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MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1943

## **Nazis Preparing** To Face British

Rommel Is Hoarding Armed Might For Showdown Struggle Soon

ALLIES PRESS FORWARD

It appeared last night that Marshal Erwin Rommel's phantom panzers decided to yield hard-won Sbeitla and the Periana valley, on opposite sides of Kasserine pass in central Tunisia, without a struggle to gather strength to face an expected blow from the south by the desert-hardened British Eighth army.

Advance Allied forces, pressing th withdrawing Axis armies over the same trail of the Allied retreat 18 days ago, were reported in an Allied com-munique to be pushing farther toward Eidi Bouzid south and southwest of Sheitla, indicating that half of the territory won by the German smash that began February 14 had been meekly abandoned without battle.

The enemy obviously is faced with the problem of hoarding its equipment for the anticipated greatest struggle of the four-months African campaign Between Sheitla and Faid pass, from which the Germans and Italians opened their drive, lies a 35-mile stretch of flat, semi-desert studded with cactus patches and olive groves-

Axis apparently feels is not worth making a stand to control. beyond lies the mountains which must be held by an unhappy Axis army facing collisions with the British, French, and American armies pressing from three directions—west

military no-man's land which

The French high command reported that in the northern sector north of Mediez-El-Bab French forces "successfully held several enemy infiltrations and that on the southern front French camel corps patrols were active and "have reached" the town of Nefta.

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Meanwhile, Tunisian warfare appeared ready to embark on a new phase stressing air activity.

Sporadic German attacks in northern sectors failed to dent the Allied defenses, and improving weather is turning most of that area into vast air fields and allowing the American air force and the R. A. F. to bring their full strength into action.

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enemy thrusts, Allied headquarters announced. North of Beja and east Dunlap, 4-F; Jimmie Blakeney, 1-A; of Sedjenane British artillery withered an offensive of Gen. Jurgen von Arnim, blowing large holes in his in
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### MR. RICHARDSON MADE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Union county's delegation in the legislature has had no local legislation to disturb them. Few local bills have been passed and only those recom-mended by the local officials such as relating to the Recorder's court, the Superior court, and such like.

This has been good for Representa-tive Richardson for he has certainly had his hands full. This is his third session, and by reason of his ability as well as of continued service he has taken his place as one of the real important members of the house.

As vice chairman of the Appropriresponsibility for passing on the huge Edward Mical, 1-A; James Bryant aviation, and advanced base duty and sums that have been appropriated in Hearn, 1-A; Henry Watts, 4-F; Ed-477,602 more for shore establishments. a one hundred and fifteen million dollar appropriations bill. Here he met the head-on rush for more and bigger money, and did his best to stem the tide of extravagance. He opposed the the prevailing sentiment in Union county as expressed by the county board of education and forced a number of concessions. But there that surplus hung and the folks who were going after it ran over all opposition and appropriations were increased 30 percent over the last blennium.

Monday night Mr. Richardson was mittee in the house. This is a very important position for the winding up of legislation. When this committee is appointed it takes charge of all bills and decides whether they shall be allowed to go on the calendar for consideration. When the calendar for consideration. When the calendar the U-boats destroyed an average of more than 45 ships each month in these waters.

## NYA OFFICER TO SEEK APPLICANTS WAR WORK

Mrs. J. H. Ham, Jr., National Youth Administration field representative, is now making regular weekly visits to Monroe for the purpose of taking applications from boys and girls, white is colored, for graining in war work. She will be at the NYA office in the ourthouse each Wadpaday from \$120. m. until 12:30 p. m., and is anxious to interview all boys and girls between roe; Mrs. J. J. Wilson, R2. Waxhaw; the ages of 16 and 25 interested in Doris Marie Nash, Charlotte; Mrs.



PRESIDENT REVIEWING OUR ARMORED MIGHT IN MOROCCO

CASABLANCA, MOROCCO—In an army jeep driven by Sergeant Oran Lass of Kansas City, Missourí, President Roosevelt is shown passing along a line of our light tanks in a surprise review in North Africa. These tanks are the new M-5's, the model now produced for quite some months by the Massey-Harris Farm Implement Company. Their lightning-like speed and hitting power are being used in battling the Nazi forces in North Africa.

### RECLASSIFICATIONS

Local Board No. 1 announces following reclassifications:

Birmingham, 2-B; Walter Johnson Griffin, P; Wylie Smith Penniger, 2-C; Frank Coy Plyler, P; Herman Dixon Helms, P; Earnest J. Van Brooks, P; Henry Maxel Starnes, P; Alexander Wentz,P; Rosemell Blakeney, P; Frank Walter Hayes, 2-A; Norman Browne Horton, P; Frank Stacks, Jr., P; John William Boyce, 2-C; William Douglas Starnes, P; David Thomas Apeoth, 3-A; Marcus Alexander Black, 2-C; Robert Roy Dobson, Jr., 2-A; James Quincy Der-rick, P; James Cull White, P; Reid Pressley, P; John Davis Billingsley, P; Sidney Mancles Crowley, P; Del-ter Kindle Guin, P; David Cariton

their full strength into action.

Spearhead of the Allied air offensive is certain to be Flying Fortresses, striking as they have in the last few days at the root of the Axis effort by hitting ports and shipping.

The British First army has begun putting pressure on the Germans in the north after a sharp defeat by property thrusts. Allied headquarters of the strength of the sadquarters of the strength of the sadquarters of the strength of the Crow, 1-A; Elwood Rush, 1-A; George Rowland, Lomax, 1-A; Bobby Crow clared: Bigham, 1-A; Walter Helms, 1-A; Exple George Thomas Helms, 1-A; George Junior Brewer, 4-F; William Heary

Donald Stephenson, 1-A; A. B. Duncan, 1-A; John Conner Flowe, 2-B;
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Claude Edward Ardrey, 1-A; Bosie
Miller, Jr., 1-A; Ervin Sylvester Covington, 1-A; Lawrence Dunbar Waddell, 1-A; William Henry Liles, 1-A;
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### **FEW SHIP LOSSES BUT** HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE

Smallest Number Sinkings In February Since Pearl Harbor.

During February, the navy an-nounced the sinkings of six cargo vessels by Axis submarines in the western

Atlantic. The February figure was the lowest monthly total of announced sinkings in western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor

these waters.

Disclosure last week that two more United States ships had been destroyed by U.boats raised to 616 the Associated Press total of Allied and neutral cargo vessels announced sunk in the western Atlantic sincs December 7, 1941. The death of 850 Americans aboard the ships marked the week as one of the most costly in the 15-month battle for dominance of the Atlantic sea lanes.

## HOSPITAL NEWS

Admissions: Shelby Rummage, Monroe; Mrs. J. J. Wilson, R2, Waxhaw; Doris Marie Nash, Charlotte; Mrs. J. Louis Williamson, Monroe; B. F. Price, R3, Waxhaw; Floyd Mills, R1, Marshville; Mrs. Aaron Hayes and baby girl, R4, Monroe; Mrs. Ona E. Beech, Monroe; Mrs. Ona E. For treatment: Mrs. Walfer Griffin, R5, Monroe; Frances Cuthbertson, Boiling Springs; Mrs. J. E. Reedy, R5, Monroe; Ged P. Price, R3, Monroe; Mrs. W. G. Wallace, R5, Monroe; Mrs. H. L. Jones, R1, Wingate; Mrs. J. A. Gossett Monroe; Kermit Purser, R2, Manthville; Nancy Laney, R1, Wingate; Prancis L. Bundy, Monroe; Billy Blakeney, Pageland, S. C.

# Knox Warns Of PERMITS FOR TUBES ollowing reclassifications: Paul Alexander Nash, 3-B; Hoyle Paul Alexander Nash, 3-B; Hoyle Many Casualties Ration Board Again Calls Attention To Recaps.

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### ASKS ALL-OCEAN NAVY

Secretary Knox, projecting a navy 2,250,000-strong by July, 1944, and big enough to control the world's seaways, solemnly warned the nation yesterday to expect that one out of every 10 navy men may be killed or wounded. Knox's prediction of a 10 per cent casualty rate and his proposals for an all-ocean navy were made public by the House subcommittee on naval appropriations in finishing work on a ew \$4,000,000,000 supplemental naval appropriation measure.

The committee trimmed the navy's budget figures by \$187,793,417 and chal-lenged Knox's calculations of personal While no legal limit has been set on navy enlisted strength the committee observed in its report "an ex-pansion of such magnitude should be the subject of careful scrutiny and McDow, R2 Monroe; H. E. Copple recommendations to the House by the Monroe; Mrs. Leon W. Gibbs, Monroe naval affairs committee

As approved by the subcommittee, the measure provides \$3,816,206,583 in

Ward Alexander Starnes, 1-A; Arthur 8, the navy casualties totaled only Edward Bliss, 1-A; Richard Junior 19,022, and Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, chief of the navy's bureau of Crow, 1-A; Elwood Rush, 1-A; George Jacobs, chief of the navy's bureau of C. Medlin, R3 Monroe; C. L. Autry, Ganson Aycoth, 1-A; Othel Brooks, personnel, explained that less than R1 Marshville; G. C. Phillips, R1 1-A; Julius Carroll Cunningham, 1-A; 10 per cent of the navy had been in-Horace Marvin Reedy, 1-A; Kelly volved in fighting. But Knox—echoing Hazel Griffin, 1-A; James William the words of John Paul Jones, the Hazel Griffin, 1-A; James William the words of John Paul Jones, the Boatright, 1-A; Lewis Morgan, 1-A; Revolutionary war naval hero-de-

Explaining the estimate of a force of 2,250,000, he added:
"We are building not a two-ocean Junior Brewer, 4-F; William Henry
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Smith, 1-A; Olin Thompson, 1-A;
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James C. Robinson, 1-A; Charles Barthat the navy expects to use 2,022,398 bor, 1-A; Archie Cunningham, 1-A; men at sea, in training for the sea. As of January 1, Jacobs informed the committee, the navy had 3,205 ships number to be increased by the end of the year to about 4,100.

Vice Admiral F. J. Horne, vice chief of navy operations, asserted shipbuilding has not yet reached the twoocean navy stage, with lack of mate rials beginning to hamper the work. been up against proposition that we have to man these ships with comparatively untrained men; we have had to put compara-

tively new men on a number of the smaller ships," Horne said.

### SINGING SCHOOL AND **REVIVAL AT WAXHAW**

Prof. J. A. Lesley of West Virginia one of the best musicians in the South, will teach a singing school at the Methodich church at Waxhaw beginning the second Sunday in March He will teach all day and have a ses

the fact that the number of units required for the purchase of dried beans peas and lentils has been changed from eleven points per pound to eight points per pound.

At the Board meeting Monday the following permits were granted for

bet, Waxhaw; Woodrow Burgess, Rl. Monroe; John M. Norton, Monroe; James D. Ramsey, Monroe; John W. Starnes, R5 Monroe; Hurley Cook, R2 Monroe; Dr. C. M. Alston, Monroe; J. W. Craig, R5 Monroe; L. L. Rollins Monroe; Amos Helms, R5 Monroe Veregil Whitley, R3 Monroe; Raymond Hinson, R3 Monroe; Marion H. Price R2 Monroe; J. B. Smith, R1 Marshville; C. H. Long, R2 Pagela E. Efird, Monroe; S. W. Griffin, Monroe: Titus Long, R4 Monroe; Mrs. I. F. Piyler, R2 Monroe; Talmadge

Harold E. Whitten, Camp Sutton; Mrs. Emma H. Thompson, R2 Monroe; Howard Pittman, R1 Monroe; Helen

roe; W. M. Simpson, R2 Marshville; J. C. Simpson, R2 Marshville; W. S. Turner, Monroe; Clarence Long, Mon-roe; J. W. Aycoth, R4, Monroe; T. Marshville: F. R. Long, R2 Monroe; Monroe Wholesale Grocery; C. F. Martin, R1 Marshville; R. J. Napler, Monroe; Winchester Trucking, Mon-roe; Harold E. Whitten, Camp Sutton: Mrs. Ruth Gertrude Hough, Mon-Hoyte B. Starnes, R4 Waxhaw; R. L. Weir, Waxhaw; Bennie Thomas, R2 Marshville; R. E. Tarlton, R3 Marshville; R. E. Tarlton, R3 Monroe; R. icom, R2 Marshville; Ney Griffin, R4 Monroe

Bicycles-Kent C. Moore, R2, Marsh-Permits Granted Thursday, Feb. 25th

At its meeting last Thursday after-noon, February 25th, the board granted the following permits for tires and

Bivens, William G. W. Austin, R. Marshville; Kemp Eudy, R. Monroe; Hoyte Little, R. Monroe; John E. Polk, Marshville; Edwin Couick, R. Waykawa, W. Marshville; Edwin Couick, R. Waykawa, W. Marshville; Edwin Couick, R. George L. Hart, Jr., Monroe; William Waxhaw; Webb Furr, R3 Monroe; J. Henderson Austin, R2 Marshville; John Knox also stressed the importance of adequate training, relating that he had seen three \$150,000 bombers take off from a Pacific base with crews improperly trained in navigation. Of the three, one reached its destination, one fell in the see and one returned one restricted by the see and one returned to the seed of t improperly trained in navigation. Or Chayton Austin, Rs Monroe; Beece A. Williace, one fell in the sea, and one returned R3 Monroe! W. B. Manus, Waxhaw; to the base.

Heath Punderburk, R4 Monroe; J. R. Heath Punderburk, R4 Monroe; M4 Monroe; M5 Monroe; M6 Monroe; M6 Monroe; M6 Monroe; M6 Monroe; M6 Monroe; M6 Monroe; M7 M Pigg, R4 Monroe; W. E. Rorie, Mon-roe; T. L. Austin, Marshville; H. A. McCorkle, R5 Monroe.

### ONE CAMP ENTRANCE TO BE CLOSED SATURDAY

(Camp Sutton Public Relations Office) An announcement from Camp Head-

known as Gate No. 4 and will not actually be shut off by a gate, the key to which may be obtained by military drivers at the No. 4 Fire Station on Benton street or at the information Desk at Camp Headquarters.

This leaves four authorized entries into the camp area. There are at both ends of Sutheriand Avenue, where it joins Route 74 where it is joined by Benton street and at the western end of Walking Avenue (Anachville Road). The Route 74 where it is joined by Benton street and at the western end of Walking Avenue (Anachville Road). The Mackey of R2, Waxhaw, came Sunday driveway to the Area Engineer's office at for the exclusive use of persons with business theree.

Lieut. William Brewer who has been ents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rorie.

Miss., will come tonight for a ten days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hamilton of R3, Marshville, is stationed at Camp Howz, Texas, Lieut. His address is Co. A. 343 Inf., APO 450, Camp Howz, Texas, U. S. Army. N. Y., where he will be stationed.

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LEADERS PREPARING

Local civilian defense officials today were making preliminary preparations for another blackout test called for March 18 by Roy L. McMillan, State Civilian Defense Director.

The blackout practice for the Wilmington air raid district, which in-cludes Monroe, was called by the State Director in order to iron out wrinkles that were evident in last week's test under the new regulations.

The announcement of the planned

test came as a surprise to local defense officials who were under the im-pression that the next practice would ome as a complete surprise.

The bulletin from State Director's office disclosed that the yellow signal (initial warning to defense units) will come at 8:35 p. m., and the "blue signal will be sounded at 8:50 p. m. This will be the first public wa and will consist of a 2-minute steady blast of the sirens. Under the new regulations, which

the public generally apparently did not fullly understand last time, all lights in homes and business establishments, signs and billboards must be extinguished. Vehicular traffic with headlights dimmed may proceed with caution. Pedestrians may continue. At 9 p. m. the "red" signal, denoted by a wavering sound of the sirens, will AND TIRES GRANTED means that planes are overhead. At this signal everything stops and all lights must go out. This is the complete blackout. Traffic must halt and pedestrians must seek shelter. At 9:10 p. m. the "blue" signal sounds (steady blast of the siren) and The Rationing Board again points under this signal traffic with dimmed for recaps now. The passenger cars and light trucks may get recaps withlights may resume movement. Pedestrians are permitted to continue their out making application for permits.

The Board also calls attention to

The "white" or all clear signal will come at 9:22 p. m. There is no audi-ble signal for the all clear, which will street lights and announcement over

# R. B. Staton, R3, Monroe; Monroe; Lice & Fuel Co.; D. R. Futch, Monroe; J. A. Mills, R2 Marshville; T. R. Nis-

Miss Lois Hemby and Mrs. Eustace Fla. They report him in fine heatlh and spirits. After his few days leave

Pvt. New Crook and Pvt Worth Griffin, who are stationed at Camp Maxey Texas, are spending a 12-day furlough with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pink

Waxhaw, has returned to Camp Rob-erts, Calif., where he has been stationed since entering the armed forces Nisbet, Jr., who is in the Medical

Pfc. Morrison L. Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Helms of R2, Waxhaw, has returned to Camp Bowle, Texas, after a fourteen day furlough with his parents. He has been in service home. He has a brother, Donald, in the Navy, stationed at Bainbridge, Md,

Pvt. James McCain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Banks McCain, visited his par-ents this past week. He is stationed

Chaplain Victor L. Mabry, of Mon roe, Baptist minister, was recently graduated from the Army Chaplain School at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., Chaplain John O. Lind-quist, Chief of Chaplain Branch, Headquarters Fourth Service Command, announced today. The commencement exercises marked the tenth class to graduate from the school since the United States entered the war, he stated. The Right Rev. C. L. Nelligan, Bishop of Pembroke Ontario, Canada, principal Catholic chaplain of the Canadian Armed Forces, addressed the graduates, and Chaplain William D. Cleary, (Colonel) commandment of the school, presented the diplomas. The invocation was asked by chaplain William D. Veazie and Chaplain Hal C. Keller pronounced the benediction, he said.

Cpl. Bruce Snyder, who is with the Navy Band and stationed in Washingthree days leave with Mrs. Mrs. Snyde at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jack Hernig. Mrs. Snyder will accompany

Lieut. Winston Roberts who has been stationed in Hawaii for the past An announcement from Camp Head-larters today called the attention of days with his mother, Mrs. J. O. Mrs. Emsley Armfield. ginning the second Sunday in March. He will teach all day and have a session at night for those who cannot come in the day.

Everybody, old and young, is invited to this school. It is one of the best opportunities to learn music.

Prof. Lesley will lead the music in the revival which begins the third the camp by way of Sunday in March, and company to camp by way of Sanday and the mother, Mrs. J. C. Roberts, and his father, J. O. Roberts who is chief pharmacist in the Navy but because of ill health is temporarily doing land duty in Charleston, S. C., Saturday morning. The road will be came this morning for a few days visit used thereafter except by military vehicles. This entrance to camp, by way of the old Ansonville Road, has been known as Gate No. 4 and will not ac-

# ANOTHER BLACKOUT The Allies Sink 22 Jap Ships Wilmington Air Raid District To Have As Large Convoy Is Broken Up

### Honor System Pleasure **Driving Is Inaugurated**

OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown yesterday ordered an end to police enforcement of the East's ban on pleasure driving, said future compliance will depend upon an "honor system," and added there s "a fair probability" the ban can be entirely eliminated by March 22, when new gasoline coupons go into

Brown said he didn't mean no body will be questioned about whether his driving is for pleasure or duty, but "it's one of those irritating things we want to avoid." "The time has now come to stop il unnecessary inconvenience of the public." Brown told a presthe widespread understanding of the situation which exists we can henceforth rely on what might be termed the 'honor' system of compliance instead of police enforce-I am instructing all OPA regional, state, and branch offices to put this policy into effect im-

mediately. "This action is in line with general ideas on enforcement of all OPA regulations. Positive en forcement measures must be used with criminals but they are not necessary with the general public. Instead I expect to secure voluntary compliance by the public through understanding of the need for

# MONROE HIGH SCHOOL

On February 17, the student government council of Monroe high school changed their name to the Victory Council for the duration of the war, Men In Service and organized a Victory Corps of the entire student body. Although a Victory Corps is only now being organized and organaized a Victory Corps of the Hemby, Jr., recently spent a few days Student Council, has for the past year with Eustace Hemby, Jr., in Miami, been doing the same work that this present war-time organization is doing. The boys have been going through he returned to his ship for duty. Mr. Hemby enlisted in January 1942, had his training in Norfolk, Va., and Chicago, Ill., and is now motor machinist mate 1/c.

He boys have been going through strenuous physical training and have taken such shop courses as are required now. The girls have completed a standard first aid course, for which they received certificates from the National Red Cross, and are now completing a home nursing unit which is taught by a registered nurse The Victory Corps, composed of the student body, is divided into the folfollowing five particular services: Air. Land, Sea, Production, and Community. Each student is enrolled in one Cpl. James R. Nisbet, who has been of these divisions. The land and air on a fifteen day furlough with his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Nisbet of flight training and, of course, build them physically. Such courses as preflight aeronautics, physics, shop, physin August. Cpl. Nisbet made the trip required for these divisions. Producical education, math, and sciences are

or some industrial, preparation are cember. Community service speaks work, nursing, stenography, bookkeepand home-making are a few of the

community services. school faculty.

card tables are being collected.

return to camp soon. His address is: A. S. N. 34601303 Co. D. 130th T. D. T. B. C., 2nd Pla., 2nd Regiment, T. D. D. T. C., Camp Hood, Texas.

Frank Laney who recently entered the armed forces is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Pvt. Laney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Laney of the Wolfe Pond road.

Pvt. Max Harris who recently entered the U.S. Army is now stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Jesse Glasgow, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Glasgow, who has recently been inducted into the U. S. Army, will eave Tuesday for Fort Bragg.

Pfc. Roger Hough and Pvt. Emsley Armfield who are in the Marine service and stationed at New River, spent the week-end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Hough and Mr. and

Cpl. Paul H. Wentz, who has recent been moved from the Mexican border to Camp Rucker, Ala., is on a ten-day furlough and is visiting his mother, Mrs. V. B. Hartsell, of Monroe

Cpl. and Mrs. Neal Booker of Camp ading and Green Cove Springs Fia.; have returned home after spend

### Cost Enemy 15,000 Men As Huge Force Is Smashed By Air Attack

### WARSHIPS INCLUDED

Ten warships and 12 transports in a New Guinea-bound Jap convoy have been sunk or rendered in a sinking condition by Allied planes, the high command announced today.

Fifty-five Jap planes seeking to afford cover to the convoy have been shot down. The sinkings cost the Japs losses

estimated at 15,000 men. Ground forces estimated at 15,000 men destined to attack in New Guines a man," General Douglas MacArthur's

He termed the action a major disaster to the Japs in dislocating the enemy's campaign. "The battle of the Bismarck sea now has been decided," the communi-

que said.
"We have achieved a victory of such completeness as to assume the propor-tions of a major disaster to the enemy.

His entire force was practically de-"His naval component consisted of 22 vessels, comprising 12 transports and 10 warships-cruisers or destroy-

ers. (This was an increase upon earlier reports which had placed the convoy total at 14.) "They represent tonnage estimated

at approximately 90,000 tons. All are or sinking. "His air coverage of this naval force FORMS VICTORY CORPS has been decimated and unspectation of his planes having been shot out of combat and many others damaged.

His ground forces estimated at probably 15,000 destined to attack in New Guinea have been sunk or killed al-

most to a man.
"The original convoy of 14 ships was again and again hit with heavy bombs from low altitude.

"Enemy air coverage became meager and weaker; his forces more scattered tory Corps is only now being organized and dispersed; and finally his rem-the school, under the direction of the nants isolated and bewildered were gradually annihilated by our successive been doing the same work that this air formations as we sent them into

"Our losses were light, one bomber and three fighters shot down and a number of others damaged but returned to base.

"Our decisive success cannot fail to have most important results on the enemy's strategic and tactical plans. "His campaign for the time being at least is completely dislocated."

### RESTAURANTS FACING RATIONING PROBLEMS

May Have To Feature Foods Not On The Ration List.

Monroe and Union county restaurants, just like individuals, had to begin counting their points this week tion deals with war industry, agricul- for the public eating places will be ture, and civilian occupations. Physi-getting about 40 per cent less of the cal fitness and either part-time work rationed foods than they had in Degetting about 40 per cent less of the

The restaurant managers were not for itself. Physical fitness is the only requirement. Teaching, Red Cross rationing system but all were busy making plans for meeting the probing distributive or commercial service, lem the best possible way. One requirement is an inventory of the rationed foods on hand as of February Instructors for the courses of these 28 and those which didn't open Saturservices are members of the day were busy making that inventory. Some others figure what they have to The general assembly is already at do includes multiplying the number work collecting hospital needs for the of people served in December by six Camp Sutton hospital unit. Phono- and then taking the amount of ragraph records, bed boards, magazine tioned food served, reducing it to racks, ash trays, ash stands, games, pounds, multiplying the pounds by 11, crossword puzzles, floor lamps, and taking 80 per cent of that figure, and seeing whether this figure or the one Members of Community Service are obtained by multiplying the number knitting squares for afghans—knitting of people served by six is smaller, at least as long as the yarn lasts. The they'll see that the afghans are made, amount of rationed goods to which works out, the result seems to be that the restaurants will have about 60 per cent as much of the rationed food December.

Although their business has grown tremendously in the last few weeks, the restaurants will be able to get along very nicely by planning menus which stress the foods that are not rationed, it was explained by mana-gers. For instance, one dictitian has completed menus for a series of luncheon and dinner meetings to be held next week. The menus sound good but they contain very little if any, of the rationed foods.

new plan for handling canned goods. The can opener has been moved from the kitchen to the stockroom and a stockroom manager will check out all the cans, keep an accurate record of them, and open all the cans before they leave the stockroom.

Klamath Falls, Ore.—Lee Jacobs, Democrat, made a wager to register as a Republican if Lowell Stockman won a Republican if Lowell Stockman won the Congressional race in Klamath county. Stockman did and Jacobs registered as a Republican, only to return and re-register as an Democrat the following day. However, the one day as a Republican cost Jacobs the appointment to the legislature because the law required the appointment to go to a person who had been a Democrat for the last five years.

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