

PLANS COMPLETE FOR BIG BOND RALLY

Yanks Are Pressing Close To Cherbourg

Final Battle Is Under Way For Important Position; Bitter Fight

GREAT PACIFIC NAVAL BATTLE MAY BE RAGING

Between American and Entire Japanese Fleet

NEAR THE PHILIPPINES

Outcome of Mighty Battle May Determine Control of Approaches To Japan

AND LENGTH OF WAR

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, June 21.—American assault forces, already through the enemy's first defense line in some sectors, stormed the inner fortifications of Cherbourg under cover of a hurricane artillery bombardment today and at last reports were approaching the city's outskirts.

The final battle for Cherbourg, France's third largest port and railroad of a double trunk railway to Paris, was joined and 20,000 Germans faced annihilation after apparently rejecting an Allied bid for their surrender.

(A London broadcast heard by CBS said Marshal Gerd von Runstedt, German commander in France, had ordered the garrison of Cherbourg to "hold out to the last man.")

Unconfirmed and apparently premature reports said some Americans already had penetrated Cherbourg, but more reliable information indicated the climatic battle was raging one to three miles from the city's limits.

Pearl Harbor, June 21. — The greatest naval battle since Jutland appeared in the making, if not

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SAILOR ENJOYS HIS STAY HERE

A. W. O. L., Seaman 2/C Lester C. Cox, Had Settled Down and Taken Job

ARRESTED BY POLICE

A. W. O. L. for more than six weeks from the U. S. Coast Guard, Seaman 2/c Lester C. Cox was taken into custody here the latter part of last week by Chief of Police Corbett Wall and turned over to military officers the following day.

Using the alias Roy John Zade, and sporting a 4-F draft classification card dated February 26, 1943, Seaman Cox admitted he was "on vacation" from the Coast Guard. He had been in Elkin for the past six weeks and had taken a job at the Elkin Veneer Company under the name of Zade.

The sailor had been given a 10-day leave after returning to port at Port Chester, N. Y., from Casablanca. He said upon reaching Elkin he had found the town such a delightful place to live he had decided to stay a while. He had been living at Hotel Elkin.

While in custody of local officers, he talked freely of his experience in service which began before Pearl Harbor. He said his parents reside in Corpus Christi, Texas, and that he had enjoyed his "leave" in Elkin. "I have taken 'time off' before since I have been in service," he told Chief Wall with a broad smile.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF

From the State and Nation

STATE

NEW BERN, June 20.—Craven county is believed to be the first county in North Carolina to pass its overall quota in the 5th war loan campaign. County Chairman Richard Forrester announced today that the county's \$1,052,000 goal has been over-subscribed. However, the "E" bond quota has not yet been reached and attention will be centered on that until the close of the drive.

NATIONAL

WASHINGTON, June 20. — "Brought on vice-president" today became the official 1944 campaign slogan of the North Carolina congressional delegation. Meeting at the call of Rep. Robert L. Doughton, of Laurel Springs, Tar Heel house members unanimously endorsed Gov. J. Melville Broughton for vice-president and urged the Democrats of the nation to nominate him during the party's national convention beginning July 19 at Chicago. Representative Doughton went so far as to predict the Governor "has a good chance" to cop the vice-presidential nomination" if President Roosevelt will keep hands off and permit the Democrats, without pressure, to select a nominee."

CHICAGO, June 20. — Republican platform makers moved on to the pre-convention scene today and, in the midst of fresh contention over the presidential nomination, began sentiment-sounding on planks dealing with a postwar international peace organization and elimination of all "unnecessary regulation" of individuals and business. Also, at a news conference, GOP National Chairman Harrison E. Spangler: 1. Predicted that the convention would encounter no balloting deadlock and would produce a presidential nominee on the third day — June 28 — and a vice-presidential choice June 29. 2. Denied knowledge of any "discrimination" in the treatment accorded Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 nominee, and presidential standard-bearers of other years in invitations for convention participation. Willkie has been sent a ticket for a seat on the speakers' platform as a guest, but has not been asked to address the gathering.

INTERNATIONAL

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Wednesday, June 21.—Borokoe and Sorido airdromes on Biak island have been captured, completing the conquest of the airstrips in the Schouten islands once held by the Japanese. The two strips were taken Tuesday, headquarters announced today. There was minor enemy resistance west of Corido. Biak island's other major airdrome, Mokmer, was captured earlier this month. These fields place the Fifth air force within 880 miles of the Philippines. A fourth drome

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Surry Man Is Commander of N. C. Legion



GEORGE K. SNOW

George K. Snow, of Mount Airy, was elected commander of the North Carolina department of the American Legion at Tuesday's closing session of the 26th annual convention at Asheville.

Thurmond Chatham, of Elkin, now serving as lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy, was named as alternate delegate to the national Legion convention. In an interview at Asheville Tuesday, Mr. Snow, who is well-known in Elkin and who has long been prominent in Legion affairs in the county and state, stated that: "While the American Legion must not enter partisan politics, when a public official of either party fails to his duty, I think the Legion should force his recall."

He added that the time is not far distant when the Legion will be powerful enough to do this; in fact, strong enough "to just about run the country."

With the rapid return of veterans of this war, large numbers of whom are joining the Legion, the fast growing organization expects its present membership of about 1,000,000 members soon to be swelled to 4,000,000, he said, while in North Carolina "I shall not be satisfied with less than 40,000 members" at the end of this year as commander. The present North Carolina membership approximates 26,000.

Snow was quick to say that he did not mean that the Legion should drive an official from public life "just because he doesn't agree with the Legion advocates, or favors things we oppose."

Vanhoy Child Dies In Hospital Here

Judith Ann Vanhoy, 17-months old daughter of John and Mrs. Gertha Nichols Vanhoy of Jonesville, died at the local hospital at 9:15 Monday morning, following a brief critical illness.

She is survived by her parents, three sisters, Lorene, Gladys and Dorothy, and four brothers, Roy, Howard, Glen and Charles Frank Vanhoy, all of Jonesville.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Hayes-Speas Funeral Chapel, in charge of Rev. Stephen Morrisett of the First Baptist church. Interment was in the Jonesville cemetery.

Stores To Close 2 Days For July 4th

Due to the fact that the Fourth of July will come on Tuesday this year, local merchants, at a meeting Tuesday, decided to close Tuesday, July 4, and all day Wednesday, July 5, thus giving their employees two full holidays.

Inasmuch as local stores are regularly closing on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months, the merchants didn't think it worthwhile to remain open only three hours Wednesday morning only to close again at noon on the day following the Fourth.

PROVISION IS MADE FOR DAM IN FLOOD BILL

Now Being Considered By Senate Committee

ON YADKIN IN WILKES

Dam Would Be Used For Hydroelectric and Flood Control of River

RECOMMENDATION MADE

A flood control bill now being considered by the Commerce committee in the U. S. Senate, contains authorization to include a hydroelectric and flood control dam on the Yadkin river near Wilkesboro.

The bill as recently passed by the House provides authorization for projects in various parts of the country but did not include the Yadkin dam because specific recommendations had not been made at that time by the War Department.

The report and recommendations were received after the bill had been passed by the House and have now been added to the bill. Representative R. L. Doughton, in a recent letter to R. T. McNeil, mayor of North Wilkesboro, stated that the authorization for the Yadkin dam and development could be included in the bill to pass the senate and would be passed in the ensuing conference between the House and Senate.

Recommendations for power, flood control and navigation in the entire Yadkin-PeeDee basin was estimated to cost \$105,840,000, but the report of Major General E. Raybold, War Department chief of engineers, recommended that the Wilkesboro dam be constructed as the initial step and that other projects down the river to Georgetown, S. C., could be well deferred for action until circumstances warranted further development.

Major General Raybold stated that the estimated cost of the proposed development on the Yadkin near Wilkesboro, which would be for hydroelectric and flood control use, was \$10,840,000, and the report stated that the result would justify the expenditure and the annual maintenance and operating cost of \$62,200 annually.

Jaycees To Meet Wilkes Team Here

An all-star softball team from North Wilkesboro, made up of the best players from four separate North Wilkesboro teams, will play the Elkin Jaycees here Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock, the game to be staged at the Chatham ball park.

In a game between the Jaycees and the All-Stars played at North Wilkesboro last week, the Jaycees lost 2 to 1 in a contest that featured extremely tight ball and real playing on the part of each team.

Boonville Colored Child Hit By Car

Leon Williams, 3, son of Miles Williams, colored man of Boonville, was brought to the local hospital for observation on Sunday after being struck by an automobile on the highway. He was removed to his home following examination and first aid treatment.

Cub Pack Will Hold Meeting Friday P. M.

A meeting of the Cub pack will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the city hall to present awards and attend to other business. All members of the pack and their parents are expected to attend.

Is To Be Guest Speaker Here At Jaycee Meeting



FRED DIXON

Fred Dixon, of Raleigh, agency director of the Atlantic Life Insurance Company in North Carolina, and a former president of the Raleigh Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be the principal speaker at installation ceremonies of the Elkin Junior Chamber of the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. here Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

Prior to assuming his present position, Mr. Dixon was publicity agent at State College. He is an outstanding Jaycee.

At the installation of officers ceremony, Hubert Parker will succeed Claude Farrell as president of the local chamber. Other officers to be inducted are Vern Chase, first vice-president; Julius Speas, second vice-president; H. W. Thompson, secretary, and Alex Biggs, treasurer.

A number of local citizens and out of town Jaycees have been invited to the installation banquet.

Jonesville Colored Woman Badly Burned

Beatrice Martin, 34, Jonesville colored woman, was seriously burned Tuesday evening when she overturned a kettle of boiling water while canning beans. A semi-invalid, she was working in a wheel chair. The burns extend from her waist to her feet and she is reported to be very uncomfortable at the local hospital, where she was taken immediately for treatment.

Vacation Bible School To Start

A daily vacation Bible school will begin at the Methodist church on Monday, June 26, and continue for two weeks. Classes will be held from 9:30 until 11:30 each week day except Saturday. Children of the church from four to fourteen are invited to attend.

Truck Owners Urged To Call For Quotas

Truck operators are advised by rationing officials to call at the local rationing office before the first of July to obtain their third quarter gasoline quotas. It will be necessary to bring War Necessity Certificates to the local office in order to obtain the quotas.

Radio Is Stolen From Hotel Room

A small table model radio, the property of Floyd Roberts, of this city, was stolen from his room at the Home Hotel sometime Tuesday.

Police believe a man posing as a soldier took the radio, however, no trace of his present whereabouts has been found.

BONDS OR BONDAGE — IT'S UP TO YOU!

R. A. F. Flier, Vet Of 303 Missions, Is To Be Featured Speaker

Auto Use Stamps Are Now On Sale; July 1 Deadline

Auto use tax stamps in the denomination of \$5.00 have been placed on sale at all post-offices and are also on sale in the offices of collectors of internal revenue, having gone on sale last Saturday.

Purchase of these stamps is required of all motorists and must be purchased on or before July 1, 1944. They are serially numbered and gummed on the face for sticking to auto windshields.

It has been suggested that in sticking the stamps to the windshield, the windshield be dampened rather than the sticker, as the stamp will adhere better if this suggestion is followed.

AMATEUR SHOW ARRANGED FOR MUSIC AND FUN

To Be Held On Big Stage On Main Street Here

EVERYONE IS INVITED

Event Planned To Promote Sale of War Bonds In Fifth War Loan Drive

ADMISSION IS FREE

A talk by Col. E. M. Donaldson, a member of the British Air Force, and a veteran of 303 combat missions over Europe during the present war, will be a feature of the Fifth War Loan Bond Rally and Amateur Show to be staged here this evening (Thursday) at 8 o'clock from a large stage located in front of Hayes & Speas Furniture Store.

Col. Donaldson, who by no manner or means can be classed an amateur, he having shot down 22 planes thus far during the war, is on leave in this country, and the local War Bond committee feels especially fortunate in securing his services as a feature of the Bond Rally.

The Royal Air Force flier will be accompanied to Elkin by his wife.

With the news that Col. Donaldson could be here, plans for the amateur show were complete, and those who attend may expect, in addition to a very interesting talk, a show that contains plenty of music, comedy, dancing and all-round entertainment. The best amateur talent available in this community will appear in the show; admission is free, and it is hoped that a large crowd will attend.

Purpose of the show is to promote the sale of War Bonds, and a number of local young women have volunteered to be on hand to sell Bonds to everyone who

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HOTEL HERE IS IN NEW HANDS

Public Pledged Every Effort To Make It Into Hotel To Be Proud of

ARE TO MAKE CHANGES

D. S. Miller, who arrived here last Tuesday from Texas to take over the management of Hotel Elkin, said Wednesday that he plans to make it into a hotel of the highest type with improvements throughout in both service and furnishings, and extended an invitation to citizens of the town to make it their headquarters for any and all occasions.

Operation of the hotel in the future will be altogether different from that in the past, Mr. Miller stated. "Of course it will not be possible to make all improvements planned within the matter of days, but I can assure the people of Elkin and this section that it will be a hotel in which they may take pride. Our lobby and front porch is open at all times to those who desire to meet their friends there, and we will welcome visitors, regardless of whether or not they are customers."

Mr. Miller also stated that cleaning of all the rooms of the hotel was now in progress, and that he planned to make it a place that the travelling public would be glad to patronize.

Mrs. Miller and their small son joined Mr. Miller here the first of this week.