MacARTHUR'S AIR FORCE SINKS FOUR JAP SHIPS

One 10,000-ton, Another Air Observation Post of 8,000 Tons and Two Smaller Vessels Sunk In Daring Raid Which Station

Washington, March 4.-Two enemy ships and several smaller vessels were destroyed in a sudden surprise attack by General Douglas MacArthur's small air force on Japanese installations and shipping in Subic Bay, north of Bataan, the War Department announced today.

Large fires were started on the docks of Olongapo, former United States naval station in Subic Bay, and on Grande Island's, a communique reported. Heavy explosions among enemy stores followed the

One ship of 10,000 tons and another of 8,000 tons/were destroyed, the department said, and also two motor launches of 100 tons each. Many smaller vessels were damaged. The text of the communique, No.

received up to 9:30 a. m., EWT: "1. Philippine theater:

"In a sudden surprise attack General MacArthur's small air force swept over Subic Bay destroying several Japanese vessels. Among the enemy ships destroyed were one vessel of 10,000 tons, one of 8,000 tons and two motor launches of 100 tons each. In addition, many smaller craft were damaged. Large fires were started on the docks of Olongapo and Grande Island. These were followed by many heavy explosions among enemy stores.

"There was practically no ground activity in Bataan. "2. There is nothing to report

from other areas."

THE REV. FRANCIS JOYNER

Littleton. - Funeral services for the Reyon Francis Joyner, 89, widely-known and beloved retired Episcopal minister of Littleton, were held Sunday at St. Alban's Church and burial followed in the Littleton cemetery by the side of his wife, who was Miss Sarah Elizabeth Lang, of Farmville. Conducting the services were a cousin of the deceased minister, the Reverend son; the Reverend D. P. Moore, of Weldon, and the Reverend J. Q. Beckwith, Jr., of Wilson.

ing which time he also served Ridgeway, Jackson and the Middleburg churches. He went to Littleton in 1901 after a period as rector of the Planting Quoters Episcopal church in Aurora, and dur-ing his long life spent in the ministry served for a period as Arch-deacon of the Convocation of Raleigh. After his retirement from active ministry a number of years ago he was reded as the "Community Parson" of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott today residents of Littleton, recognizing distinction of creed or race when opportunity to serve his fellow m or to administer divine rites was sented. His activities among the agro race were widespread and the throng of sorrowing relations. The 1941 crop was planted on that they "want to be sure to have sugar available this summer for home canning.

Dean Schaub says, over, made to have sugar available this summer for home canning.

Dean Schaub says that scores of housewives are buying more sugar than they need for normal family consumption, with the explanation that they "want to be sure to have super available this summer for home canning. garded as the "Community Parson" by residents of Littleton, recognizing the opportunity to serve his fellow

For Week March 9th

The following Air observers for thi week are listed below and they are Set Fire on Docks of Former U. S. Naval Office for Hours Scheduled to serve: Monday, March 9th.

LeRoy Bass, R. N. Freeman M. G. Thorne, Mack Carraway Jno. D. Holmes Wooten's Station - Robt. Lee Smith-R. A. Fields.

Tuesday, March 10th. L. E. Walston, Geo. W. Davis-J. R. Shearin, W. H. Duke James R. Lang -- Wooten's Station -- C. M.

Paylor—C. C. Simpson.

Wednesday, March 11th.
F. M. Davis, Jr.,Lewis Creech -Elbert Holmes, A. Q. Roebuck-Rev. B. B. Fordham-Wooten's Station L. T. Pierce-Zeb Whitehurst.

Thursday, March 12th. Harry Dixon, Joe Flake-Matthew Gibbs, Fred Moore-R. H. Knott -Wooten's Station-W. A. Pollard, Jr. -G. M. Holden Friday, March 13th.

C. W. Blackwood, Linwood Joy-ner-J. B. Roberts, H. W. Kamp-133 of the war, based on reports Fred Trevathan-Wooten's Station-Hy. D. Johnson-J. H. Moore. Saturday, March 14th.

James Wheless Archie Cayton -T. L. Albritton, P. K. Ewell-W. J. Rasberry - Wooten's Station - M. V. Horton-Irvin Morgan.

Sunday, March 15th. R. D. Harris, W. R. Burke-Alex Allen, Pat Ruffin-C. S. Hotchkiss-Wooten's Station-F. A. Williams-J. Y. Monk, Jr.

Paul E. Jones, Chief Observer A. W. Bobbitt, 1st Assistant C. F. Baucom, 2nd Assistant

ATTENTION MEN!

Registration for the second First Aid Class will be held at 8:00 P. M., Friday, March 6th, at the Town Hall. Ii is very important that all should take this course, if possible, as part of their Defense duty.

Dr. R. T. Williams, Chairman Medical Service Committee.

CLUB SUPPER SUCCESS

Lath Morriss' delicious brunswich stew, served by the Woman's Club at the City Cafe on Tuesday evening was enjoyed by a large number of guests. The Rotary Club also participated in this event and was served by the ladies in the Rotary rooms. Master Sergeant Dorrance Mann, of Mr. Joyner has served St. Alban's being very successful and wishes to onal commanding this contingent. church as its rector for 18 years, dur- thank all who helped in any way to make it so.

Of Cotton Urged

Raleigh, March 4.-Commission

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Another Unit Reach Ireland

Details of Landing Withheld Until Men in large measure on the increased war production we are able to get from our factories and arsenals in the spring and summer of 1942—This is total war. We are all under fire— London

With U. S. Troops in Northern cheering, husky United States fighting men have arrived in a northern Ireland port to augment the forces that has been in Ulster for more than a month, it was announced to-

of transport and supply ships were withheld until the soldiers, their guns and their other fighting equipment had been scattered to the secluded spots throughout the six Northern Ireland countries and the ships had left port.

Compared with the ceremonial landing of the first contingent of the AEF to Europe's part of the World War last month, the latest arrival was a routine job carried out with typical Army and Navy clockwork precision.

London, March 3. - Several hundred United States troops arrived in London today from Northern Ireland.

Like the first contingent, most of the latest arrivals are mid-westerners who had been in training in southern army camps for a year. But there are some representatives of every part of the country.

They came in full field equipment and with their guns ready. The white-haired troop commander was a colonel from the middle west, a veteran of artillery campaigning in the first World War and five years commander of the same unit, which was with the Rainbow Division.

First ashore from the first shipload, the colonel saluted Maj. Gen. Russel P. Hartle, U. S. Commander in Northern Ireland, and said "Glad to be here, sir."

Meanwhile his soldiers lined the rails, cheering and tossing American cigarettes to the pier to start scrambles among the dockworkers.

Mrs. J. H. Moore, President of the Council Bluffs, Iowa, who served in onel commanding this contingent.

Sugar To Be Available For Home Canning Needs

There is no need for housewives to huy up extra sugar for home can-ning now, says Dean I. O. Schaub, sion Service. The War Produc

A WEEK OF Weary Germans THE WAR Reported Beating (Released March 8)

ths just shead are the critics nths of the war. Victory depends soldiers and civilians alike-we are all belligerents. To win we must fight."

Chairman Nelson announ "continuing national drive" has been undertaken to increase production immediately in plants which now have war contracts and to convert other plants to war production as peedily and as completely as possible." He said the program will entail 168 hours work per week for every machine in war plants. Awards for outstanding industrial accomplishments, and establishment of joint labor management war plant com-mittees to consider suggestions "from all quarters" for increased produc-

The President in a radio address said "We Americans have been compelled to yield ground, but we will regain it—soon. We and not our enemies will have the offensive; we, not they, will win the final battles; and we, not they, will make the final peace. Actually we are taking a heavy toll of the enemy every day that goes by."

Mr. Roosevelt said, "Germany, Italy, and Japan are very close to their maximum output of planes, guns, tanks and ships. The United Nations are not-especially the United States of America." He asked Americans not to stop work "for a single day-until the war is won." not to demand special privileges for any one group, and to give up conveniences cheerfully when necessary. Foreign Relations.

Under Secretary of State Welles announced two agreements signed with Brazil to strengthen hemispheric solidarity and to provide lend lease aid to Brazil. Lend-Lease Administrator Stettinius reported lendlease aid for January reached \$462,-000,000, and actual shipments have now exceeded two billion dollars. Allocations for lend-lease purposes totaled more than \$12 billion as of February 19.

The U. S. and Britain signed a pact unlimited free trade. And provides final terms of the settlement "shall be such as not to buiden commerce between the two countries." Mr. Welles announced the Vichy French Government has given the U. S. assurances it will not aid the Axis beyond terms of the Armistice agree-

Production and Conversion. plants to war production will be "over the hump" by late Fall. Complete conversion of the automobile (Continued on page 2)

Dean Schaub says that scores of Final Report

General Retreat Rotary Club Enjoys

Soviet Official Says Nazis Plan New Defense Line Outside

Kuibyshev, March 4.-Tired Gerian armies have begun a general retreat across the whole central and north fronts and are hurriedly throwing up a fourth defense line, stretching 450 miles from Slovakia to the Baltic, well outside Soviet territory proper, a government offi-cial said tonight.

Political Commissar Y. L. Karob ka said at a public lecture that Red army forces were advancing on all ronts, in some sectors exceeding the German invasion pace of June Kinney was well expressed by vigorand November, and were "compressing the ring ever tighter around 100,-000 Germans trapped at Staraya

Already, Karobka said, the Germans have withdrawn their prized panzer units behind the third line on the north-central front, hinged at Smolensk, 240 miles west of Moscow. The fourth line which he said was being erected from Slovakia to the Baltic would put the German defenses in Poland and the Baltic states of Estonia and Latvia.

Karobka added that the Russians have cracked the German siege lines around Leningrad at two more vital pooints and have encircled several other garrisons in their front-wide advance.

(The German 16th army enclosed at Staraya Russa "cannot escape" and is being "methodically annihilated" said a radio Moscow broadcast heard by United Press in London. Other advices reaching London said that strength of the trapped Germans had been reduced from 90,000 or 100,000 to 60,000.)

Karobka said the Germans had in tended using their third defense line as springboard for a spring offensive probably concentrated in the south, but even though they held advance positions in that area, the new retreat to the north would imperil their organization.

Furthermore, he said the German striking power has been weakened! considerably by the winter-long Rus-

"At the same time," he asserted, "Anglo-American supplies are com- cemetery, where a short grave ser-

ing in steadily."

Reliable information from Germany indicates that a Communist many indicates that a Communist movement there is growing, Karobka said, citing reports that anti-war leaflets had been circulated recent-The War Production Board said ly in Berlin and were "avidly read conversion of peacetime industrial due to the fact that 60 per cent of the homes have lost someone on the eastern front."

(A Radio Moscow communique heard by United Press in London said Red forces on one sector of the Leningrad front destroyed about 50 pillboxes and dugouts, two tanks and 12 vehicles while capturing three heavy guns and 19 light ma-chine guns. The Germans were said

IN THER INVASION OF JAVA

Interesting Program

The Rotary Club enjoyed a Brunswick stew supper served by the Savior Women's Club on Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the Public Library Fund.

Following the supper Rotarians
John H. Moore and Dr. Paul E. Jones

had a fine program awaiting in the person of Miss Margaret McKinney, local Spanish and English teacher.

Miss McKinney chose as her topic.

"Toward A New Word Order." In

bringing out the economic, social, political and spiritual implication this new order, she rendered those present a real service, by reason of her cogent, factual and clearly word-The Club's indebtedness to Miss Mc

ous and sustained applause. Following this section of the program Rotarian Irvin Morgan spoke with eloquence and evident sincerety on the attitude of Paul Harris, found-

er of Rotary, toward peace. Making reference to an incident in the life of Paul Harris in 1905, Mr. Morgan drove home one of Rotary's main purposes; the establishment of world-Even in the midst of war, when all energies are being bent in the prose-

cution of that war, it is well for America and Americans to remember that we are essentially a peace loving nation, and to make preparation for that day when once again we shall return to peace and normalcy.

MRS. EMMA L. HICKS

Raleigh, March 5 .- Mrs. Emma L Hicks of 702 W. Morgan Street, 72, died at Rex Hospital Wednesday sume his former India command, morning after an illness of a few but authoritative Dutch quarters days with pneumonia.

originally was from Pitt County and Java sea naval battle last week a member of one of that County's end, that a counter-offensive at preseading families.

Mrs. Florence M. Stokes, and Mrs. fight to the bitter end." It was esti-Lena C. Cox, all of Raleigh, and one mated that at least 85,000 Japanes brother, Joe K. Cobb, of Farmville, were nitted against only 50,000 Al-

Funeral services were held Thursday at two o'clock at the Martinwhich the body was taken to Pitt County to the John A. Cobb family vice was held at four-thirty o'clock.

Sanctioned By House Ways and Means Committeemen

Washington, March 4.- The staggering income tax increases proposed by the treasury for both individuals and corporations got an unexpectedly favorable reception today from House Ways and Means committeemen, although some thought the boosts might prove too steep.

Those who thought the increases were apt to be too severe expressed the oninion that "a more painless" terday, the War Production Beard

Dutch Admit That Fate of Island Is In Peri **Demolition Now Under**

Bandoeng, Java, March 4. - The Japanese have thrown back the Allied line in some sectors in their first advances of consequences since the beginning of the invasion, the Dutch command acknowledged today, and so imminent was this island's peril that the defenders already had completed most of the job of dem ing all upon it that would be of ve to the enemy.

But, stripped though they of much of the Dutch fleet strength and outnumbered aloft and agre the Allied forces yet fought savagely on-holding the offensive in their unbroken aggressive spirit, tragically unable though they were to hold it in fact.

(The Netherlands government in ondon announced a drastic change in the Indies command by which the Governor General, Gen. A. W. L. Tjarda Van Starkenborgh Strache wer, transfers command of the land fighting forces to Lieut. Gen. Hein Ter Poorten, and Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich takes "a special mission," with Rear Admiral J. J. A. Van Straveren commanding the remain ing naval forces in Indies waters.

Fight To Last. (At the same time, the govern ment called upon every Dutch commander in Java and elsewhere in the archipelago, ever those cut off from help, to "Fight on to the last." (The communique said the comparture of General Sir Archibald P. Wavel, erstwhile United Nations supreme commander in Java, to resaid that the Allied powers had Mrs. Hicks moved to Raleigh from taken "a crippling blow" with the loss of two Dtuch cruisers in the ent was out of the question and Surviving are; four sisters, Mrs. that "it is therefore a bitter strug-Loue H. Cobb, Mrs. J. L. Jackson, gle, but The Netherlands army will lied troops.

(There was no explain Helfrich's "special mission." He had

Bonner Making Effort To Help The -**Tobacco Farmers**

Washington, Feb. 25.—Congress-man Herbert C. Bonner accompanied by Mr. E. Leon Roebuck of the Harris Hardware Co., Washington, N. ris Hardware Co., Washington, N. C., conferred yesterday extensively with the War Production Board in regard to flue shee. for the manufacture of flues to be used in tobacco barns. Sometime ago, Congressmen Bonner, Barden, Folger, and Durham, also Mr. Roebuck, had a conference with the Office of Production Man-

mitteemen, although some thought the boosts might prove toe steep.

Those who thought the increases were apt to be too severe expressed the opinion that "a more painless" method—such as a general sales tax—might be decided on to help raise the \$7,000,000,000 in new general revenue which President Roosevelt has asked.

It was evident that the committee intended to go ahead with plans to write its own tax bill independently, even though its members for

the week it was not certain that the necessary material could be secured under the existing rating, that the entire delegation and other members of Congress from the tobacco districts would visit the War Production Board in an effort to have the rating placed on a higher schedule. The Congressman pointed out that everything must give way to the War Effort if it is passessed. Effort if it is necessary, yet, hopes and believes that some way will be found to take care of this situation.