### Mustering Out Pay Scale Set President C. C. Burris Will Be Guest Speaker; Music By College Sextet.

Conferees Agree On Bill For Payments To Service

SCALE \$100 TO \$300

Senate and House Conferees drew up a compromise bil providing \$100 to \$300 mustering-out pay for servicemen and women Monday, with the top payment going to those who serve overseas or in Alaska.

The measure, designed to win speedy passage in both houses, gener-ally retains the House-approved range of payments and the Senate's restrictions on service. Senator Johnson, Democrat of Colo-

rado, estimated the cost of the com-promise proposal at \$3,000,000,000, or \$600,000,000 less than the House meas-ure, and \$2,500,000,000 less than the Senate version.

The scale provides: \$100 to servicemen and women who serve less than 60 days in the continental United States.

\$200 to those who serve more than 60 days in this country. \$300 for those with service overseas

or in Alaska. The House bill had provided \$300 for 60 or more days and minimum of \$100 for less than 60 days, re gardless of whether the service was at home or abroad. The Senate's aliding scale called for payments ranging from \$200 to \$300, depending on the length and place of service.

The compromise legislation will come up in the House on Wednesday. Any serviceman or woman would be eligible for discharge pay except: Those whose base pay exceeds \$200 monthly, which excludes captains and those with higher ranks.

Those dishonorably discharged. Those who are discharged at their own request to get employment, which includes many who reached the age of 38 while in service.

Those who served as students. Women who withdrew from the WAAC when it became the WAC. Members of the WACs who are honorably discharged for physical dis-ability would be eligible, however.

#### CHECKS ARE PRESENTED RETIRED STOCKHOLDERS

First To Receive Payment In Full For Investment In Association.

resenting the full par value of stock. of both the short form and the long bars which protect our soldiers in the These retired stockholders were the form of return. first to receive payment in full for their stock investment in the Associa-tion after organization of the new called for simplification of the tax days of war production were lost—be-laws, and Chairman Doughton, Dem-ing the equivalent of nine divisions tion of three associations in the Mon- ocrat of North Carolina, said the gone A. W. O. L. for one day. roe territory. is located at 412 North Main street, in tackle the job immediately upon comthe government would be empowered Monroe, and handles applications for pletion of the \$2,000,000,000-plus tax to draft men and women for needed Federal Land Bank loans in Union, bill now before Congress. Anson, and Stanly counties.

"This is a very happy occasion for the officers and directors of the Monroe Association. We are now ready to pay the full par value of all retired stock to former shareholders of the consolidated associations who have paid their loans in full to the Federal small Chester, (Pa.) children by gas asleep beneath the clay. Father is Land Bank of Columbia. Approxi- asphyxiation last December. The gone and now we miss him so in every mately \$19,000 will be distributed couple, both negroes, admitted blowing among retired members. Our new out the gas in a kitchen stove when association has assets of more than they couldn't turn it off. The chil-\$67,000, including a substantial surplus dren, Gene Sousa, 3; Frank, Jr., 2 and reserve established thorugh an Alice, 4 months, were the victims. ement betwen the directors of the Association and the Land Bank, Our financial position is stronger than it has been in twenty-five years and we are now able to render better credit ation are: Q. E. C. Coble, President. service to farmers than very befor in Oakboro; T. C. Eubanks, Vice Presitory of the Land Bank System."

# WINGATE COLLEGE DAY AT BAPTIST CHURCH Stimson Urges

Sunday has been designated as Wingate Junior College Day at the Pirst Calls For National Service Baptist church, with President C. C. To End Strikes At Critical Burris as the guest speaker, who will use as his subject, "The Open Door."

Special music will be rendered by the College Girls' Sextette, under the direction of Miss Dina Dominguez. The

numbers they will offer are:
"Come Unto Me," Tschaikawsky. "The Lord's Prayer," Malotte.
"Still, Still With Thee," Speaks. The Sextette personnel consists of the following: First Sopranos, Elizasopranos, Mary Ben Burris and Mary Marshall Brown; altos, Elizabeth Plyler and Sallie Vaughn.

The public is cordially invited to at tend the service. There will be no worship service at the church on Sun-

### Wants Income Tax Simplified gun, or the pilot with his plane. "The purpose of a national service law is to reach this basic evil of ir-

To Remove 9,000,000 From Tax Rolls

AID SMALL TAXPAYER

Simplification of income tax laws to eliminate 9,000,000 persons from the tax rolls and make unnecessary the filing of returns by 30,000,000 was proposed this week in a bill by Represen tative Carlson, Republican of Kansas The measure would remove from further tax obligation those small taxpayers now subject to the Victory tax, but whose earnings are not sufficiently large to be affected by regular income levies. The bill would not affect taxes now due by March 15, being applicable

The legislation would make the withholdings against wages and sala-ries the actual taxes of some 30,000,000 whose income is at the normal and first bracket surtax levels. Carlson, who sponsored the Rumi pay-as-you-go bill last year, said in a statement that his measure also

1. Provide for only one tax on personal income, with a single base and a single set of rates and exemption. through merger of the Victory tax

with the regular income tax.

2. Permit the use of the short form J. I. Purdy, Secretary-Treasurer, last week distributed checks to retired for this form is \$3.000

The Association office House ways and means committee will

Blows Out Gas Stove, Three Die Media, Pa.-Mildred Bacon, 16year-old nursemaid, and Raymond Bradshaw, 22, her truck-driver friends, were acquitted in court of involuntary manslaughter in the death of three dren, Gene Sousa, 3; Frank, Jr., 2 and

WAR BONDS will assure your postwar financial security.

dent, Monroe; D. P. McSwain, Albemarle: Dr. R. B. Jones Wadesboro, and John Thomas Helms, Monroe.

Monroe National Farm Loan Association Pays Retired Shareholders One Hundred Cents

On The Dollar For Their Stock

# Worker Draft

Period

Urging adoption of national service legislation, Secretary of War Stimson said yesterday that during last week alone 22 strikes in war plants resulted in the loss of approximately 135,000 man-days of production.

Yet simply penalizing strikes, he contended in an address, would be merely treating a symptom of "a grave inderlying lack of responsibility."
"We must get at this fundamental

Stimson continued, "and by proper organization bring home to every man the fact that his individual work is a duty to the nation, just as important in its way as the duty which the infantryman performs with his rifle, or the artilleryman with his

responsibility and to extend the principles of democracy and justice which Congressman Offers Measure should exist throughout the popula-tion. Certainly the nation has no less right to require a man to make weapons than it has to require another man to fight with those weapons."

The War Secretary said he thought three principal results would be achieved by national service legislation: First, reducing of strike calls, absenteelsm, and "the shocking ex-cess of turnover of labor;" second, remedying the "grave sense of injustice which the armed forces now feel has been practiced against them;" and third, increasing effectiveness in production by keeping men on necessary jobs and by finding those needed for particular jobs instead of leaving the choice to chance.

Saving the war's most important campaigns are imminent, Stimson as-serted that "just at this critical time trouble has broken out on the home front."

"The three vital industries upon which all our output of weapons have depended, have been threatened with actually experienced nation-wide strikes our coal, our steel, and the railroads," he continued.

"And even when these three great strikes were apparently settled the epidemic of smaller industrial contro-versies still continued. In the week ending last night, there were no than 22 strikes in progress in the as airplane and tank parts, machine tools and jeeps, aviation gasoline, cable and wire, of which we are criticallly short, head nets and mosquito The Treasury department and law- During that week, because of these Under national service legislation

IN MEMORY In loving remembrance of dear father, Stanley J. Strawn, who died

December 22, 1943: In a newly made grade not so far away, dies a form we love so dearly gone and now we miss him so in every turn of life. We do not have the rest, and the Saviour doeth all things

When our hearts were almost broken we could think of his dear name; think of how he bore his troubles through so many years, think of how he played the game, so squarely and patiently. Though we long for his dear presence, we will leave him to his rest; praying God that we may realize "Whatever He doest is best."— A Daughter, Mrs. Hurley Starnes.

### THE LATE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

Allied Headquarters, Algiers Slashing back across the Rapido river in the Cassino area, American troops have established a firm new bridgehead on the west bank of that swift, little stream and are plunging resolutely ahead over thickly-sowed minefields and under heavy German artillery, mortar and machine-gun fire, it was an-nounced officially yesterday.

Pacific—Five Jap cargo vessels sunk at Rabaul; light Allied losses. Three barges Jap troops sunk off New Guinea coast. Nipponese lose total 350 planes at New Britain. Eight enemy planes and small freighter destroyed in Bis-

London-Moscow's rejection of Washington's offer to help bring the Russian and Polish London governments together again, taken along with other recent Soviet nouncements, was regarded in London last night as the prelude to probable Soviet recognition of the Polish committee in Moscow as the legally-constituted govern-ment of Poland.

Russia—A special Soviet commis-sion investigating the mysterious slaying of 11,000 Polish war prisoners in Katyn forest annot its conclusion yesterday that the victims were slain as a provo-cation" by the Germans in August and September of 1941, and not by the Russians in March and April of 1940 as charged by Ber-

London-Russian troops captured the massively-fertified railway hub of Krasnogvardelsk, 30 miles south-east of Leningrad, yesterday on the 13th day of their big northern offensive, and anonunced that more than 40,000 Germans had been killed and 10 Nazi infantry divirouted on the Leningrad

Washington—Secretary of State Hull yesterday applanded Argen-tina's break of diplomatic rela-tions with the axis, but breadly hinted that other steps are needed to complete the reorientation of the South American holdout na-tion. Hull said stepilosatur that tion. Hull said significantly that "it must be assumed from her ac-tion" that Argentina will now take other measures "for the security of the continent."

### United States in war plants producing such vitally needed fighting material Men In Service

Pvt. J. Warren Starnes returned to camp Sunday afte ra 23-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ell Starnes of Jackson. Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Starnes, A. S. Jerome Starnes, was inducted into the Navy January 21. His address is Co. 376, U. S. N. T. S., Sampson, N. Y.

Sgt. Henry Frank Williams, son of Mrs. Julia Williams of Wingate, has member of the Eighth Air Force and in the European theater of operations he was located at Venice, Fla.

Edwin Keever left a few weeks ago for the Marine Base, aPrris Island, S. C., where he is in training.

Lieut Heath Howle who has been stationed at Lewis Field, Wash., has come for a few days visit with Mrs Howie and also with his parents, Mr and Mrs. Sam S. Howie. Lieut. Howie is enroute to Camp Polk, Miss.

PFC Rhyne W. Maness, who has een stationed at Gulfport Field, Miss. has finished his training there and came the 2rd of January to spend a ten day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Fred Maness. He left January 15th for Berry Field, Nashville, Ten where he will again be in training His new address is: PFC Rhyne W Maness, 71st Squadron, Flight B-6-Z. 20th Ferrying Group, Municipal Airport, Nashville, Tenn.

Clarence Y. Laney, S 1-C, son of Mrs. O. B. Laney, of Buford township is now somewhere in North Africa. He has been there since last June. His brother, Pvt. Boyd E. Laney, is stationed somewhere in Italy and is recovering from injuries received in action. Both of the boys write they are getting along nicely. Joe C. Laney. another brother left Monday for Raleigh, where he entered the Marines.

Sgt. Holland M. Crooke arrived Monday to spend an eleven-day furhas been on maneusee and will go from
sackson. He is in the
seen and has been in
Milton Trull, who starred by dropping
seven points. Milton Durham, the R4 Monroe. He has been on maneuvers in Tennessee and will go from here to Camp Jackson. He is in the medical detachment and has been in service 20 months.

# Five Jap Ships New Schedule Announced; Effective Until Further Notice.

Raiders Strike Telling Blows At Enemy Base; Down 24 Zeros

IS RABAUL

Torpedo planes, sustaining the Alled air offensive against Rabaul, sank five cargo ships there Monday and so seriously damaged two others they had to be beached.

enemy fighters and probably bagged wo others while suffering "extraordinarily light losses."

Headquarters reported the attack elders and five deacons. esterday.

planes certainly downed, probably downed, destroyed on the ground and lamaged exceed 350.

The torpedo bombers, escorted by fighters, flew to Rabaul from Solomons bases and swept down on Simpson harbor and Keravia bay at midday as low as the masts of the ships. An oil tanker in addition to the five cargo ships, was sunk.

ed another in the recent series of Sponsors Of The Bill Force air attacks on the Admiralty islands northwest of Rabaul during which a small freighter was destroyed by fir and eight parked Japanese planes were wrecked. The raid, which cost three Allied planes, was concentrated on the Momote and Lorengau air-

tonnage.
In addition to the tanker sunk at Simpson harbor, another was so badly damaged it had to be beached at Keravia bay along with two ships which photographs showed were burning. On New Britain's southwest coast American invasion forces at Arawe ave sent patrols far beyond the beachhead perimeter without contact-ing Japanese, a headquarters spokesman said. About a week ago, sharp fighting there accompanied a 1,000 yard advance into nearby Japanes

# **PURPLE PYTHONS LOSE**

Albemarle High Wins Doubleheader In Hard Fought Games Tuesday.

(By Vernon Wall)

Last Tuesday night, the Purple Albemarle High by scores of 35 to 16 dier? has been located in England since and 43 to 8 respectively. These were September. Prior to his participation the first defeats this year for the Pythons and mean only one thing, harder work and more practice on the part of both teams for the coming game Friday, January 28, at 7:30 p. m. with Concord, there. Miss Ann Mann, coach of the girls and Coach Mickey enn are in high hopes of a double victory in the forthcoming clash with very strong and well-trained oppo-

The girls games Tuesday night was a fight against a much more experi-enced and taller opponent that has not came onto the floor one day ahead of een defeated in over two years. Starting for Monroe was June Ruth Harris, Martha Cook, and Sarah Shute as forwards, and Frances Drane, Ann objections of Senator Taft, Republican Goudelock and Johnny Baucom as guards. The only substitution was Winton Clontz who replaced Ann

Goudelock. Leading our girls was Sarah Shute with 6 points while June Ruth Harris accounted for the remaining two. Starring for the Albemarle girls was C. Lowder, who bagged 17 of the 43 points and M. Gillam, the runner-up, who dropped 10. This fast and experienced girls team was the best seen on Monroe courts in recent years. The forwards from Albemarle and the points scored by each were: Russell, 2; Stalk, 4; Gillam, 10; C. Lowder, 17;

L. Lowder, 8, and Kendell, 2. Their guards were Hatley, G. Gillam, Anderson, Cooker, Hearne and Easly. The fight between the Bulldogs and Pythons was a close and furious contest through the first half with Monroe leading 11 to 9, but in the third quarter, Albemarle snatched the lead, 19 ough with his wife who resides on to 14, and ran away in the final period

service 30 months.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Watkins have received a letter from their son. Boyce B. Watkins who is somewhere in Italy, in which he enclosed some samples of English, Italian and Allied currency. He has been in service since August, 1942 and has been home during that time only a few hours, being absent on two Christmases. He says he has good clothes, good food and a mighty good fox hole to go in Harvey Morrison, Jr., left this morning for Spartanburg, S. C., reporting dogs was Ledbetter and Jimmy Louder

The Altan Presbyterian Sunday school will meet each Sunday morning Reports Show \$163,000 Sold at eleven o'clock until further notice, beginning Sunday, January 30, Preaching will be at twelve o'clock instead of eleven on the second and fourth Sundays. Evening services will be at 7:30 on the first and third Sundays.
This arrangement will continue until further notice.

The Session of Altan church, in a meeting held after the close of the of the Fourth War Loan drive in the service last Sunday morning appointed county were continuing to be received the Second Sunday in February as today as local officials of the drive ex-The raiders, following up two air strikes Sunday at that Japanese air and shipping fortress one portheestern.

Mr. Sneed was elected a deacon sevant and shipping fortress one northeastern eral weeks ago along with two others, on the part of the workers and citi-New Britain, shot down 24 of 60 but at the time of their ordination and installation he could not be present on account of the illness of Mrs. Sneed. This church now has five

esterday.

With better weather, as we hope,
The Monday bag of enemy planes and the change to a later hour for made more than 90 Nipponese aircraft the Sunday school and morning ser-shot out of the sky over Rabaul in vices and also the improvement of three days. the flu situation a marked improve-Enemy losses so far this month in ment in attendance is expected from

### Revised Vote Bill Proposed

Consideration Of Voting Measure

Overriding some Republican objection, Senate Democrata have forced to second of a revised Federal absorbers of the Fifth Army Air force, escorted by Lightnings.

Aerial photographs of Simpson har bor at Rabaul, taken two hours after the Monday raid, showed a 7,00-ton cargo vessel burning and sinking and two 6,000-ton cargo ships going down. The other two sunk were of smaller tonnage.

In addition to the tanker sunk at Overriding some Republican objec-

any state regulation on voting qualifications or requirements. The revised service voting bill re-creates a Federal war ballot once rejected by the Senate, and revives a bipartisan war ballot commission, but leaves with the states full authority to pass on the validity of all service votes. Backers said it meets earlier objections that the Federal ballot plan invaded the states' constitutional right to police their own elections. Senator Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan, declared, however, that the new bill legislates against the possibility of state ballots ever reaching mer and women in the armed services, be-

FIRST GAME OF SEASON cause it does not make it mandatory for the Army and Navy to deliver "The Army and Navy say they can't Items

deliver any ballot that weighs more than eight tenths of an ounce," he said. "Most state ballots probably weigh at least two ounces. recently been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant. S/Sgt. Williams is a girls, lost two hard fought games to that how can we say to our states

"If the states ballots could be gotten out there would be no purpose in bringing this bill to the floor," replied Senator Lucas, Democrat Illinois, a co-author of the service voting plan. "But Secretaries Stimson and Knot

say they can take to every battlefield in the world one ballot, and one ballot only. The Army and Navy definitely say the yeannot transmit to the mer overseas different ballots from each of the 48 states in the union."

scheduled House consideration for the states' rights bill previously approved by the Senate. It was brought up over of Ohlo, who tried to block the debate behind a controversial proposal to outlaw food subsidies.

### WEDDINGTON NEWS

The officers of the Woman's Society

of Christian Service will be installed by the pastor at the close of Sunday school on January 30th. The Home Demonstration club met Thursday afternoon, January 16. Miss

Clapp was present and gave the demonstration. Henry Lemmond, U. S. Navy, Texas, has been on a visit to his wife and

daughter.

Mrs. Brooks Price has been very sick. Mrs. V. S. Hunter is at the top of

is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Brown Howie.

1898 Submarine Located

Denver, Col.—The nose of an exp mental submarine which sank wher was launched in a mountain I 2,000 feet above sea lycel in 1898 of the historic mining town of Cen City was recently located through was recently located through cut in fourteen inches of its souri Lake and was brought to the chain tackle. If

## U. S. Airmen Hit SERVICES CHANGED Progress Made In Bond Drive

In Campaign Through Last Saturday

WOMEN ARE ACTIVE

Encouraging reports of the progress pressed their appreciation for the excellent cooperation they are receiving zens. Sales continue to pick-up and those in charge of the drive are putting forth every effort to see that the county reaches its quota of \$653,000.

Reports today showed that through Saturday of last week, approximate ly \$163,000 had been sold and of that amount \$105,000 was in E bonds, Fortyfive per cent of that amount having been sold by the woman's organiza-tion, under the direction of Mrs. Olin

B. Sikes and Miss Marion Lee.
The women of Monroe and those of other communities throughout the county have been doing a splendid job in the field of E bond sales, officials stated.

House-to-house canvasses and sales from war bond booths conducted by ladies all over the county are proving effective and the organization is very much indebted to the women for the splendid work they are doing, with such effectiveness.

Excellent reports are being received on the progress of the campaign in Marshville, Wingate and Waxhaw, with GUARDS STATE RIGHTS the workers in each of these localities, exerting every effort to attain their quotas. Friday night the Waxhaw theater is sponsoring a special war bond show, with a twenty-five dollar bond to be given away during the intermission as a gift of the Waxhaw Cotton Mill. On Wednesday night, Pebruary 10, the Blair Theatre in Marshville, will hold a bond show at which time, ten twenty-five dollar

onds will be given away.

Today's statement also stressed the fact that while sales are apparently increasing, the cooperation of every firm and every individual in the coun-ty will be necessary, if the city is to maintain momentum, essential to the reaching of the county's quots.

Continuing the advertising cam which has been carried on so suc-cessfully in local newspapers, since the opening of the Fourth War Loan Drive. The Empurer, is today publishing another of a series of page advertisements, sponsored by vario ness concerns and individuals of the county in interest of the drive, with H. E. Copple Furniture Co., and Lee's Brownbilt Shoe Store, being the sponsor of today's advertisemen

### NEWS AND EVENTS OF **WEEK FROM WINGATE**

Of Personal Mention; Young Men Leave To Enter Armed Forces,

(By Mrs. Benson E. Bivens)

Mrs. Bruce Bivens has returned from Goldsboro where she visited her sister, Mrs. Louis Pinyatello, who is in the Goldsboro hospital, where she underwent a severe operation. Walter Perry has been visiting

riends and relatives in Raleigh and Favetteville. He left today to receive his boot training in the U.S. Navy G. W. Tesh and children, Rachel and David, visited friends and relatives in Winston-Salem last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bivens, Mr. and Mrs. Benson E. Bivens and son Benny, visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bivens in Hamlet last week-end.

on, visited Mrs. Giles during the week-end. Baron D. Smith of Bainbridge, Md., is visiting his family here. Mr. Smith has just completed his boot training in the U. S. Navy. While on furlough Mr. and Mrs. Smith and children vis-

Sgt. Hazel L. Giles of Fort Jack-

ited Mrs. Smith's parents in Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Seagraves. B. L. Hallman of Gastonia spent last week-end with Mrs. Hallman. Mrs. Jack Perry and young son John Eddie have returned from the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

Those to leave for preinduction into

the Army and Navy January 27th are: Heath Edwards, Benson E. Bivens, Olin Baker and Harold Love. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steen and two daughters are visiting Mrs. Steen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Helms. Misses Edith and Jewell Maye of Charlotte have been visiting the parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Maye. Misses Dot and Jean Willis the list for unusual happenings. On last week-end in Wingate with their the list for unusual happenings. On January 20, 1943 she received a telegram stating that her son, C. S., Jr., had been seriously wounded in Africa. She wrote him a letter that day. On January 20, 1944, she received the letter she wrote the year before. In August 1943 she received the Christmas package sent in 1942.

Mrs. Monroe Reid of Wilmington, Mrs. Aubrey Benton and Mrs. Aubrey Bent an early date for the Mrs. Ralph Smith and and Mrs. Robert Smi

