

FURIOUS BATTLE OF TANKS IS RAGING

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, May 19.—At his press conference today President Roosevelt expressed the belief that the nation's gasoline shortage should be treated as a national problem instead of a sectional matter, which is in harmony with the position taken by Governor Broughton some weeks ago. At the office of defense transportation it was disclosed that officials there had been directed to draw up plans for nation-wide gasoline rationing as a rubber conservation measure.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Brig. Gen. James H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, famed speed flier who led 79 intrepid American volunteers in a "highly destructive raid on the Japanese mainland" April 18, revealed tonight that not a single American plane was shot down in the audacious attack. Numerous details on the spectacular raid were revealed for the first time after Doolittle and his comrades-in-glory were decorated for the historic achievement that represented a substantial return payment for Pearl Harbor.

INTERNATIONAL

OTTAWA, May 19.—Men of 14 United Nations heard a victory message today from President Roosevelt at the opening of the allied air training conference here, but the chief executive told them the road would be hard. "The people of the United Nations can look forward confidently along the hard road of victory," the President said. "The hopes of free men and women everywhere, the hopes of those who are awaiting liberation in the countries the savage invaders have darkened and despoiled, are with the United Nations."

LONDON, May 19.—Dominions Secretary Clement R. Attlee promised a sharply inquisitive house of commons today that allied offensive action would be taken against Germany "in due course," but insurgent members angrily called this a "school boy essay" and demanded that Prime Minister Churchill appear to face their criticisms of war policy. Members of Churchill's own conservative party joined in the attack.

CHUNGKING, May 19.—Suddenly announcing to the world that the "future is very grave" and that help is urgently needed, a Chinese government spokesman declared today that many signs point to an early all-out attempt by Japan to knock China out of the war. This indication of Chinese alarm was given as the military spot-light alternated swiftly from China's backdoor in Burma and Yunnan province to her eastern seaboard, where the Japanese were developing a new offensive in Shekiang province despite bitter Chinese resistance.

VICHY France, May 20.—British planes dropped American-printed leaflets over occupied France during the night containing a promise by President Roosevelt that all occupied French possessions would be restored after the war. Wave after wave, to an obligate anti-aircraft fire, the Royal Air Force planes dived over the Vichy area showering their leaflets on town and country-side. All the leaflets bore the statement that they were printed by the United States Government and distributed by British air force.

BIG SHORTAGE OF FARM LABOR NOTED IN SURRY

Persons 12 or Older Are Asked to Register

IF AVAILABLE FOR WORK

Registration Here At City Hall Saturday From 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

OTHER PLACES LISTED

Due to an acute shortage of farm labor already existing in Surry county and the anticipation of a more severe shortage, all persons from 12 years old up who will be available for work on farms this summer are asked to register Saturday, May 23, from 10 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

All persons who are seeking persons to help on the farm are also asked to make application for these laborers at the same time. Persons with combines are also asked to register them so that the number and capacity of these machines may be recorded and also so that it may be determined whether these machines will be available for custom work.

It is possible, it was said, that a large amount of the anticipated labor shortage will have to be supplied from towns and villages in the county. Farmers are anxious to secure help from these sources. Most of the labor requirements can be filled if all available boys and girls in Elkin, Pilot Mountain, Mount Airy and smaller communities will register and accept employment on farms. All can do their part in helping win the war this summer by working on somebody's farm and help produce the agricultural products so necessary to win the war, it was pointed out.

The various registration places are as follows: Elkin city hall, Mountain Park school, Pilot Mountain high school, Copeland high school, Westfield high school, Franklin high school, Flat Rock high school, Bannertown school, employment office, Mt. Airy, and courthouse at Dobson.

SELECTEES ARE HONORED HERE

Group Which Departed Monday Entertained At Supper Friday Evening

EACH PRESENTED GIFT

Selective service men from draft area 2 who left Monday for induction into the army at Fort Bragg, were entertained last Friday evening at a picnic supper at Neaves Park here.

Men from the No. 2 area only were invited due to the fact that selectees from adjoining areas leave for camp on different dates. All soldiers who were here on leave were guests at the picnic.

A handy, compact zipper kit filled with toilet supplies was presented each selectee.

George E. Royall acted as master of ceremonies. Short talks were made by Rev. A. C. Gibbs, Raymond Harris, C. I. Boger and Sergeant Eugene (Weenie) Powers.

The entertainment was sponsored by the George Gray Post of the American Legion, and was one of a series of suppers at which selectees have been entertained prior to their departure for induction.

Democrats Meet In Dobson Convention

The county-wide Democratic convention held at the court house in Dobson Saturday afternoon was well attended. R. Cleve Lewellyn of Dobson, chairman of the county executive committee, presided over the session.

All Democrats of the county attending the session Saturday were designated as delegates to the state convention to be held in Raleigh Friday. Other routine business was dispatched.

TO SELL POPPIES Pictured below are the Elkin Girl Scouts who will sell poppies here Saturday in observance of Poppy Day, under the auspices of the Legion Auxiliary. Everyone will be asked to buy a poppy in remembrance of the men of the United States armed services who have given up their lives in the nation's defense.



COPELAND CLUB IS OUTSTANDING

For Second Consecutive Year Selected As Finest Group In State

WINNER OF \$100 PRIZE

For the second consecutive year, the Copeland club of Surry county has been selected as the most outstanding 4-H club of North Carolina. L. R. Harrill, 4-H club leader, of State College, announced Tuesday.

Picked on the basis of achievement of both the club and the individual members, the Copeland group will be awarded a prize of \$100, Harrill said.

The honor was conferred on the Surry county club after state leaders had examined club records of all competitors for 1941. There are approximately 1,200 white 4-H clubs in North Carolina.

Forty members were enrolled in the Copeland club last year, with each completing his or her project. This marked the fourth year that 100 per cent project completions had been achieved.

Especially noteworthy, Harrill stated, was the club's activities in connection with the defense program. At the first call for scrap metals, the members collected more than 30,000 pounds which sold for \$125. The proceeds were turned over to charitable organizations. Then, too, the members collected paper and bought war stamps and bonds in substantial amounts.

For their club treasury, a tobacco campaign brought in \$70 and a 4-H popularity contest netted \$109 more. Another \$75 was added when a three-act play was presented.

More Registrants Put In Class 1-A

An additional list of selective service registrants reclassified by the local board number two at Dobson has been received, in addition to a long list published elsewhere in this issue. All men in the list issued were placed in class 1-A. The list includes Berlie Marshall Trivette, Fred Martin Harris, David William Law, Warren Calvin Shelton, Carl Eugene Epperson and Joel Walter Simmons.

Revival In Progress At Baptist Church

Revival services are in progress this week at the First Baptist church, and will continue through Thursday of next week. Rev. Hampton Hopkins of Elizabethtown, Tenn., is assisting the pastor, Rev. Stephen Morrisett, in the services. Two meetings are held daily, at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. The church extends a cordial welcome to all people of the town to attend the meetings.

Will Organize Women's Defense Corps Tonight

Meeting Called At State Theatre; New Defense Classes Are To Start

A meeting will be held at the State Theatre here tonight (Thursday), to organize women of the community as assistant air raid wardens, it was announced Wednesday by Roy Kane, of the local Civilian Defense Corps.

All women are urged to attend this meeting. Classes will start next Monday at the Y. M. C. A. It was also announced that a new series of training classes will be started next week at the Y for the benefit of those who missed

PRINCE GUEST OF KIWANIANS

Speaks Favorably of Lime Mine Project While Here Thursday

GREAVES-WALKER HERE

L. Ben Prince, chairman of the state highway and public works commission, and Dr. A. F. Greaves-Walker, of State College, were in Elkin last Thursday for a meeting with members of the local committee interested in the opening of the lime mine at Lime Rock, Yadkin county.

Following a survey of the property Thursday afternoon, both Mr. Prince and Dr. Greaves-Walker were guests at the meeting of the Elkin Kiwanis club. In a talk to club members, the highway chairman spoke favorably of prospects of installing mining equipment and opening the mine.

Dr. Greaves-Walker defined ceramic engineering and discussed North Carolina mineral deposits, of which he said the State possesses a greater variety than any other in the Union.

President D. G. Smith presided, and W. M. Allen presented the speaker. Guests included Hoy A. Moose, of Mount Pleasant; Thomas Shugart, of Jacksonville, and C. G. Ashby, district state highway engineer.

Commencement Marshals Named

Marshals have been selected to serve for the commencement exercises at the city schools. Miss Anne Ippock was chosen chief marshal, and her assistants will be: Miss Lucy Wolfe, Miss Dessie Auton, Harold Hayes and Tommy Bryan.

Keep 'em flying! Buy U. S. War Bonds and Stamps regularly.

Nazis Open Assault On Reds With Great Force Of Men, Guns

Only 86 Out Of 1,114 Motorists Receive X Cards

A total of 1,114 motorists in Elkin, Marsh, Bryan and Rockford townships, which comprise the four townships under the jurisdiction of the local rationing board, applied for and received gasoline ration cards last week, it has been announced by the local rationing board.

Of the number registering for ration cards, 440 received A cards, which allow only three gallons of gasoline a week; 169 received B-1 cards; 156 received B-2 cards; 263 received B-3 cards, and 86 received the unlimited X cards.

VAIN EFFORT TO STOP RUSH OF RUSSIANS

Battle Is Being Fought Before Kharkov

DESTRUCTION TERRIBLE

Tank Battling Tank and Man Battling Man on Smoke-Cloaked Front

NAZI TANKS SMASHED

Moscow, May 20.—Thousands of tanks and hundreds of thousands of men fought in an infernal cauldron of destruction before Kharkov today as the German high command threw new masses of machines and men into battle in a vain attempt to stop the Russian advance.

Tank fought tank and man fought man in such a tangle that the planes, engaged in a war of their own over the smoke-cloaked front, could not intervene.

In one sector German tanks attacked in a solid wall against the Russian center and flanks.

Russian infantrymen, holding their fire took the shock of the attack and, from a thousand foxholes, leaped out with hand grenades, flaming bottles and flame throwers to charge into the formation from both sides and hurl their missiles or jump on the tanks.

Seventy-one German tanks were smashed, and into their wreckage crashed seven flaming German fighter planes downed by the Russian air force.

Tank-led Russian infantrymen and Cossack cavalrymen, driving behind a terrific artillery barrage and under an umbrella of protecting planes, made new important gains in key areas while reinforcements held a German counteroffensive on the Russian left flank.

Special front dispatches to the army newspaper Red Star reported that the Red army men had liberated several towns and villages and smashed and overrun new German defensive positions.

It was indicated that the German counterdrive, on a 25-mile front, had not yet fully developed. German success in driving a wedge into the Russian left flank would relieve pressure on Kharkov.

In the Crimea, Russian resistance continued stoutly on the eleventh day of the German offensive against the Kerch Peninsula.

PRESS GROUP MEETS AT "Y"

Midwestern N. C. Publishers Taken on Tour Through Chatham Plant

PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

Approximately thirty members of the Midwestern Press Association were present for the monthly dinner meeting held here Saturday evening at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A., with the Tribune as host to the publishers and their guests.

H. F. Laffoon, of this city, president of the group, presided over the session, which featured discussion of current problems of publishers. The program for the meeting was omitted and the visitors were taken on a tour of the Y. M. C. A. building and through the Chatham plant. Members of the Thurmond Chatham Unity Club acted as guides for the tour of the Chatham mill and explained the process of blanket making.

SATURDAY WILL BE POPPY DAY

Girl Scouts Here Will Sell Flowers As Nation Honors Its War Dead

AUSPICES OF AUXILIARY

New names on America's roll of honored dead give new meaning to the memorial poppy this year. Mrs. D. C. Martin, Poppy Day Chairman of the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit, pointed out as she worked on final arrangements for the distribution of the little red flowers Saturday.

"Wearing a poppy is the individual way of honoring the men who have sacrificed their lives in the nation's service," said Mrs. Martin. "Ever since the first World War the poppy has been worn in tribute to the men who gave their lives in that conflict. Now new names are being inscribed among America's heroic dead. The poppy is for them, too. It is a symbol of our sorrow and pride. It is a pledge that we will always remember them and serve on in the cause for which they died."

"The poppy springs from the blood and tears that are the price of victory — the price of freedom in this world of conquest and oppression. Again and again Americans have had to pay this price to win and maintain their existence as a free nation. When we wear the poppy this year we will be showing that we are not shrinking from paying that great price once more in order that we may pass on to Americans to come the heritage of a free America."

"As we honor those who give their lives, we should think, too, of those who sacrifice health and strength, and of the families left in need because a father or son has served his country. They are still within the reach of our help. Let us be generous in our contributions for the poppies. Every penny of the money given goes to support the work The American Legion and Auxiliary are doing for the disabled and dependent families of the first World War and of the present conflict."

The poppies will be sold by Elkin Girl Scouts Saturday, under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Doughton Man Shot Following Quarrel

Marvin Billings, about 34, of Doughton, is in the Elkin hospital suffering body wounds from a shot from a muzzle-loader shotgun allegedly fired by Mace Evans, about 45, also of Doughton, following a quarrel Sunday afternoon.

Evans was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Ray Cockerham and will be given a hearing Saturday before Magistrate Ossie Walls.