

BINGAPORE FALL ADMITTEDLY NEAR HART RELIEVED OF NAVAL COMMAND

Admiral Hart Is Relieved As Head Of United Forces

S. Admiral Asks To Be Relieved Because Of Health; Lull In Philippine Battle.

Dr. Thurman Rice Banquet Speaker

Medical Authority At Farm Banquet

Dr. Thurman B. Rice, chairman of the department of bacteriology and public health in the school of medicine at Indiana University, who will speak at the annual farmer's banquet next Tuesday evening at Monmouth, is one of the noted medical authorities of the United States.

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He is a native of Indiana, graduate of Muncie Normal school, Valparaiso University, and Indiana University. From the latter he received the A. B. degree in 1914, the A. M. degree in 1917, and the M. D. degree in 1921. He has taught in various capacities in high schools and colleges and has been connected with the I. U. faculty since 1914.

Dr. Rice has done research in vital statistics, therapeutics, bacteriology and cataphoresis. He received the Ravidin medal when he was graduated from the university's school of medicine. He is a member of several honorary scholastic and scientific organizations, including American medical association, American public health association, Phi Beta Kappa, Indiana state medical association, Sigma Xi, Alpha Omega Alpha, and Nu Sigma Nu.

Dr. Rice has been a frequent contributor to Hygela, Journal of Outdoor Life, and other publications. He is the author of "The Conquest of Disease," "The Hoosier Health Officer," "The Human Body," "Racial Hygiene," "Applied Bacteriology," "Sex Education," "Textbook of Bacteriology," and co-author of "Adventures in Health Series for Common Schools" and "Public Safety." He has given lectures before many clubs over the state and is a popular speaker.

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The invocation was given by Rev. C. M. Prugh, following which W. F. Beery led community singing.

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Fierce Battle Continues On Russia Front

German Resistance Reported Stiffer In Some Sectors

London, Feb. 11.—(UP)—Fierce fighting raged today at Rzhev, northwest of Moscow, and Russian dispatches attested the ferocity of the Soviet drive extending from Karelia to the Crimea.

A Russian communiqué said a Fresh German army corps had been thrown into the fighting at Rzhev, where two separate battles were in progress. The Red army had encircled the city, except possibly in the southwest, and was attempting to occupy it. The Germans battled in another section to break out of the Russian ring.

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Today's early communiqué reported "offensive battles" during the night and said two more inhabited places were liberated. Sixty trucks, six guns, 14 machine guns, 37 motorcycles and 11,400 cartridges were captured, it said.

At Kharov, Russia's "Pittsburg" in the Ukraine, a battle has been

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He First Detected Jap Planes



Private Joseph L. Lockard at his station

From this radio station on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, Private Joseph L. Lockard, of Williamsport, Pa., pictured, detected the presence of Japanese planes almost an hour before they attacked Pearl Harbor that fateful December Sunday. Lockard had stayed at his listening post to practice with the listening device. Some authorities say that if his warning had been heeded, perhaps the result might have been different. Representative Forest A. Harness of Indiana has asked congress that appropriate recognition be awarded Private Lockard.

46 Youths To Take Army Examinations

Take Physical Test Thursday Morning

Forty-six young men from Adams county will leave the city tomorrow morning for the Fort Wayne armory to take final physical examinations for selective service. The bus will leave at 7:30 a. m.—approximately one-half hour before the other contingent of young men leaves for service.

The names of the men, preceded by their order numbers:

V. Robert Wayne Johnson; 2115, Benjamin Franklin Hower; 8, Ambrose August Meyers; 361, Ernest Willis Striker; 976, Russell William Ramsey; 8-2049, Mart Roy Knittle; 2079, Edward Joseph Metzger; 2085, Richard Eugene Lewis.

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Two Leave Thursday For Army Service

Two Commissioned Officers To Leave

Two more men will leave Decatur tomorrow preparatory to entering army service as commissioned officers, bringing the total of professional and business men who have been called from the city through reserve officer classification to nine.

D. Burdette Custer, local attorney, leaves tomorrow for Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood Md., where he will become a first lieutenant in the U. S. infantry. Dan Schafer, of the Schafer company, will leave tomorrow for a Florida vacation before becoming a second lieutenant in the infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., on February 24.

Mr. Custer is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he received his ROTC training, while Mr. Schafer was graduated from

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Here's Warning To The Superstitious, Friday The 13th

The superstitions today began laying plans to avoid the pitfalls of misfortunes that await them Friday—Friday the Thirteenth.

For the first time this year the 13th day of the month falls on Friday of this week, but it will happen twice more before the year is over.

It happens right away next month, in March, and then again in November—so the believers will have a bad year trying to dodge the spell of Dame Misfortune.

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Patriotic Firms To Fly Special Flag

Flag Designed For Bond Purchasers

A blue flag, with a Minute Man in white, surrounded by white stars, will fly from the flagpole of every firm in Decatur which has 90 percent or more employees enrolled in the pay roll savings program and every firm that gains this record will be given a certificate bearing a facsimile of Secretary Morgenthau's signature, countersigned by the state administrator, Wray E. Fleming, and the executive chairman, Eugene C. Pulliam, Earl Caston, executive chairman of the Adams county defense savings staff, said today.

A certificate will be issued on the recommendation of the state administrator, upon receipt of evidence that 90 percent or more employees in a plant are participating

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Elzie McCall, 22, who escaped from the Lapeer state home and training school at Lapeer, Mich., last July, was taken into custody last night by Sheriff Ed Miller. McCall was located on a farm near Berne, where he had been working. His companion in the escape, Hesel Scott, is reported still at large.

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Loss Of British Stronghold Grave Blow To Allies; Japs Continue Gains In Far East

Dutch Fighting Hard Against Japan Advance

Japanese Landing Forces Driving On To Take East Indies

Batavia, Feb. 11.—(UP)—

Japanese landing forces drove forward against stubborn Dutch defenders at three points on the southwest arm of Celebes island today in an attempt to gain new footholds for an apparent thrust toward Java, 500 miles to the south.

A Netherlands Indies communiqué reported that Dutch fighter planes intercepted and broke up an airplane fleet which attempted to raid the Soerabaja naval base in eastern Java.

The additional Japanese landings, disclosed in the communiqué distributed by the Aneta News agency, were effected at Macassar, capital of Celebes; Balangkipa, at the entrance to the Gulf of Bone, and Djemeponto.

As already was reported previously, the Japanese have been carrying out landings on the southwest arm of Celebes in the vicinity of Macassar," the communiqué said. "Further reports state that landings were effected at Macassar and Balangkipa and Djemeponto."

It added that one enemy company, advancing on Maros, northeast of Macassar, was attacked and "losses were inflicted on the Japanese." The Dutch said four of their men were wounded slightly by machine gun fire from a Japanese plane.

The outnumbered Dutch defenders on Celebes were reported carrying out a scorched-earth policy.

"The previous destruction which has been ordered has been thoroughly executed," the communiqué said. "Fighting continues."

Further enemy reconnaissance was reported over northern Sumatra and over part of western Java. The Japanese planes attempting to raid Soerabaja were driven off without bombing the base, the communiqué said.

It was admitted that an addition to the Japanese landings near Macassar, on the southwest side of Celebes, Japanese troop movements had been reported at Balangkipa, across the southwest arm from Macassar, and in the neighborhood.

Landings also were reported that Mrs. G. E. Stump, 28, formerly Miss Gladys Thompson of this city, died suddenly this morning at 4 o'clock at her home in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, according to word received here.

Mrs. Stump was born and reared in this city. She was the daughter of Rev. Harry W. Thompson, of this city.

She was graduated from Decatur high school in 1931.

The deceased had resided in Pennsylvania for the past seven years, following her marriage to Mr. Stump, who is affiliated with an insurance company in that city.

Word of her death was received in a telegram by her father this morning. It is not thought that she had been ill. Survivors include the husband, the father and stepmother, Rev. and Mrs. Thompson of Decatur.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

February 19 Set For Rationing Of Retreaded Tires

Washington, Feb. 11.—(UP)—National rationing of retreaded and recapped tires will begin February 19, price administrator Leon Henderson disclosed today.

He added that it is quite probable there will be no crude rubber available for retreading except for the small number of vehicles already eligible to obtain new tires and tubes.

A certain amount of comeback—rubber compound used for retreading—will be made available each month to permit retreading or recapping of truck tires, Henderson said. None will be available this month for passenger car tires and perhaps none for March, he said.

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Lincoln's birthday will be observed in Decatur and community

tomorrow with only a partial suspension of business marking the occasion.

All public offices in the county

court house will be closed for the day, a survey revealed today.

Offices in the city hall will remain open, however.

The First State Bank will close

its doors for the day. The post office and other business hours will remain open.

The Decatur public library will

close for the day, it was announced

by Mrs. Lamont Fogle, librarian.