Side of Fifth Street, those living on the Washington Highway on the South Side to Beaufort County line, and those living on the Falkland Highway on the South Side as far out as Beaver Dam Township, will be under the jurisdiction of Pitt County Local Board No. 2. All men who live on the North Side of the City of Greenville, the Washington Highway (including Grimesland) and the Faikland Highway out to and including all of Beaver Dam Township, will fall under the jurisdiction of Pitt County Local Board No. 1. The registration place for Board No. 1 in Greenville will be at the County-City Armory and the registration place for Board No. 2 will be at the office of the Selective Service Boards, City Hall

IONDAY, FEB. 16, 1942, and t

quested to meet at the Town Hall on Friday night at 7:15 to the end that everyone may get together on the closing hours. Also to lay ana for a spring Dollar Day Sale-veryone is requested to come on at 8:00 on account of the Men's First Aid Class.

A WEEK OF THE WAR

(Released February 10)

President Roosevelt told his pres conference Pacific councils coordinating the war effort of the United States in the southest Pacific have been operating for about a month. The military command in the ABDA ares 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 Chinese to purchase numerous war 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, announced a month ago, stressed the traditional friendship between this country and France; the second told of the rapidly-expanding U. S. war production.

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 cepted. Mr. Knox asked U. S. high school youth to aid the Navy by producing 500,000 aircraft models of 50 different types of fighting planes to be used in gircraft recognition and and for training civilians in aircraft recognition. The Office of Civilian Defense invited college 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 ground service, and 18 for flight duty. The Civil Aeronautics Administration reported a 60 percent increase in private fly-ing during 1941.

The War Front

Philippines repulsed continuous at-tacks by the enemy throughout the week. Enemy losses during the week 103 per cent; attachments and parts, ncluded 11 planes plus an undeter- 140 per cent. mined number destroyed in the air and on the ground in an attack on Japanese-occupied Marshall and Gilbert Islands, many fleet auxiliaries, two transports and "probably" a third, and an enemy warship tor- Washington, Feb. 9.—The Navy and Marine Corps reported 1,294 officers and men missing or prisoners of war. The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to continue the pay of persons in the armed forces and civilian employes of the War and Navy for a year after reported missing, captured or interned.

Navy

Congress passed the largest appropriations and 34 billion in contract authorizations for the Navy. The Navy said 100,000 men have enlisted since the \$30,221.

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 destroyers and one battleship were taunched and two more destroyers and one cruiser will be launched Lincoln's birthday.

Allocation of Vital Materials For New Imple ments Lower Than General Average

Raleigh, Feb. 12.--Im: cording to G. Tom Scott, chair of the State USDA War Board. Materials for the manufacture of

all types of new farm machinery have been restricted to an average of about 83 per cent of the materials used for similar purposes in 1940, Chairman Scott said, while use of materials for repair parts will be

permitted at an average rate of about 150 per cent of the 1940 level. For implements used in the pro-duction of cotton, allocations of materials generally have been lower than the average. For example, ma-terials used in the manufacture of a one-horse, single-row combination corn and cotton planter are restricted to 66 per cent of the 1940 level.

This means, he said, that cotton producers, especially, will find new equipment difficult to obtain and equipment difficult to obtain and that equipment which ordinarily would be discarded in normal times will have to be repaired for use this

"By repairing farm machin farmers can put more guns into the hands of the armed forces," Scott said. "Every piece of old machi which substitutes for a new machin this year means a saving of critical materials for new implements

"In the campaign now underway in North Carolina, time is the essen-tial element, he said. "Farmers will do well to take savantage of the quickest and best methods of repairing machinery, especially during the emergency. It is the patriotic duty of every farmer to make whatever machinery he has on the farm last him as long as it will do satisfactory work."

Allocations for es for new machinery, attachments and repair parts ordinarily used in cotbe put into operation by May 1, Navy
Secretary Knox amounced. Applications for training are now being acmaterials used for similar purposes

for new macainary, account to sending individual sending in cotton production, expressed in terms of
materials used for similar purposes

or agricultural problem in

Group 2: Plows and listers-

64 to 82 per cent; attachments and parts 140 per cent. Group 3: Harrows, rollers, pulver

per cent; attachments and parts 120 Marine Corps izers and stalk cutters-from 71 to 89 Group 4: Cultivators and weeder

-61 to 74 per cent: attachments and parts, 150 per cent. Group 5: Tractors 59 to 81 per ent; attachments and parts, 160

per cent. Group 12: Spraying outfits (com Gen. MacArthur's troops in the plete). Division: Sprays 85 to 100 per cent attachments and parts, 140 per cent; division 2: dusters 94 to

To Pitt Citizens

Washington, Feb. 9.-The R. J. pedoed. U. S. losses were 18 planes, Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winstontwo tankers and two freighters. The Salen, N. C., received the largest tax

12,854 (estate tax); E. B. F. obacco Company, Greenville,

DOG OWNERS

Batavia, Feb. 12.—The sinking of two Japanese cruisers; one destroyer and a submarine off the Dutch naval base at Amboina Island recently was announced by the naval commander

here today.

Altogether, there were three cruisers sunk along with the other vessels in the first weeks of fighting around Amboina Island, but the sinking of one of them had been announce

The commander's report today was based on an accumulation of later evidence regarding hits and sinkings which he considered conclusive.

The previous report on the fight-ing off Amboins was made in a communique February 7 which listed one Japanese cruiser as sunk and added conservatively that another cruiser and a submarine had been hit.

Schools of County Receive Year Book

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has recently sent to the high school libraries of Pitt County a set of Agriculture Yearbooks covering practically the past thirty years. books contain much valuable information and statistical tables which should be of great benefit to not only the high school students, but the general public of the county. The Congressman expressed a desire that the books be properly taken care of and made available to those who desire to use them for reference in the various communities. The schools that have been furnished a set of these valuable publications are as follows: Ayden, Arthur, Bethel, Bel-voir, Falkland, Farmville, Grifton, Greenville, Fountain, Pactolus, Stokes, Winterville, Chicod, and Grimes

The Congressman also sent a set of Yearbooks to the following public libraries: Ayden, Bethel, Farmville, Fountain, Sheppard Memorial, Win-terville and Carver Memorial. At the same time Mr. Bonne

sending individual farmers in Pitt County copies of Farmer's Bulletins dealing with any particular subject they might be interested.

PICKER

chine has been developed and used by two growers of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, who harvested acres with the device last year.

Seek Men For

Older Men Desired In Order To Release En-

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—The U. S. Marine are physically qualified, will be en-listed in the Marine Corps Reserve

Class IV.
These older men will be retained sclusively for guard duty in the reenlisted and reappointed to the er Army men will be rested to the rank they held durg the last war. Since it has been realized that

my of these men are married the rine Corps will provide subsist-o for the enlisted men and his ily, and also will provide funds r the transportation of his hous e who have not had any

Attack Seen In Move ment of Enemy Troops Seven Enemy Plan Reported Downed Yes terday In Spectacular Air Battle.

NUMBER THIRTY-NINE

Washington, Feb. 12-Movement of umption of an attack in force agai eneral Douglas MacArthur's for in the Philippines, the War Dement reported yesterday, aith the fighting on Bataan peninsula enemy air activity have

There have been intern terchanges of artillery fire between the American island fortific the entrance of Manila Bay and the Japanese batteries on Cavite sho the bay, the department said.

The war communique also said that six of the seven enemy planes reported shot down yesterday were de stroyed by American fighter planes On Agriculture

over Cavite province in one of the most spectacular sir battics in the Philippine campaign. One American plane was reported missing.

Allied arms in the Pacific faced their blackest hours since the Pearl Harbor attack. The Japanese evidently were intent

on following up their spectacula Singapore campaign by arm the only other potential threat to their southern drive—the stubbor American-Philipino forces on Batas

War department com scant room for doubt on the der ate, almost forlorn nature of Ge MacArthur's fight, but the Pre brought out by indirection the value of its contribution to the pregrand strategy of the United Nati

The prime objective of that strategy, Mr. Roosevelt explained to his press conference, was to prevent an nemy break-through on the world front, while inflicting the maximu punishment on the foe and his resources during the period the allies are creating a superior military ma

The Japanese, it was acknowledged here, have broken through past the Philippines into the Indies, but Gen. MacArthur's resistance is still exacting a heavy toll from the enemy bot in men and material.

The War Department co last night gave some indication the greatly superior enemy forces which MacArthur has been keeping from other theaters of operations. On Bataan, it reported, at least five enemy divisions have been ident as participating in the heavy fightis of recent days. The strength of a Japanese division is 25,000 men and the fact that at least five have been in action gives some idea of the tremendous pressure the enemy has been able to apply to the peninsula front, which is believed now no wider than fifteen miles.

Guard Duty Venereal Clinics Conducted Weekly

The Pitt County Health Depar listed Men For Combat sease clinics in Ayden, Monday; Bethel, Tuesday; Farmville, Wedneday; and in Greenville the elin are held twice a week, Wednesd afternoon and Saturday morning.

These clinics are free to all pe

in so far as blood tests are o ed and treatment is also free to who cannot afford private treatm The State Law requires that persons suffering from a veneres disease must be treated until cured. It has come to the attention of the Health Officer that certain serva have pretended to the employer to they were coming to the clinic re-larly, when in fact they were

keeping up their treatment.

The Health Officer, Dr. Ennett, p The Health Officer, Dr. Emett, re-quests that wherever an employer has reason to suspect this kind of deception, the employer ask the Health Department to send the em-ployer a written, dated certificate on the date of each treatment.

In so far as the limited person of the Health Department person the Department follows up all ilinquents after the second week it is not uncommon for patients give the wrong address, and a