

LIONS CLUB VOTES FOR JOINT MEET

At the regular weekly meeting of the Lions club at the Friendly yesterday at 1 p.m., members voted to join other civic clubs in a joint meeting on October 5, in connection with the Community Chest drive.

Members also decided to join in the celebration of Navy day on October 27. It was reported that a speaker would be sent from Washington to address a joint meeting of all Wilmington civic clubs.

Lion Joe Hood urged all members to purchase season athletic tickets from the New Hanover athletic association.

Guest of yesterday's meeting was Lion Ed Bradley of Greensboro.

Lion Turk Edwards offered members information pertaining to the Office of Defense Transportation, and advised what should be done after the local office is moved from Wilmington.

Singing Convention Dated For October 1

Dr. B. W. English, secretary of the convention, announced today that the new Hanover convention would be held at Thalian hall Sunday afternoon, Oct. 1, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m.

The three hour program will consist of Gospel songs and hymns, featured from local organizations. Church choirs, quartets and other groups will be present. This is interdenominational, and singers from several denominations, as well as groups out of churches will gather for the usual quarter-annual singing.



"He's doubled his production by using Marlin Blades!"

WALLACE MAKES SPEECH FOR FDR

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"Five hundred thousand businesses have been closed since Pearl Harbor. An equal number of new businesses must be started as civilian demand and the backlog of civilian need swings this country from war to peace."

In one of his few direct references to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Wallace said:
"It would be absurd to attack the motives of any man seeking national leadership. Certainly both Dewey and Roosevelt will do their level best if called upon to serve. The first question to decide is one of equipment and experience. Who can better provide for permanent peace and full employment—Dewey or Roosevelt? What do you say?"

At another point, the vice president asserted:

"In spite of everything that Dewey has said, the isolationists are still going to vote Republican in 1944. Just as Harding placated the isolationists in 1921, so Dewey would be under the necessity of placating the isolationists in 1945. The Republican party in spite of the millions of its members who think clearly about international affairs has been, is now, and will be the channel through which the isolationists, the cartelists and the international freebooters work best."

Wallace said he saw America "as a vigilant watcher and perpetual guardian of the ramparts of the future."

U. S. BOMBERS HIT NAZI OIL REFINERY

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strikes against railway targets, beyond the Siegfried line.

French-based B-26 Marauders, bombing just ahead of the U. S. First Army, which is six miles from Trier, struck Ehrang, five miles north of Trier; Gerolstein, 30 miles to the north; and Pronsfeld, 10 miles east of Gerolstein. The Germans have been moving troops and supplies through the three towns constantly for the last week.

Lt. William Chapman of Monte Vista, Colo., reported warehouses and track intersections were heavily damaged at Gerolstein.

The Marauders, dropping more than 200 tons of bombs, encountered neither flak nor enemy fighters.

From Italy hundreds of Flying Fortresses and Liberators roared over Yugoslavia and Hungary, attacking Nazi communications lines not far from Soviet spearheads advancing through the Balkans.

SEIZURE FLANKS SIEGFRIED LINE

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the reputed Siegfried line terminal at Kleve. Arnheim is 15 miles northwest of Kleve.

The loss of the great bridge was turning the Germans' northern flank. Its concrete spans rise 600 feet above the Waal Rhine, which is broad, deep and swift. High banks would pose headachefor Army engineers and delay the Allied campaign for days.

The Germans were fighting back hard all along the front, and in savage counterattacks against the First and Third U. S. armies in the last 24 hours left 134 wrecked tanks smoking in and before the Siegfried line. But still the Americans pressed eastward.

As the battle neared the Ruhr's vast industrial center one dispatch from the first army front said the Germans had begun dismantling factories west of the Rhine and shipping them off to central Germany.

The First Army was cleaning the last die-hard Germans from the city of Stolberg, six miles east of the German frontier industrial citadel of Aachen, which the enemy soon may abandon. One force was fighting four miles east of Stolberg.

Another crossing of the German frontier 12 miles north of Aachen struck five miles inside Germany to Gelinkirchen, which stands along the weaker links of the northern chain of Siegfried fortifications.

In northern Luxembourg, the Germans threw in a sharp counterattack at Diekirch, but forward elements were more than a mile inside Germany six miles east of there at Biesdorf, which is just north of the burned out frontier village of Wallendorf.

The Third Army, throwing more tanks across the enemy's buckled Moselle and Meurth river lines, was herding the Germans into the foothills of the Vosges mountains en route to the upper Rhine and was in firm control of Lunville, 15 miles southeast of Nancy.

The Germans held grimly to the railway city of Metz, north of Nancy, despite the threat of encirclement and engaged the doughboy attackers in one of the biggest tank and artillery duels of the war.

(German broadcasts showed the most concern over reverses in Holland, where they had expected the canals and rivers to hold the Allied advance, and one report said the high command was in hurried consultation with Hitler.)

Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, while hustling reinforcements deeper into Holland to clinch the victory of the bridges, also was broadening his base of operations around Eindhoven.

One column struck 10 miles east of Eindhoven, and reached Someren, only 19 miles from the German frontier, while another overran the Dutch towns of Heeze and Soerendonk, five and 10 miles to the southeast.

CARRIER FORCE CONDUCTS RAID

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southern Philippines which he began Sept. 8.

The destruction wrought upon Japanese aircraft and shipping since the Halsey-Mitscher team went hunting Japanese in earnest in widely spaced raids gives these amazing totals for the period Aug. 30 through Sept. 20:

Japanese Losses
Ships sunk 90; ships probably sunk 44; ships damaged 47. Total 181.

Small craft sunk 30; probably sunk 4; damaged 43. Total 77.

Grand total of ships and small craft sunk or damaged 258.

Airplanes destroyed, 869, probably destroyed, 29; damaged 10. Total 898.

American Losses
Planes destroyed 20. Flight personnel lost 15 plus a yet unknown number missing after the Manila strike.

Almost unbelievable is the Halsey-Mitscher perfect record of not a single ship lost or even damaged despite the fact many were within binocular view of the southern Philippines on earlier September raids and all were within striking distance of land-based Japanese aircraft on every one of these five destructive raids.

Highly significant was the fact the Japanese have offered no naval opposition, whatever, in nearly a month in which the Halsey-Mitscher force has swept the Philippines sea and the western Pacific.

The Japanese obviously have no naval force based in the Philippines capable of resisting the Americans and presumably still are nursing wounds inflicted in the Philippines sea battle June 19-20.

WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.
Temperature
1:30 am, 74; 7:30 am, 72; 1:30 pm, 79; 7:30 pm, 73.
Maximum 86; Minimum 70; Mean 78; Normal 72.
Humidity
1:30 am, 98; 7:30 am, 100; 1:30 pm, 80; 7:30 pm, 87.
Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 0.00 inches.
Total since the first of the month, 3.19 inches.
Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)
High Low
Wilmington 12:25a 7:44a
1:05p 8:25p
Masonboro Inlet 10:29a 4:17a
10:34p 4:57p
Sunrise, 6:00 a.m.; Sunset, 6:00 p.m.; Moonrise, 10:24 a.m.; Moonset, 9:19 pm

SPEAKERS BUREAU FORMED FOR DRIVE

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the campaign, explained the methods selected for addressing groups and organizations and distributed folders containing a variety of data and suggested addresses which he encouraged his hearers to assimilate in order to be able to answer all questions correctly and to talk before any audience.

Speakers will appear before clubs, organizations and at places of employment and in addition WMFD will assign special time for programs and a moving picture, "Memo for Joe" is to be shown at all theaters followed by a two-minute "trailer" giving specific information.

It was revealed that a letter is going to all ministers asking them to dwell upon the drive during services on Oct. 1, and the Rev. C. D. Barcliff, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Methodist church, announced that he plans to devote the entire morning service on October 8 to the situation in China

and the need for greater aid for the Chinese. Mr. Barcliff is chairman of the local China Relief organization.

Present, in addition to Mr. Thurman, Mr. Freed, Mr. Emory and Mr. Barcliff, were J. E. L. Wade, McKen Maffitt, H. A. Marks, George L. Sterns, Mrs. Esther Sweeney, the Rev. Mortimer Glover, Mrs. W. G. Whitehead, and Warren S. Johnson.

MARINES EDGING AHEAD ON PELELIU

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through Tuesday, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced slow progress was being made in dislodging the enemy. There were small local advances, but no appreciable gains had been scored, however, on the eastern side of the island.

3 ISLANDS BOMBED
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, New Guinea, Sept. 22.—Two hundred and 15 tons of bombs were dropped by planes of the Far East-

ern Airforce on Halmahera, Ceram and Celebes on the south approaches to the Philippines, headquarters announced in today's communique.

Carrier-based planes hit Halmahera island, bypassed in the invasion of Morotai, damaging many enemy aircraft. Patrol torpedo boats sank a 1,000 ton enemy ship loaded with Nipponese troops Monday night.

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