#### NINE JAPANESE SHIPS SHINK AND 200 PLANES DESTROYED

The U.S. Carrier Princeton, Lost In Big a 10,000 ton light cruiser into an es-Sea Battle; 1,361 Officers and Crew Rescued; Some Over 100
Missing Missing

U. S. Naval Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 25. - Carrier planes of the U.S. Third Fleet sank a large Japanese carrier, damaged two other large carriers, five or six battleships, one cruiser, and several unidentified warships in a threepronged naval batle near the Philip-

Adm. William P. Halsev's force lost the U. S. Princeton, a light carrier, when, already badly crippled, her magazines exploded and she had to be sunk by American ships.

The Princeton's captain and 1,360 of her officers and men were rescued, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported in a 1:30 a. m. communique

The action began Monday after- Union Services On noon (U. S. Time) extended throughout Tuesday and general "action is continuing," Nimitz said.

Enemy Planes Attack.

Nimitz said a strong force of landbased Japanese planes attacked one U. S. task group Monday and succeeded in seriously damaging the Princeton, which is the first American carrier lost since the Liscombe Bay went down in flames off the Marshall Islands in early December,

Approximately 150 of these enemy planes were shot down during the attack, Nimitz said.

Besides the captain, 133 other officers and 1,227 enlisted men were saved. The complement of the light (ieep) carrier is not listed but probably is around 1,500.

The Japanese obviously attempting a surprise three-pronged attack which they hoped would catch Halsey's force concentrating on Japanese battleships and cruisers in the Sibuyan and Sulu seas-sent a third force from Formosa.

Sends Third Force. This group included at least three carriers. However there was no indication in the communique that any Japanese carrier planes were launched against the Third Fleet which possibly achieved surprise instead in its.

It was from this carrier force that He is survived by his mother and emy planes on Oct. 22 and 28 was dis-"at least one large carrier and se- E. Stancil of Wilmington, Ralph of planes were lost, but all pilots except

intending to bombard Gen. Douglas MacArthur's ground forces on Leyte

battleships, ten cruisers and about 13

Repeated attacks by carrier aircraft indicate that every batleshi was damaged by bombs, that at least one was torpedoed and one cruiser was torpedoed.

The Second Force was signed south-

vest of Negros island in the Sulu sea the southwestern Philippines. It sisted of two battleships, one cruiser and four destroyers.

Both battleships were damaged by

nbs and the light units were straf-

whether the Japanese battleships are of the older, slower classes or eir new heavily armed and armored ttlewagons which possibly have yet

mparatively tight spots as these land sead and without carrier proction or a stronger land-based air ree than was indicated by their atck on the Princeton task group.

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companying carriers. The Princeton, of the Indepe class, was rated at 33 knots and was equipped to carry any type of carrier planes dive bomber, torpedo or

Captain Unidentified A fleet spokesman said the of the Princeton's captain was announced because a new skipper been assigned to her and it was not known whether he had taken charge or the retiring captain was still

Destruction of 150 Japanese planes increased the aircraft toll exacted of the Japanese by the Halsey-Mitscher forces since about September 1 to between 2,425 and 2,435.

### Sunday Evening At Presbyterian Church

The regular 5th Sunday evening Union Services will be held October 29th at 7:80 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church Rev. E. C. Chambles easter of the Baptist Church will de

liver the message of the evening.

These services afford an opporunity for Christian Fellowship which is good for the people in any community. Let us support these serrices with our presence.

## Wilson Sailor Killed

Aviation Mechanic Harold L.

Wilson, Oct. 23 .- The fifth man in the area to have been reported killed Intermittent attacks by few enemy in action this month, AMM Harold planes continued. American fighte Loyd Stancil, 1-c of Kenly, Route 2, patrols beat them off. At least five son of Mrs. G. L. Stancil and the late Japanese planes were shot down.

Mr. Stancil, was reported killed in Planes Attack Dumps. action in the Pacific area by the Navy Department today.

Young Stancil was 20 years old and ed close support, attacking had been in the service for three ground installations, supply dumps crippling attack on the Imperial Navy years. He was a first class petty and lines of communication. officer.

verely damaged two others." Ocala, Fla., G. I. Stancil in the Navy one were saved. Nimits said reports of this carrier at Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. J. N. Stanaction south of Formosa yet are incomplete, indicating the Third Fleet frow of Kenly, Route 2; Mrs. J. C. Arthur said, "are neutralizing his complete, indicating the Third Fleet may have inflicted additional severe damage upon the enemy.

The actions began Monday. Carrier search planes discovered two enemy forces heading eastward through the Sibuyan and Sulu seas, ostensibly intending to how the season, stensibly intending to how the season, stensibly intending to how the season, stensibly intending to how the season of Selma, Mrs. J. R. Rentow and Sulu seas, ostensibly intending to how the enemy's installations," Machanism on the enemy's installations," Machanism installations, "Machanism instal my forces heading eastward through mison of Hempstead, N. Y., and Mrs. the Sibuyan and Sulu seas, ostensibly W. H. (Bill) Batts of Wilson.

## one force consisted of three or four Mayor Davis' Proclamation

WHEREAS, The United State Navy is the Vanguard of our victorious offensives against the enemy

constitute the mightiest fleet in the history of the world's navys, and, WHEREAS, the surface, unders

history of the world's navys, and,
WHEREAS, the surface, undersea
and air arms of our fleet now hold
almost complete superiority over
those of the enemy, and,
WHEREAS, the unprecedented success of our Navy in putting allied
ground forces ashore on hostile battlefronts throughout the world has
been magnificient, and,
WHEREAS, by national tradition
the recognition of the people of the
United States owe their Navy is annually emphasized by setting aside
of one day to acclaim that branch of
our armed forces;
THEREFORE, I George W. Davs,
Mayor of the city of Farmville,
hereby proclaim Friday, October
twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and
forty-four as Navy Day, and call
upon you the citizens of Farmville,
to take part in observance of this
fitting tribute through the many
channels open to you and to join in
this saints to the United States Navy,
and its coordinated sea-going might
the Marine Corpe, Coast Guard and
Naval Aviation.

# By Americans

In Philippines Group Liberated By MacArthur's Forces

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarter barriers and advanced to the outside of Tabantabon, eight miles northw ulag, Gen. Douglas MacArthu eadquarters announced Wednesday. The advance on Tabontabon is probably the longest made by MacArthur's men since the invasion started. Ad-vances were general along the entire

Capture of San Pablo airtiche seven miles west of Dulaga also was announced, but a field dispatch from Al Dopking, Associated Press war correspondent, reported its seizure. Dopking disclosed that the Yanks went through dense undergrowth and mud and muck sometimes nearly up to théir necks in making a circuito march of 12 miles to capture the San Pablo field. It was the third air-Tacloban and Dulag.

Head Toward Dagami. After securing the San Pablo field armored units of the 7th Division fanwestern edge of Leyte Valley. Ele- together, ments of the 96th Division advanced to a point nine miles north of Catapushed on to the approaches of Ta- terian Church.

Substantial gains west of Palo and In Pacific War Area Tabloban were made by units of the Local Market Co-10th Corps,

In this sector the Japanese at Stancil Dies in Action, Navy tempted night infiltration tactics but they met with boody failure while small scale counteratt smashed by the Yanks.

Carrier planes from the 7th Flee

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are giving the ground forces contin

#### Farmville War Fund Only \$544.70 Needed To Go Over

The Top Committees in charge of Farm ville's United War Fund report splen-did response and state that \$8,555.30 has been contributed toward th

\$9,100 quota, as of Thursday, noon.
Solicitors will complete their canvas this week. Any who have not been contacted are requested to bring their contribution to War Fund Headquarters in the City Clerk's Office

#### Registration For New Basic 'A' Gasoline Book

The Farmville Rationing Board will hold a registration for the new Basic "A" gazoline book Wednesday and Thuzsday, Nov. 1 and 2, at the agriculture Building for all white restrants between the hours of 9:00 A. M., and 5:00 P. M., and for all colorad managements at the splend subsol

es to assist us in this registre nerefore your help and cooper ill be greatly appreciated. J. H. Moore, Site Administ Farmville Rationing I

#### WEARS SERVICE BAR

Wifteenth AAP in Italy .-- Pfc. Clif.

Fourteen More Towns Dr. Hilley of Wilson and New Policy Is Grim and Dr. Haney of Greenville to Speak

The Farmville Christian Church, of which Rev. C. B, Mashburn, Sr., is pastor, will celebrate the 90th anof the establishing of the

Plans for the day include Sunday School at 10:00 A. M., and Worsh School at 10:00 A. m., and worsing Service at eleven, when Dr. H. S. Hilley of Wilson, President of Atlantic Christian College, will be guest speaker, and Mrs. J. Knott Proctor of Greenville, soloist. Dinner will be served at 12:30, under the oaks if eather is pleasant, in the basement.

At two-thirty, the congregation will reassemble when Dr. H. Glenn Haney, pastor of the 8th St. Christian Church in Greenville, will tell something of the National Convention which he attended in Columbus, Ohio,

As a birthday gift to the Church, the membership is planning extensive repairs to the roof and redecoration field taken on Leyte. The others at of the interior of the auditrolum. Committees to look after the pig barbecue have been appointed and members of the Woman's Council are taking care of other details. All are ned out to the northward toward Da. looking forward to a great day, little factories worked.

American planes through

There will be no services in the evening as the congregation will join mon, enveloped Gatmon Hill and in the Union Services at the Presby-

## operating In Tobacco Bond Drive

American Legion Aux-Warehouse No. 1

War Bond quota has been assigned

certainly make a worthy contribu-tion to VICTORY.

Growers have produced this crop under difficulties and are to be con-gratulated for their achievement. gratulated for their achievement.
"Throughout the season they were handicapped by wartime shorteges of labor and machinery. To make up for this shortage of labor farmers and their families worked harder than

ever before. Tohacco this year is bringing a good price in every section and to-bacco farmers, who have with their golden weed, made the State of North

secure than War Savings Bonds, and the farmer who invests his money in these securities is wisely providing for the future.

The American Legion Auxiliary is sponsoring the local Minute Women of Tobaccoland and Miss Mamie Davis, Auxiliary president, is serving as general chairman. Warehouse chairmen are Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Mrs. Paul E. Jones Mrs. LeRoy Bob-

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Mrs. Paul E. Jones, Mrs. LeRoy Rollins and Mrs. Bennett Fleids.

Minute Women of Tobaccoland as
special U. S. Treasury Representatives will assist in promoting the Tobacco Warehouse Bond Program, by
supervising, promoting and encouraging the Sale of War Bonds among
tobacco growers. They are to be congratulated for their willingness to
participate in this drive and to carry
the sale of War Bonds into the eco-

MINUTE WOMEN

# Attacking Every-

Cold Answer to Hitler's Mobilization of Man-

anes now are attacking anythis Germany to bring the hard facts of war home to the Reich. Targets no longer are just big cities

ready have learned of Allied hitting

production out of the industrially imand Bolenz, an area now immine

at housetop levels and letting go with bombs weighing 250, 500 and 1,000 pounds. One squadron laeder, Maj. Harold

American planes, through concen-trating intensively on railroad bust-

the tracks with all available anti-son Street, Farmville, N. C., main-aircraft guns and are throwing up tains the armament of his Fying this year were four times as high as terrific defenses, Sparks said. He Fortresses, checks and repairs elec-during the 1910-14 period, while added that the enemy was trying trical and manual bombing equip-prices received by farmers were less First, they worked out a steam

First Day at Knott's gine on in front to attract aerial fire.

Warehouse No. 1

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Cars, putting a useless dummy engine on in front to attract aerial fire.

Now, some of the locomotives are Colo. attacking plane and red balling it down the tracks in hope that the pilot will be satisfied with setting aflame a string of bexcars.

#### SERVICE MEN'S · CENTER ·

Visitng Service Men at the Center during the past week end included from Camp Lejeune: Pvt. John J. Spies, Brooklyn, N. Y., who was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Skinner, Thursday to Sunday; PFC Sheldon M. Sacks, Rochester, N. Y., and PFC Daniel B. Ricktor, Baltimore, Md. Greenville Air Base: Cpl. David E. Harstrom, Dallas, Texas; Cpl. Rich-ard P. Hemsoth, Toledo, Ohio, and PFC Charles T. Wilmer, Kingfisher, Okla., who were guests of Mr. and

golden weed, made the State of North Carolina known around the world, will want to invest some of their tobacco money in War Bonds and thus help insure an early victory. Money put into war bonds now can be used later for the purchase of equipment which will then be svaliable.

It is an accepted fact that no investment, currently available is more secure than War Savings Bonds, and the farmer who invests his mores in the farmer who invests his mores in the farmer who invests his more with the farmer who invests and thus help insure an early victory. Money put into war bonds now can be used later for the purchase of equipment which will then be svaliable.

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Greenville, Thursday

iss Margaret Lewis and Mrs J. B. Joyner of Farmville Took Part on the Program

The first of a series of four co t the courthouse in Greenville, Thursday night, at 7:45 o'clock. Miss Mararet Lewis, President of the Pitt County Teachers Association, presided. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. J. B. Joyner.

#### It is there that squadrons of the Sgt. Carl Beaman American Thunderbolts are strafing Is Member of Group

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Sta- resu Federation: Sparks of Frankfort, Ky., said the ton, England.—Behind the flying "The coming years will be fraught whole belt west of the Rhine was personnel who take Eighth Air smoking like a boomtown" as the little factories worked.

American planes, through concentrations of the results of the Rhine was personnel who take Eighth Air Force P-17 Flying Fortresses over adjustments will have to be made enemy territory to bomb German and they must be made in such a way military and industrial targets, suping to Seal off the battlefront, have been given permission to divert their spare energies to sverything they find along the way "that lives or moves."

The Germans learned a lesson in the battle of France.

Where pilots once were able to toy with freight trains "like a cat with a mouse," the Germans now have lined the tracks with all available antiport Allied ground forces, and shoot get short end of the down enemy aircraft are the main-means that rural Americ

ment, repairs and harmonizes gun than double. sights, loads and fuses bombs, and Pointing of American Legion Auxiliary Sponsoring Minute Women In Tobaccoland Plan; \$3,500.00
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In they worked out a steam and make it appears that they were damaged badly. Then they worked out a comoutlage which made the locomotives look like freight care, putting a useless dummy en-

of the group cited by the President intangible debt of \$10,000 to carr for its historic bombing of the Muhlembau aircraft assembly plant at Brunswick, Germany. This group also participated in the Third Bom-bardment Division England-Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt sircraft plants at Regensburg, Germany, in August 1948 for which the entire division was awarded the President lestial Citation.

# larkets Report .

Kentucky, guest of Mr. and Mrs. A.
J. Greene, Saturday night and Sunday

Kinston Air Field: S/Sgt. Robert
R. Ried, Buffaloe, N. Y.; Cpl. James
E. Newland, Gate City, Va.; Pvt. C.
Becraft, Syraeuse, N. Y., and Sgt.
G. Joamiles.

Farmylle: Cpl. Robert Les Mclton, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. son of Mr. and Mrs. George
L. Melton. Cpl. Melton has recently returned from overseus.

A letter from Joseph P. Reddington who has been a regular visitor here since July 9th writes he is being transferred from Camp Lejeune and appreciates all that has been done for him and for all other Marines who have visited here. He may its like lesving home to leave Farmylla.

Boiled ham, tomatoes, lettures these potato sticks, sweet pickied peaches and pears, milk coffee and thit cake were served to the guesta Miss Rose Abernethy and Mrs. Paul Jones were hostesses.

The Farmylle Homs Demonstration said, while Old Belt North Cascina and Visignia markets reported fuctuations in prices were served to the Mriegnia market events for the guesta function and Visignia market events which held the general average at last friday's level.

The day's greatest increases were reported fuctuations in prices were now are beginning to market growers now are beginning num will be in charge. Which aboved increases of from

Its Members To Heli Get Out A Large Vote: Action Necessary

town America in deciding who its

"The stability of America," he said, "has always been in the gr title towns up front find see in the big cities alearned of Allied hitting visor of elementary schools, discussed, "The Elementary Program," Katherine McClees, principal of Stokes High School spoke on "The High School Program,"
About 200 teachers attended.

The National Education Association and Rebs Proctor, county supervisor of elementary schools, discussed, "The Elementary Program," and their own homes and their own land, the people who must pay taxes and who from long experience in running their own businesses are accustomed to making their own decisions. They should study the records of all the candidates and then make their pushes known at the polls." their wishes known at the polls."

The tremendous task that is she will call for the best leaders! America can offer, he said, quoti Receiving Citation this statement by Edward A. O'Nea president of the American Farm Bu

Pointing out that every America mately \$2,000. This means that

MARIAN ANNE WEEKS WINS BABY CONTEST; MICHAEL HATEM IN SECOND PLACE

Little Miss Marian Anne We daughter of Captain and Mrs. T. W. Weeks, was winner in the haby Popu-larity Contest with Master Michael Hatem, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S Hatem, running a close second.
The contest closed on Thus
ewming of last week, and in a sp program on Priday afternos in kins Hall, Little Miss Weeks Eastern and Middle Belt Remains Steady

Eastern and Middle Belt flue-cured tobacco markets reported a continued unward increase in average prices yesteviay, the War Pood Administration said, while Old Belt North Carolina and Virgnia mar-

Farmers Advised To

Order Fertilizer Now