

# County Work Very Little

## Only Five of 250 Employees Are Gone

The Mecklenburg County Government has been affected but little by the war. Scarcely any of the County Commissioners from ordering some few repairs and changes. But in other respects the County has felt the war less than most business employing the same number of people.

There are about 250 employees, but so far only five have gone into the service. They are Chief of Police Sianhepe Lincberry, now a Lieutenant (1st) in the U. S. Army; Guard Engineer, Jimmy Hunsy; and J. B. Vogler Jr., all of the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, and Tony Wilson of the tax office. Young Davidson, a Lieutenant in the Air Force, was killed several months ago.

Only a few employees have quit to take wartime jobs. The County Police have reduced their mileage by several thousands of miles per month, and have established two substations, one at Davidson and one at Matthews, to further reduce travel.

**TURNOVER 50 PER CENT**  
In the County school system the teacher turnover has been about 50 per cent. However, teachers are not county employees. They are paid by the State. Fourteen employees of the school system are Robert Wilson Quillen, Charles A. Thon Jr., Scott Thon, Jack Robert Melton, Robert Brady Thomas, John Gerald Cray, Earl Peterson, Thomsen Jr., Joe Willie, John Vernon Ward, John Roland Phillips, Quincy Earl Gregory, Henry Lee Henson, James Washington Whitehead Jr. and Robert Perching Long.

# American Marines Make Landing On Solomon Island Without Fight

## By TOM YARBROUGH

**SOUTH PACIFIC HEADQUARTERS, June 20—(Delayed)—**A Marine Corps unit sent out to attack the American invasion of the New Georgia Islands landed on the main island of Guadalcanal today without any opposition.

"They didn't fire a shot and we didn't drop a bomb," said a Marine. "We just landed on the beach and set up our equipment. With special equipment for jungle fighting, including combat camouflage clothing and knives, the tough Marines went ashore in landing boats lowered from a larger vessel a few hundred yards out. Finding no immediate opposition—although the Japanese were close by—they promptly started digging slit trenches in preparation of an air attack."

**REPORTERS ALONG**  
Two correspondents, Gordon Walker of the Christian Science Monitor and Walker Parr of the London Daily Mail, landed with this detachment and their accounts were made available to other correspondents by agreement.

Walker wrote: "I strike an hour before dawn from a small craft, this unit made the first infiltration of enemy soldiers into the Solomons since Guadalcanal. We were expecting contact with enemy ground troops and air bombing momentarily. The battle operation was a masterpiece of amphibious operation, executed in true Marine style."

"A few hours before dawn we were forced to halt our speed to navigate the inter-island waters which are uncharted. At one point the vessel I was accompanying shuddered as the bottom scraped a submerged reef. At another point we sailed soundlessly between a pair of islands hardly 150 yards apart."

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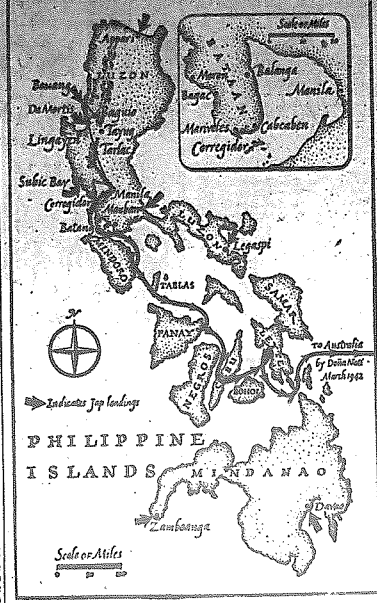
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**Furniture Stores To Remain Open Wednesday P. M.**  
Charlotte furniture stores, which close Monday in observance of the July 4 holiday, will remain open on Wednesday afternoon of next week.

Hugh Martin, president of the Charlotte Retail Furniture Dealers Association, made the announcement today. He said that in view of the Monday closing the members of the association decided not to close Wednesday afternoon.

After next week the furniture stores will return to the summer custom of closing on Wednesday afternoon.



NOTE: The map above shows Japanese landings on the Philippines and the route of Clark Lee's escape from Batavia through the Philippines to Australia.

Several fire in the battle that followed. One small Jap carrier was sunk in the water and burned in addition to the carrier, which was either the Ryoko or another. A transport and a cruiser, and a transport had been sunk, and many other ships damaged. Our attack planes had failed to establish contact with three big Jap carriers, but their torpedoes lit the destroyer. The planes failed to find us, with the exception of the small group that hit our carrier. Our pilots reported that the Jap pilots were definitely inferior to those they had fought at Midway and in the Coral Sea.

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Then, just in time, our admirals got busy. Transporta success was landed some Army troops and, more important, gasoline for our planes. Finally, we re-occupied the base island disaster and began to take the initiative. I believe the change dated from the appointment of Admiral William F. Halsey as commander in chief of our South Pacific forces. The old idea of "we can't go there because the Japs are there," was replaced by Halsey's watchword, "Attack! Repeat: Attack!"

Only once since Savo Island had the Navy dinged it out with the Japs, on the night of Oct. 11-12 when the Boins fought a gallant and successful battle against the Japs. A month later, on the night of Nov. 12, Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan led a force of the Japanese surface ships and fought it out to a finish against a Jap battleship and three heavy vessels at point-blank range. Callaghan was killed, but his ships were not. San Francisco, damaged and other of our ships sank, but the Japs turned back.

Between those two surface battles there had been another carrier fight late in October. One of our carriers, the Hornet, was

bombard and sunk, but several Jap carriers were badly damaged and the Japs were forced to retreat. Meanwhile, between August and early October, Guadalcanal had been held despite the lack of our naval vessels. It was held by Navy and Marine air forces. The Japs had the gasoline to fly—and it was held by exhausted, often wounded, Marines, who killed Japs, and more Japs, and still more Japs until they were sick of killing. Planes, now supplied with gasoline, bombs, and torpedoes, had provided the killing blow that smashed the big Jap attacks on Nov. 11-13. Planes had sunk eight of the Jap transports and had sent to the bottom the cruiser and battleships damaged by our air attacks. A million men on the thirteenth, planes, and Marines, had held Guadalcanal.

That part of the action in the Solomons I followed through the newspapers back home. After our battle on Aug. 24, our carrier had gone back to the southeast of the Solomons to await another Jap attack. There was no count down the days until we would meet the Japs in another battle. Charles McMurtry and Jack Rice had come out from Pearl Harbor in several years. I was covered and I was free to leave. We figured that within two weeks at the most we would be some port to pick up food, gasoline, plane parts, and ammunition.

Finally we landed at Pearl Harbor, salvage work on the damaged battleships had progressed greatly in the ten weeks since I had left on the carrier. Several of the battleships were ready for sea duty again. The shops on shore were working night and day and installations were being extended.

"This time there was no telegram here from my going home—only a message telling me that I was too late to see my mother. She had died the day of our sea battle north of the Solomons. I had decided to go back anyway, to see what the United States looked like after ten years. I had learned to speak English again, and to find out if the people realized what we were up against in the Pacific. My wife was to join me in New York. The trip up to the coast on a cruiser was peaceful and the skyline of San Francisco was the most beautiful sight I had ever seen in my life."

There are three other scenes which I hope to live long enough to witness.

I want to be there when General Douglas MacArthur raises the American flag ever again over Iwo Jima. I want to see him haul it down and with his own hand raise the flag of the United States over the planes, the symbol of a nation which won its right to life by learning how to suffer and how to die.

I want to be with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek when he makes his last stand in Nanking after the last Jap has been killed or driven from China.

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## Victory Belle Dance Tonight

A former dance with Charlotte's entire Victory Belle corps, in attendance will be sponsored at the Armory-Auditorium tonight by the Defense Recreation Committee as part of the week-end service men's recreational program.

An orchestra will provide the music. Tomorrow afternoon the Defense Recreation Committee will launch its Sunday free bowling sessions at the Charlotte Bowling Center at 112 W. 1st St. for service men and their dates. The Bowling Center will be open from 2 P. M. to 6:30 P. M.

## Beer-Wine Sales Out For Week-End

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Beer and wine sales after midnight tonight will be strictly taboo in South Carolina until Monday at sunrise. A section of the General Appropriations Bill that became effective July 1 prohibits week-end beer and wine sales.