

TWO MORE JAP SHIPS ARE BOMBED

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF
From the State and Nation

Raid Practice Here Is Success

Practice Alarm For Today Has Been Postponed

With the exception of a balky alarm whistle which refused to cooperate and threw the brunt of the task on the Chatham Manufacturing Company whistle, the practice air raid alarm staged here Monday afternoon was considered almost one hundred per cent successful. J. W. L. Benson, in charge of civilian defense activity here, said Tuesday night at a meeting of defense officials.

At the same time Mr. Benson expressed his thanks to the citizens of Elkin, Jonesville and this section for their wholehearted cooperation in the test, and to the

Test Called Off

The second air raid alarm practice, originally announced for this evening (Thursday), has been postponed until a later date, it was announced Tuesday night by Civilian Defense Director J. W. L. Benson. Mr. Benson stated that until an adequate alarm system can be installed, it was thought best to forego further test alarms.

numerous citizens who acted as air raid wardens, auxiliary firemen and police. He expressed complete satisfaction over the manner in which the test was made.

According to announced plans, the first alarm was to come at 5:30 p.m. Monday afternoon, the signal to be sounded by the Chatham whistle and the Elkin fire siren. Later, plans were changed to use the Elkin Furniture Company's steam siren, which was placed on the White Swan laundry, instead of the fire siren. However, when the hour approached for the test, the steam siren failed to function.

Although the Chatham whistle could not be heard over a wide area, the sudden appearance over town of four airplanes, piloted by Ed Church, Kenneth Greene, Carl Myers and Willard Layell, in a simulated attack, spread the news and the alarm was on.

Air raid wardens, auxiliary firemen and policemen quickly cleared the streets of all pedestrians, ordered cars to the curb, and otherwise carried out duties that would be required in event of a real raid. With but few ex-

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LARGE AMOUNT METAL SECURED

More Than Four and One-Half Tons Collected in Drive Here

PROCEEDS FOR DEFENSE

More than four and one-half tons of scrap metal was collected up to the week-end by students of the elementary school here. This metal will be sold to Brown Machine Co., and A. O. Bryan's foundry, who are working on defense orders, and the proceeds of the sale will be turned over to the local National Defense organization of which Milton Cooper is treasurer.

The high school report is not complete since the students did not bring their metal last week due to the fact that mid-term examinations were under way, however with the amount which is anticipated from the sale of the additional metal which has been brought in by students of the elementary school and the high school donation, the money turned over to the local defense organization is expected to be a considerable amount.

It has not been learned what the other schools of the county will do with the money realized from the sale of scrap metals.

ALL IS READY FOR BIRTHDAY BALL FOR FDR

Event to Be Staged Here Tonight

AT GYM AND HOTEL

Good Orchestras Are Booked for Both Round and Square Dance

EXPECT LARGE CROWD

With all plans completed and everything in readiness, record crowds are expected to attend the Birthday Ball for the President here tonight (Thursday).

Two excellent orchestras have been booked for the dance, which will feature both round and square dancing, and a gala time is in prospect for everyone. Mrs. J. A. Booher, chairman, has announced.

The round dance will be staged at the Elkin gymnasium from 9:30 p. m. until 1:30 a. m., and will feature the music of Wiley Kyser and his orchestra, of Winston-Salem. The square dance, which will get under way at 8:30 p. m., will feature a good string band. The square dancing will continue until the dancers have had enough.

General admission tickets, good for both the round and square dances, are now on sale for \$1.50 each and may be obtained from Franklin Folger at The Bank of Elkin, or may be purchased at the door. Tickets good for admission to the square dance only are on sale for \$1.00 each, and may be

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PENNY-A-PLANE PLANS PUSHED

Sponsored by Jaycees, Membership in Club Open to Everyone

TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS

Plans for the "Penny-a-Plane" club sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce have proceeded rapidly during the past week. Full particulars of the workings of the club will be announced at the next regular meeting of the Jaycees.

Membership in the club will be open to anyone desiring to aid in this way in National Defense by setting aside a penny for each enemy plane shot down by allied forces in the war. The pennies will be used for the purchase of Defense Stamps. Those desiring membership are requested to contact Jaycees for full particulars. Edwin Royall will have a stamp book at Turner Drug company for the benefit of uptown members and the members at Chatham Manufacturing company will use a stamp book which is in charge of Hugh Salmons.

Defense Bonds And Stamp Sales Here Are High

A total of \$19,405.90 in Defense Bonds and Stamps have been sold by the Elkin postoffice thus far during the month of January. F. W. Graham, Elkin postmaster, announced Wednesday afternoon.

These sales are considered extraordinarily good for such a brief period of time, and indications are that the sale of bonds and stamps will continue brisk.

Bonds sold during the period amounted to \$17,737.50, and Defense Stamp sales totaled \$1,668.40. Stamps and bonds in all denominations are now available, Mr. Graham said.

WAR EFFORT Lengthening aircraft production lines give the plane industry's answer to President Roosevelt's call for a continuously increasing war effort. Above photo shows a section of the "Lightning" P-38 assembly line at the Lockheed Aircraft corporation plant in Burbank, Calif.



Dollar Days Are To Be Staged Next Week-End

Elkin Merchants to Cooperate In Event Friday and Saturday

Elkin merchants are cooperating to present annual Dollar Days values here Friday and Saturday of next week, an event that has been planned for months.

The Tribune, cooperating with the merchants, will appear one day earlier next week, so that Dollar Days advertisements of the various stores may reach subscribers one day earlier. Instead of going to press on Wednesday afternoon, The Tribune will go to press on Tuesday, and will contain important messages of real bargain news.

A majority of Elkin stores are cooperating in the event, and all are planning to offer unusual values, even in the face of rising prices in all kinds of merchandise.

Joining with Elkin's merchants, The Tribune extends a cordial invitation to everyone to visit Elkin Friday and Saturday, February 6-7, and share in the Dollar Days values to be found at the various stores participating. A large advertisement elsewhere in this issue lists the majority of stores which will take part in the event.

Elkin Deputy Sheriff Is Injured In Attack

C. S. Foster, local deputy sheriff, received cuts about the face and head here Sunday night when he attempted to arrest four negroes on North Bridge street, near the colored Methodist church.

A woman, Else Thompson, was said to have done the cutting while her two men companions, Alvin and Alfred Thompson, and

a third woman, Mattie Smoot, forcibly held the officer.

As a result of the cutting, the four negroes are now in jail at Dobson in default of bond. They waived a preliminary hearing and will be tried at the February term of criminal court, which convenes February 9.

According to officers, Harry Jackson went after Mr. Foster after a car containing the four negroes refused to let him pass on the highway north of Elkin. It was said that Mr. Foster got in Jackson's car and they overtook the negroes near Roberts Service Station in North Elkin, but Alfred Thompson, who was driving, refused to halt.

Giving chase, the officer again caught up with and stopped the negro car at the intersection of

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USE TAX STAMP SALE ENDS 31ST

Should Be Bought and Attached to Car Not Later Than That Date

SALES HERE ARE HEAVY

Sale of Federal Use Tax stamps to be attached to the windshields of automobiles will close her Saturday, F. W. Graham, local postmaster, stated Wednesday, and any automobile owner who has failed to buy this necessary stamp after that date will have to go to Greensboro in order to purchase it.

The stamps are now on sale for \$2.09, which will be good until June 30. After that date a new stamp, to cost \$5.00, must be purchased, but this stamp will remain effective until June 30, 1943.

Although Elkin has only approximately 400 cars, stamps sold here thus far have totalled around 1,000. The stamps are required to be bought and displayed not later than January 30.

Enemy Losses Upped To Total Of 15 As Naval Battle Rages

Please Submit Copy Early for Issue Next Week

Due to the fact that The Tribune will appear one day earlier next week so that Dollar Days messages of Elkin merchants may gain earlier circulation, country correspondents are requested to get their news in at least one day earlier than usual.

Merchants planning advertisements in next week's issue are also asked to cooperate by releasing copy as early as possible. Such cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

LULL IN BATTLE OF PHILIPPINES IS LAST REPORT

MacArthur's Forces on Batan Enjoy Respite

RAIL CENTER IS TAKEN

German Lose Important Town and Quantities of Material

SAILORS ARE RESCUED

Washington, Jan. 28.—U. S. flying fortresses, the War Department reported today, have blasted two more Japanese ships, one a cruiser. This raised the tally of losses inflicted by American forces in the battle of Macassar Straits to 14 or 15 Japanese ships sunk, damaged or probably lost.

One American flying fortress was lost in the Macassar action, the War Department reported.

Gen Douglas MacArthur's forces on Batan peninsula, the communication said, continued to enjoy a lull in their battle against the Japanese. The enemy landed "relatively small" additional forces in the Subis Bay area. But land attacks virtually had ceased, presumably pending Japanese concentrations in preparation for another assault.

The War Department reported that a squadron of eight heavy American bombers sank a large Japanese transport at the Dutch Borneo II Port of Balikpapan on Macassar Strait and scored a direct hit on a Japanese cruiser outside the harbor.

This brought the total of Japanese ships blasted in the Macassar battle by U. S. planes, submarines and warships to 14 as reported in American communiques. However, Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, United Nations' commander in Java, put the total score for the American forces at 15, adding to those listed here another Japanese transport damaged by U. S. planes.

Wavell said that Dutch forces have blasted 16 ships, bringing total Japanese losses in the big action to 31 transports and warships sunk or damaged.

On the Russian front, Russian

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MRS. ALDRIDGE PASSES FRIDAY

Well-Known Elkin Woman Had Been in Ill Health for Past Two Years

BITES HELD SATURDAY

Mrs. Myrtle Smith Aldridge, 48, widow of Leslie E. Aldridge, passed away at her home on Market street about 4:30 Friday morning following an illness of two years with lymphatic leukemia. She had been critically ill for three weeks prior to her passing. Mrs. Aldridge, with her mother, Mrs. Janie Smith, was engaged in the hotel business here, operating the Home Hotel.

She had been a resident of Elkin for 26 years and during her residence here had endeared herself to the people of the town by her sweetness of character and disposition. She was a devout member of the Elkin Methodist church. She was also a member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the George Gray Post of the Ameri-

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DORTCH HEADS ALUMNI GROUP

Annual Banquet of U. N. C. Association Held Here Tuesday

SAUNDERS IS SPEAKER

Gavin H. Dortch, of this city, was elected president of the Surry county chapter of the North Carolina Alumni Association at the annual banquet of the group held at Hotel Elkin Tuesday evening. Dr. J. R. Lovill, of Mount Airy, W. M. Matthews, of Pilot Mountain, and county superintendent of schools John Comer, of Dobson, were named as vice-presidents, and Tommy Fawcette, of Mount Airy, as secretary and treasurer.

The meeting, which was attended by approximately 75 Carolina alumni from Surry county, featured talks by J. Maryon Saunders and Coach Ray Wolfe, of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Mrs. J. H. Beeson, soloist, gave two selections. Following the dinner and the business session the group was entertained with a moving picture of the 1941 Carolina-Duke football game.

BULLETIN

Two submarines, presumed to be German, were sighted Wednesday in the Gulf of Mexico, off the Texas coast. A strip of coast, 100 miles in length, was ordered blacked out Wednesday night.

A. L. HOLCOMB BURIED FRIDAY

Arlington Man Passes Away at His Home Wednesday of Last Week

HEART AILMENT FATAL

Funeral services for Arthur L. Holcomb, 62, were held at Swaim's Baptist church Friday afternoon, with Rev. Cleat Simmons and Rev. Grady Burgess in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mr. Holcomb died at his home in Arlington Wednesday after a two-day illness of the heart.

Mr. Holcomb was a member of Swaim's church. He was born in Yadkin county, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cratie Holcomb, and had spent his life in the county. Survivors include nine children: Albert and Robert Holcomb, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Albert Hutchens and Ray Holcomb, Yadkinville; Mrs. Raleigh Snipes, Lee, Graham, Mary and Pauline Holcomb, Jonesville; five brothers, John, of Winston-Salem; Wesley, Hamptonville; Thomas, Thomasville; Clinton and Verge Holcomb, Jonesville; three sisters, Mrs. D. B. Holcomb, Booneville; Mrs. Charles Cranfill, Hamptonville; and Mrs. Columbus Swaim, Yadkinville.