

BATAAN DEFENDERS ARE PUSHED BACK

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, April 7. — The manufacture of most consumers' durable goods will be halted for the duration of the war by May 31, Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board reported today in announcing two imminent new orders — a civilian construction stop-order and a ban on the use of steel in hundreds of civilian articles. These two actions, added to the swift succession of production curtailments and stoppages which will be almost complete by May 31, are of equal importance to "the winning of a major battle," Nelson told a press conference. The building order will suspend non-defense construction and stop the use in building materials of war-essential metals, Nelson said. The steel order will not only prohibit the use of iron and steel in a multitude of common items, but also will ban the use of other metals and scarce plastics as substitutes.

WASHINGTON, April 7. — A daring American submarine, striking directly at Japanese shipping in the hazardous waters of the China sea, has sunk two merchant vessels totaling 15,000 tons, the navy announced tonight. It was the third navy communique in four days dealing with the success of the far-ranging American undersea raiders against the extended Japanese supply lines. The three announcements listed 12 Japanese vessels, including two light cruisers, as sunk or damaged. Altogether, American submarines have destroyed or damaged 53 Japanese ships in the Pacific theater.

INTERNATIONAL

NEW DELHI, India, April 7. — A continuing Japanese push northward up the broad, sea-level valley of the Irrawaddy river in Burma was reported today by the British, who announced the defending forces had fallen back more than 40 miles north from Promé after destroying oil and cement installations at Thayetmyo and Alannyo. The Japanese columns last were reported at Kama, on the west bank of the Irrawaddy 15 miles above Promé, and at Nyaungbingzeik on the east bank, a British communique said. Other Japanese elements are moving northeast up the Sinjok valley, farther east on the path to Mandalay, still more than 200 miles distant.

NEW DELHI, April 7. — Despite a British offer to appoint an Indian defense minister, the congress party tonight was understood to have rejected Britain's amended plan to give India self-government after the war. But the door was kept open for further negotiations as the impression gained headway that efforts being exerted by President Roosevelt's envoy in New Delhi, Col. Louis Johnson, may yet result in a compromise acceptable to all sides. At the same time, the congress party's most potent leader, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru called on India's millions tonight to organize themselves for resistance to the Japanese aggressor who has brought the war to their shores.

KUIBYSHEV, U. S. S. R., April 7. — Soviet airmen and ground batteries destroyed 79 German planes yesterday to boost their nine-day total to 494 Nazi craft against 103 Russian losses for this period, the Russians announced officially tonight. The latest figures given in tonight's Moscow communique indicated a slackening in the furious pace of the aerial warfare which reached a peak over the week-end.

PAYS CALL President Manuel L. Quezon of the Philippines has arrived in Australia with his war cabinet, after breaking through the blockade as General MacArthur did. His family accompanied him. Photo shows Quezon (right) talking to MacArthur.



POLICE RECOVER 2 STOLEN CARS

Nab Driver of One Machine And Turn Him Over to Galax Police

OTHER CASES HEARD

Local police, in reporting the recovery here Monday and Tuesday of two stolen automobiles, also stated that drunkenness locally had shown a big increase during the past two weeks, a large number of men having been arrested on that charge.

In recovering the two cars, police also nabbed one of the drivers, Chief of Police Corbett Wall said. The automobile taken here Monday was driven by Herman G. (Bully) Brown, a negro of Galax, Va., who was arrested after he had had two minor accidents Monday night. It was learned after his arrest that the car he was driving had been stolen from Galax. He was turned over to the State Highway Patrol and the Chief of Police of Galax.

The second car was found abandoned on North Bridge street Tuesday. Bearing a South Carolina license plate, an investigation disclosed that it had been taken from the Shell Oil Company at Columbia, S. C. Ray Jenkins, charged with drunkenness and fined \$2.50 and the costs, was later turned over to Wilkes officers on another charge. He is alleged to have severely damaged a local cab while riding as a passenger. Other cases tried before Justice of the Peace J. L. Hall, are as follows: Jesse Mitchell, drunkenness, 30 days suspended upon payment of \$10.00 and the costs. Bruce Blackburn, negro, carrying a concealed weapon, bound over to superior court. Bert Phillips, operating a car while intoxicated, bound over to superior court. Raymond Miller, drunkenness, costs; Marvin Hart, drunkenness, 30 days; D. H. Morrison, drunkenness, costs; LeRoy Dowell, drunkenness, \$5.00 and costs; Rommie Marsh, drunkenness, 30 days, suspended upon payment of the costs.

Jonesville Citizens To Hold Mass Meet

A mass meeting of citizens of the Town of Jonesville will be held at the Jonesville City Hall Monday evening, April 13, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of nominating a mayor and board of commissioners to be voted on in the town election to be held the first Monday in May, it has been announced by J. C. Gilliam, registrar.

All citizens are urged to attend this important meeting.

Service At Little Richmond Sunday

A Pentecostal Holiness service will be held at Little Richmond school Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. F. W. Anderson, pastor of the Jonesville church.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Schools To Go Back To Normal Hours Monday

Effective Monday, April 13, the city schools will revert to their normal schedule. Classes will begin at 8:30 a. m. and close at 3:15 p. m.

A new schedule was adopted when war time went into effect due to the fact that rural students were unable to reach bus lines before sunrise, but now that the days are longer the temporary schedule will be abandoned.

CIVIL SESSION STARTS APR. 27

One Week Term of Superior Court to Convene Before Judge Bobbitt

JURORS ARE SELECTED

A special session of civil court will be held at Dobson for one week, beginning April 27, before Judge W. H. Bobbitt, of Charlotte. Jurors, to serve during the term, were drawn by the Surry board of commissioners at their last meeting. Their names follow:

G. D. Harmon, C. S. Marsh, M. W. Monday, Willie Adams, Harvey Holt, T. W. Dockery, Will H. Norman, R. G. Hamby, J. D. Hudson, J. D. Gwyn, Sid Hamlin, Roy Dezern, Louis Mitchell, H. A. Hair, L. E. Moore, J. A. Lawrence, J. W. Chappell, Willie G. Wall, L. P. Sloan, J. W. Hilton, W. H. Marion, W. M. Chilton, Albert Hiatt and A. W. Cockerham.

Freeland Parsons Is Shot In Leg

Freeland Parsons, 60, of Thurmond, was shot in the right leg Saturday during a quarrel with his son-in-law, Stewart Nichols, according to reports received here.

Parsons, who is a well known contractor, was brought to Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital here for treatment, where he is recovering nicely. The bullet entered his leg between the knee and hip. It is reported that Parsons and Nichols quarrelled over an automobile at Richmond's store at Thurmond. Nichols is said to have gone home and secured a shot gun and on his return to the store to have shot his father-in-law. The two men live together, it is understood.

Five New Traffic Lights Installed

Stop and go traffic lights are being installed at five dangerous intersections here, and are expected to be put in action during the next few days. Lights are located at the intersections of N. Bridge and Spring, Church and Spring, Spring and Gwyn Avenue, N. Spring and Church street, and Gwyn avenue and N. Bridge. Controls for the five lights will be located at the corner of N. Bridge and Spring streets.

FIRE AND GAS DEFENSE COURSE IS TO BE GIVEN

Required for All Members of Local Corps

SOME TO TAKE 10 HOURS

Schedule of Classes Announced for Men of Various Groups

COOPERATION IS ASKED

A schedule of classes for civil defense volunteers has been announced for the immediate future.

All members of the local defense organization are required to take a course in fire defense, and the classes beginning next week will deal with this department of the defense course. The first aid courses, which have been underway for the past two months, were described as generally satisfactory, although a few more have yet to complete this instruction. Classes in first aid are now under way here and those now engaged in this work will be given fire drill instruction at a later date.

It has been pointed out that the civilian defense organization was planned and set up for the protection of the people, and everyone should take part in some phase of it. Most phases of the program can be used in event of any disaster.

Fire defense classes have been scheduled as follows, others having gotten under way last Monday:

Fire defense, 10 hours, for rescue squad and auxiliary firemen, City hall on April 10, 13 and 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Fire defense, 3 hours, for air raid wardens, auxiliary police and public utilities division, City hall Monday, April 13, from 7:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.

Fire defense, 3 hours, for fire watchers and first aid post workers: City hall, April 15 from 7:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.

Fire defense, 3 hours, for messengers, demolition squad, road repair crew and water and sewer crew: City hall, Friday, April 17, from 7:30 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.

Gas defense, 5 hours, for air raid wardens, auxiliary police, and decontamination squad: Monday, April 20, and Thursday, April 23, at City hall from 7:30 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.

Gas defense, 5 hours, for rescue squad and auxiliary firemen, Wednesday, April 22, and Friday, April 24, at High School, 7:30 p. m. to 10 p. m.

John Folger Will Be Speaker At Oil Meet

Oil men from Surry county will meet with representatives of the petroleum industry from nine other nearby counties at the luncheon meeting of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee in Winston-Salem, Friday, April 10, at 12:30 p. m.

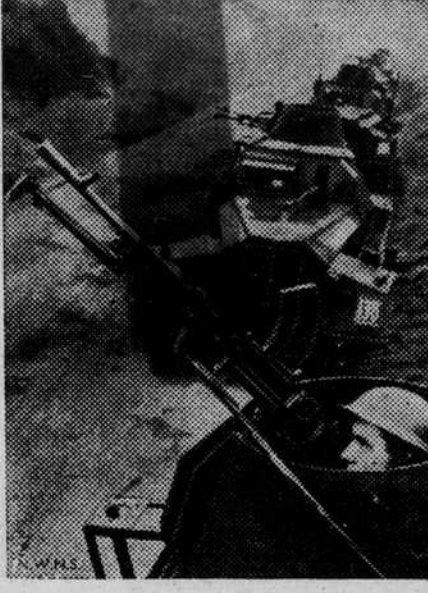
Representative John H. Folger, of the fifth congressional district, has tentatively accepted an invitation to be present and deliver the principal address. The meeting, which will be held at the Robert E. Lee hotel, includes the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Hutchens

Funeral services were held Friday morning for Mrs. Millie Matilda Hutchens, 79, at Pleasant Hill Baptist church. Rev. David and Rich Day conducted the services and burial was in the church graveyard. She was the wife of Sandy Berry Hutchens, of near Booneville, and had been ill four weeks.

Surviving are the husband; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Ellen Brooks, of Elkin; two step-sons, Herman Hutchins, of Booneville, and Cleve Hutchins, of Yadkinville; and three step-daughters, Mrs. Jim Brown, Mrs. Jesse Boverender, and Miss Ila Hutchins, all of Booneville.

Ready for Jerry



Armored cars, equipped with anti-aircraft machine guns halt at side of road somewhere in England during maneuvers that keep the garrison army on its toes. These cars are used for advanced reconnaissance work. They are not as maneuverable as the U. S. jeep car.

FIRE DESTROYS COKE'S PLACE

Blaze Breaks Out About 1:30 Tuesday Morning; Building Guttured

CONTENTS TOTAL LOSS

Coke's Place, located in Jonesville and at one time known as Dock's Tavern, was completely gutted by fire shortly before 2 a. m. Tuesday morning.

Operated by Coke Marion, of this city, the combination filling station and cafe was well ablaze when firemen reached the scene, and although the flames were extinguished before the frame structure had burned enough to fall in, the interior, and all stock and fixtures, were badly charred.

About 4 a. m. the blaze caught up again and firemen again had to go to the scene.

It is not known how the fire originated. Several weeks ago the place suffered a small blaze said to have started from a neon sign, but this fire was quickly extinguished.

The loss was partly covered by insurance, it is understood.

JUDGE FINLEY DIES FRIDAY

Prominent N. Wilkesboro Citizen Passes After Operation

FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Judge Thomas B. Finley, 79, well known Wilkes county citizen and resident of North Wilkesboro, passed away at the Wilkes hospital Friday afternoon following a major operation. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian church.

Judge Finley served as superior court judge from 1918 to 1934. Following his retirement he served as an emergency judge until his death. Prior to his election as judge he was engaged in the practice of law. He was prominently identified with the business, civic and religious life of the northwest section of North Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Caroline Elizabeth Cowles, one son, T. A. Finley, and three daughters, Mrs. C. D. Coffey, Jr., Mrs. L. M. Nelson, and Miss Elizabeth Finley, all of North Wilkesboro.

Revival To Begin At N. Oak Ridge Church

A revival meeting will begin at North Oak Ridge Baptist church Sunday, April 12. Services will be held each evening at 8:30, e. w. t.

The pastor, Rev. Clete Simons, will be assisted in the services by Rev. Ralph Phillips of Winston-Salem. All people of the community are invited to attend the services.

U. S. Forces Retire During Night To Line Previously Prepared

Better Not Put Homemade Cuffs On Those Pants

Following the rush here prior to March 30 on the part of men who just couldn't think of wearing trousers without cuffs, information has come from Washington that it will be perfectly all right for men to buy trousers with unfinished bottoms and cuff them at home — provided they don't mind making themselves liable to a fine of \$10,000 and a year in jail.

The war production board's apparel section has warned that persons who have unfinished trousers delivered to their homes with the intention of adding cuffs could be made subject to such a penalty.

MOVE DESIGNED TO STRAIGHTEN DEFENSE LINES

Japs Had Penetrated Positions At Several Points

DETAILS NOT RELEASED

Allied Planes Report New Successes on Japanese From Australia

KOEPANG IS ATTACKED

Washington, April 8.—The War Department announced today a general withdrawal of our forces on Bataan peninsula to previously prepared defenses.

The withdrawal was carried out last night. It was designed to straighten our lines, which had been penetrated by the Japanese.

War Department spokesmen said that they did not yet know the locations of the new defensive positions, but they expected to "get something later in the day."

Lieut. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright has as yet not furnished general details on the withdrawal but spokesmen said that there was every indication that it was carried out in an orderly fashion.

No major break-through was made by the Japanese, who have been hampering our forces relentlessly from the air, land and sea.

A spokesman said there was no doubt that the withdrawal was a general operation, although he was not able to say whether it was "one, two or five miles."

The previous lines, which War Department said had been penetrated on three consecutive days, had stretched from Abucay, the right wing on Manila Bay, to the vicinity of Moron, the left side on the China Sea.

It appeared that Wainwright was attempting to straighten out wedges driven in the line to prevent the Japanese from spreading through and encircling pockets of our troops who might have been trapped in advanced positions.

From General MacArthur's headquarters in Australia came the news Wednesday that United States and Australian air forces reported new successes in their unrelenting offensive as United Nations supreme leaders met in the first of a series of major war conferences.

Allied planes fought through three separate screens of crack Japanese fighters to attack Koepang, the Japanese invasion base in Dutch Timor, 330 miles northwest of Australia, Tuesday, a communique announced. Only one allied fighter plane was lost and a plane previously reported missing was found and returned to duty.

Cupid Has Busy Week In Surry

The following couples have secured marriage licenses from the office of register of deeds at Dobson during the past week:

John Hawks to Cleo Smith, both of Low Gap; Robert E. Ashby, Jr., to Frances E. Cockerham, both of Mount Airy; George E. Olsen, of W. Lafayette, Ind., to Mary H. Spain, of Mount Airy; John M. Johnson to Nannie Branock, both of Low Gap; Culbert Clinton Smith to Sadie Virginia Jones, both of Mount Airy; Porter Atkins, Ararat, to Mamie Potts, Mount Airy; Leonard Robertson to Virginia Puckett, both of Mount Airy; Lincoln Hanks to Dorothy Virginia Key, both of Traphill; Fred Poindexter to Fern Snow, both of Dobson; Charlie Hull, Mount Airy, to Opal Jarrell, Low Gap; John Collins, Mount Airy to Mildred Ferguson, Westfield.