

Cloudy with occasional drizzle or light rain tonight; Friday rain, colder in the mountains.

BRITAIN GETS SET FOR INVASION THRUST BY NAZIS

MANY VICTIMS ARE CLAIMED BY ACCIDENTS

Nearly 400 Violent Deaths Reported In Nation

LIST IS LEAD BY AUTO ACCIDENTS

At Least Five Persons Known To Have Been Killed In Wrecks Throughout This State

By The Associated Press A holiday toll of at least 397 violent deaths was recorded today in reports of the nation's observance of Christmas.

Traffic accidents accounted for 273 fatalities Christmas eve and Christmas day, while 109 other reported violent deaths swelled the total from coast to coast to more than half the three-day week-end toll of 678 last Christmas.

Lives were claimed by suicides, fires, poisoning, explosions, drownings, stabbings and asphyxiation.

Of the 48 states and District of Columbia, New York led with 41 deaths, followed by Ohio with 29.

The toll of violent deaths by state included North Carolina five.

Automobile accidents, gunfire and other forms of violence claimed the lives of at least 10 persons in North Carolina over the Christmas holiday period.

In addition, one North Carolinian, Mrs. Elizabeth Callahan of Sanford, and six Floridians whose parents and grandparents live at Sealeburg, N. C., died in a collision near Savannah, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Holland of Ulee, Fla., and child and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Westbrook of Fernandina, Fla., and child were on their way to Sealeburg to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Westbrook and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Holland.

Christmas eve at Swannanoa, John W. Edwards, chief deputy United States marshal for Western North Carolina, fatally wounded himself. Sheriff Laurence E. Brown said, after shooting to death Mrs. Marjorie Young, 29-year-old cafe operator.

Parker Davis Hewitt, 36 of near Catawba was fatally injured by an automobile on the Claremont-Catawba highway at 1 o'clock on Christmas morning. Sheriff Ray Pitts said O. N. Chandler of High Point was driving the car.

Everett Jerry White, three-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. White of Wilmington died in a Goldsboro hospital of injuries received in an automobile accident near Rose Hill Wednesday night.

Elizabeth Hudson, 12, was accidentally shot and killed. Sheriff Ray Cohoon said by her cousin at their home at Kikkenny in Tyrrell county.

A woman identified as Mrs. Ethel Lula Caudill, 43, of Baltimore, Md., was fatally injured near Apex yesterday afternoon in an automobile accident.

William H. Ballou, 18, and Norman Jones, 20, both of Morehead City, died when their truck crashed through the Atlantic Beach bridge yesterday and dropped into the 20-foot waters of Bogus sound.

L. E. Allen, 50, of Wrentham, and Ed Honkins, Negro, of Plymouth were killed when their automobile crashed into a truck on the Washington-Plymouth highway. Ed Hassell, 21, of Washington, and LeRoy Anze, 28, of Greenville, were injured.

Injuries Fatal To Veteran Producer

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Daniel Frohman, 89, dean of American stage producers, died early today of complications following a fall.

Frohman, one of the most distinguished figures in the history of the American theatre, had been in the Leroy sanitarium since November 4, when he broke his right hip in a fall in his hotel suite.

Dr. H. H. Williams Is Claimed By Death

Chapel Hill, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Dr. Henry Horace Williams, 82, professor of philosophy at the University of North Carolina for almost 50 years and one of the most influential members of the faculty, died here today.

He had been in failing health for several months and had not taught for more than a year.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Methodist church here and burial will be in Chapel Hill.

Chief Executive Urged By Prominent Citizens To Pledge British Aid

Home—And Tagged



Billy Reid (above), 5-year-old explorer of Chicago, has returned home from his latest expedition: boarding an elevated train, being put off and returned home by police who knew him from previous explorations. So Billy's home and now wears his usual tag giving his name and address which was lacking on his elevated exploit.

J. T. GAYLORD WRECK VICTIM

Winterville Man Killed Near Farmville Wednesday

Jerry T. Gaylord, 43, was instantly killed at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning in an automobile accident which occurred a few miles from Farmville on the Farmville-Bruce road.

Mr. Gaylord was traveling toward Bruce at the time of the accident and had a head-on collision with a car driven by Byron Pernell Canady of Burlington.

Funeral services were conducted from the Episcopal Church in Winterville this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Jackson, Episcopal minister of Aviden, and burial followed in the Winterville cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Grace Cox Gaylord; one daughter, Mary Grace; and two sons, Jerry, Jr. and Thad, all of the home; one brother, George O. Gaylord, Jr., of Wilmington; and his mother, Mrs. Mary Gaylord of Wilmington.

Mr. Gaylord was born and reared in Brith. He was a farmer and had also worked on the tobacco market for the last few years.

Spain is one of the richest countries in minerals, but they have been exploited mostly by foreign capital.

Unemployment Payments Total Big Sum In State

Reflector Bureau.

By HENRY AVERILL Raleigh, Dec. 26.—Unemployment compensation payments to all social security spending in North Carolina by a wide margin, according to figures compiled by Mike Dunningham, informational service representative of the U. C. C.

According to his statistics, Tar Heels out of work have received checks totalling \$14,628,960.01 during the two and a half years the commission has been functioning actively. This out of a total expenditure in North Carolina of \$38,664,232.24 in nine of ten divisions into which the Social Security program is divided. Most of the other activities have been going on for four years, all except unemployment compensation payments for at least three.

Thus the heaviest Social Security spending in this state, at least, has not been done by the government out of general tax money. The

Group Suggests President Settled Policy Of This Country To Do Everything Necessary To Insure Defeat Of Axis Powers; Says this Nation Too Indifferent To War

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The White House said today that more than 150 prominent American citizens had urged President Roosevelt to "make it the settled policy of this country to do everything that may be necessary to insure the defeat of the Axis powers."

The group, comprising editors, lawyers, authors, educators, actors and religious and labor leaders, set forth their appeal in a letter.

They urged that all possible be done to promote "resistance to the plausible, but fatal arguments of appeasement."

Evidently for the purpose of informing the President what they think a large section of the American people would like to hear in the chief executive's Sunday night radio speech, the group said:

"We ask you to tell us what we believe to be the truth, that the materials of war and the military and naval air strength we now have and the implements we can now produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis powers so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting, but that with Britain down they are not enough and may not in the future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay."

The signers included Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., motion picture actor; Mayor Maury Maverick of San Antonio; Mrs. Dwight Morrow, mother-in-law of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh; Dorothy Thompson, columnist; Lewis W. Douglas, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and former New Deal budget director; and Dr. James R. Angell, former president of Yale university.

"A prevalent indifference and apathy toward what is happening in the world and the threat to our own vital national interests, prompts us to write you this letter," the communication began.

"We ask you to clarify once more, but perhaps in greater detail the nature of the conflict which threatens to wipe out the sort of Christian civilization in which men may be free from the restraints of intolerance from the fear of injustice and from the menace of arbitrary power."

"We ask you to inform us clearly and boldly of the possibility of English failure and of the consequences to us and to our children's children if Britain fails."

The White House secretary said that a president would very specifically "about war aid to Britain in his nation-wide radio address Sunday night, but would give no figures on any phase that might be helpful to any other nation."

The address, first from the White House in many months, will be broadcast over three national channels from 9:30 to 10 p. m., EST.

Dr. W. B. Davis of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, predicts the Texas big horn sheep, a rare specimen of wild life, will not survive another 10 years unless the few remaining animals are given better sanctuary.

Former Local Citizen Dies In Florida City

News in the city have been advised of the death of Wade W. Pittman on December 25 in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mr. Pittman was employed in Key Brown's drug store for some time and had many friends in Greenville. Mrs. Pittman was with him at the time of his death.

J. N. Harrison Home From Local Hospital

J. N. Harrison has returned to his home on East Ninth street from Pitt General hospital, where he had been since sustaining injuries in an automobile accident four weeks ago. Mr. Harrison continues to show improvement, but due to a fracture of the spine, he will be confined to his home for several weeks.

HIGHWAY BODY MAJOR TARGET OF GOSSIPERS

Rumor Factory Rushing At Full Speed In Raleigh

BELIEVE DUNLAP WILL BE OUSTED

Law Would Have To Be Rewritten, However, To Let Out Chairman Of State Commission

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—(AP) The rumor factory runs overtime in these parts now with Governor-elect J. Melville Broughton taking office two weeks from today and a major target of the gossip and speculation is the Highway and Public Works Commission.

Many persons predicted that Chairman Frank L. Dunlap will not be reappointed, but the law must be re-written if he does not serve two more years.

Under his appointment Chairman Dunlap has two more years to serve. Some of the E. E. appointments have four more years. The legislature could, however, wipe out the present setup or amend the law and terminate those terms at any specified date, just as the first highway legislature did with the commissioners of Governor Ehringhaus.

Governor-elect Broughton is understood to be still considering the matter of whether to change the highway setup. The divisional system used now was vigorously attacked in the primary campaign by L. L. Gravelly of Rocky Mount.

The gossip lists numerous possibilities for the chairmanship if the commission is revamped, including Ben L. Prince of Hendersonville, T. Bodie Ward of Wilson, Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton and Capt. M. Wayne of High Point. Ward is a member of the present commission.

Former Star Dies On Christmas Day

Hollywood, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Blonde Ames Ames, who rocketed to movie stardom in the old silent screen days, retired at cinematic sidelines when the talkie era started and later made an unsuccessful comeback attempt, died Christmas day of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Miss Ames, a film contemporary of Gloria Swanson and Wallace Reid and whose outstanding roles were in "The Affairs of Anatol" and opposite Rudolph Valentino in "The Sheik" had been in failing health for some time.

She suddenly was stricken on Christmas eve and died later in a hospital. She was 42 years old.

No Kiwanis Meeting To Be Held Friday

The regular Friday night Kiwanis meeting will not be held this week it was announced today by D. C. Moore, Jr., club secretary.

The decision was reached because of two factors, this being Christmas week and also club members invited to the annual Kiwanis Christmas party Friday night at the Eastern Carolina Training School in Rocky Mount.

All members of the clubs in the fourth, sixth and seventh divisions are invited to attend the Rocky Mount affair. Supper will be served from 5:30 to 7:15 and the program, consisting of a play by boys of the school and a talk by Dr. E. L. Hillman, will begin at 7:30.

War Activity Hums Over Large Area



This gives some idea of the varied battlefronts in the Mediterranean area. (1) While the Greeks kept hammering at the Italians in Albania Italy reported naval shelling of the Greeks' homeland along the Ionian coast. (2) The British admiralty said the fleet air arm attacked the Aegean Islands (inset left). (3) On the north African front the British announced clearing up operations went forward around Bardia and a new attack centered on Giarrabub.

LOUIS E. ALLEN DIES IN WRECK

Former Local Man One Of Two Killed In Collision

Louis Ernest Allen, 51, died at 10 o'clock Tuesday night as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident which occurred three hours earlier in the evening.

Mr. Allen was traveling on the Washington-Plymouth highway, about 18 miles from Washington, when the accident occurred. He ran into the back of a truck which was being pulled by another truck.

Funeral services were held from the S. G. Wilkerson and Sons funeral home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Brunson, pastor of the Aviden Christian Church, and burial followed in the Aviden cemetery.

Mr. Allen was born, reared, and spent most of his life in and around Pitt county, but at the time of his death he was working as an automobile salesman in Plymouth and his family was living in Washington. Mr. Allen was a member of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Carrie McLawhorn Allen, three sons, Rex and Mack, all of the home, and Ernest of New Bern; one daughter, Mrs. Lester Whitehurst of Bethel; three grandchildren; five brothers, C. N. Ichabod, Livod and David, all of Farmville and Bert of near Greenville; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Cates of Scotland Neck and Mrs. Marvin Jones of Farmville.

Ed Hopkins, a Plymouth Negro also was killed in the accident and LeRoy Anze of Greenville was injured.

Mrs. Lucy Tripp Claimed By Death

Mrs. Lucy J. Tripp, 70, passed away in Pitt General hospital Wednesday morning at 9:43 o'clock after several weeks of critical illness.

Funeral services were conducted from Reedy Branch church this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Moye, Free Will Baptist minister of Snow Hill, and burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Tripp was born, reared and spent her entire life in the Reedy Branch community. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tripp and was a member of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, Furney Tripp, four daughters, Mrs. Henry Tripp of near Greenville, Mrs. Maggie Fulford of near Farmville, Mrs. L. L. Forbes of RFD 2, Greenville, and Mrs. H. E. Willoughby of the home; six sons: C. H. Tripp of near Aviden, P. H. Tripp of the Reedy Branch community, E. M. Tripp of Farmville, T. L. Tripp of Grimesland, Furney Tripp of Greenville, and Wiley J. Tripp of near Aviden; thirty-five grandchildren; five great grandchildren, three brothers: F. E. Tripp and J. W. Tripp of Roanoke Rapids and J. H. Tripp of Winterville; three sisters: Mrs. David Hatem and Mrs. M. N. Forbes of Greenville and Mrs. M. N. Tripp of Pactolus.

Active pallbearers serving were Charlie Little, Frank Little, Mallich Vincent, E. W. Smith, Charlie Smith, and Wiley Waters.

Skeleton Found

A skeleton of a man believed to have been approximately 50 years old was found yesterday by K. R. Wooten on his farm near the Pitt-Edgecombe county line between route 43 and the river.

Deputy Sheriff R. W. King, who was called to the scene by Mr. Wooten, said the man's skull was intact and none of the bones were broken. The deputy sheriff advanced the theory that the man drowned during the recent floods and floated down the Tar river. He added, however, he had not heard of anyone in the section being missing.

N. C. MINERALS ARE VALUABLE

Fifteen Different Kinds Are Found In Tar Heelia

Reflector Bureau. By HENRY AVERILL Raleigh, Dec. 26.—North Carolina's mineral resources form one of the state's most potentially valuable assets, though at present only two of fifteen "strategic or critical" minerals are being produced in commercially important quantities according to a recent "Information Circular" by T. G. Murdock, assistant state geologist.

But while only two are now being produced commercially, at the other end of the line only two of the entire list of fifteen minerals have never been found in North Carolina and more than half are listed as possible of commercial importance.

The geologist's circular classified as "strategic" minerals for national defense (those upon which sources outside the continental U. S. must be largely depended and which must be subject to strict conservation and control measures) the following: Antimony, chromium, industrial diamonds, manganese, mercury, mica, nickel, quartz, crystal.

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New High Record Set In Construction During '40

By JOHN L. BECKLEY Associated Press Statistician

New York—It was a boom year for the construction industry. New homes sprang up faster than in any year since 1929. Factories took shape at a record pace as industry responded to the call of national defense.

So furious was the tempo at year-end that observers wondered whether the capacity of the construction industry was great enough to handle defense construction in 1941 and still care for expanding civilian demands. Building costs were creeping upward.

Total building and engineering contracts for 37 eastern states were estimated by F. W. Dodge Corporation at \$3,850,000,000 compared with \$3,550,000,000 in 1939, a gain of 8 per cent.

Residential construction got off to a slow start because of unfavorable weather, but contracts piled up in the final three quarters of the year dispelling all fears that the boom in

FEAR FELT FOR 10 GUARDSMEN

Rescue Crew Unreported Since 10:25 Yesterday

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Coast Guard organized a search today for 10 Coast Guardsmen unreported since 10:25 a. m., Christmas day when huge waves beat their attempt to force their small motor lifeboat into Point Aeron.

They had left the station 10 hours earlier in response to distress calls from the water-logged coastal lumber schooner Stanwood.

Mrs. Cecil Thomas, wife of the officer in charge of the Coast Guard cutter Shannon, said she was "just burning" to invade England.

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National Guard Unit Members Visit Homes

All members, except 15, of the local National Guard unit, who are in training at Fort Jackson, S. C., are home for the holidays, it being the first time most of them had been home since they left here.

Fifteen men were left on duty at the post and will take their 10 days later.

Georgia Man Held In Officer's Death

Atlanta, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A five-day man hunt in two states for the slayer of a Georgia highway patrolman ended here today at Fulton county jail, where a youthful escaped life-term convict who had played a desperate hide and seek with bloodhounds and a posse was charged with murder.

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Many Places Observe Two Days From Work

A partial holiday was observed throughout the city today as country and city offices joined with a large number of business houses in extending the Christmas holidays.

Nazis Sent To Rumania Meanwhile

Speculation Rife That Showdown Between Axis And Russia Over Control Of Danube Is Rapidly Approaching As Fresh German Troops Go Through Hungary Into Rumania

By The Associated Press

Britain suddenly doubled her guards on the mist-shrouded channel coast today, vigilant against a possible German invasion thrust across the now-calm strait of Dover.

At the same time Adolf Hitler posed the war's biggest mystery as the vanguard of 300,000 fresh German troops sped by train through Hungary into Rumania.

Speculation was rife in Balkan capitals that a showdown may be approaching between the Rome-Berlin Axis and Soviet Russia over control of the strategically vital Danube river.

Observers also saw the possibility of Nazi action against Greece—or even Turkey and the Near East and a German drive to the East.

Some quarters viewed the mass German troop movement into Rumania as a feint to throw Britain off guard on her home front, setting the stage for a lightning invasion of the island kingdom.

If so, Britain was not deceived. Picked troops armed with light machineguns combed the beaches and kept watch from the white cliffs of Dover.

Traffic along the coast was stopped at barricades. Drivers and passengers were searched. Even uniformed soldiers and sailors had to show identification cards.

Britons recall that less than 48 hours ago Field Marshal General Walther Von Brauchitsch, commander in chief of the German army, told Nazi troops across the channel he knew they were "just burning" to invade England.

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Among the business houses observing the extended holidays were the banks, dry cleaning establishments, ABC stores, beauty shops, a large number of the grocery stores and other individual business houses.

# Social and Personal

Miss Mae Meadows, a student at W. C. U. N. C., in Greensboro is spending the holidays at her home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Goodwin have returned to Durham after spending the holidays with Mrs. Goodwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Willard.

Benjamin N. James, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. James of Bethel, is spending his Christmas vacation with his parents. He is a student in the managerial course at Norfolk College, Norfolk, Va., where he will resume his studies with the opening of the mid-winter term January 2.

Mr. Lee Folger, Sr. of Charlotte spent Christmas with his son, Mr. Lee Folger, and Mrs. Folger of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Garrett and sons, Ralph and Dwight will leave in the morning for St. Augustine, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Little of Richmond, Va., spent Christmas with relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dixon of Goldsboro are spending the holidays with relatives in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Britt spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins.

Miss Helen McBlair, a teacher in the city schools of Franklinton, is spending the holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thornton of Goldsboro spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, J. B. Smith, Jr., returned home with them for a visit.

Alex Dail of Hopkinston, Ky., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dail.

Mr. and Mrs. William Falson of Durham spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lyerly of Salisbury are the guests of Mrs. Lyerly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parrish and Warren Parrish left this morning for a visit in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Heath left yesterday for Winston-Salem to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Edwards and son Clifton Hugh, spent Christmas in Charlotte.

Dr. J. B. Hawes, of Fort Benning, Ga., is spending several days at his home in Greenville.

J. J. Gilbert of Washington, D. C., is spending several days in Greenville.

Mrs. Eleanor Yelverton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. K. B. Pace.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Mims spent Christmas in Raleigh.

Misses Louise and Marjorie Gaskins of Danville, Va., will arrive this afternoon to visit their mother, Mrs. Maude Gaskins.

Dr. Robert S. Boyd is recuperating from a recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Bullock and M. L. Starkey will leave in the morning to spend New Year's in New York. On Saturday night they will attend Beethoven's "Missa Solenne" given by the Westminster choir in Carnegie Hall.

S. E. Gates is spending the Christmas holidays with his family in Greenville.

**Birth Announcement.**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Slocumb of Benson, announce the birth of a son, William Henry, Jr., on December 23, 1940, at Mary Elizabeth Hospital, Raleigh.  
Mrs. Slocumb is the former Miss Willard Allen of Greenville.

**Birth Announcement.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Ficklen Arthur announce the birth of a son, Louis Chesterfield Arthur III, on Tuesday, December 24, 1940, in Pitt General Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Peaden announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Ann, on Tuesday, December 24, 1940, in Pitt General Hospital. Mrs. Peaden was formerly Miss Mary Norville of Greenville.

**Entertain For Visitors.**  
Mrs. O. P. Matthews and Mrs. G. H. Pittman were hostesses, at the home of the former, in honor of Miss Anne Crawford of West Point and Cadet George H. Pittman, Jr., of Balkland and West Point, last Monday night.  
The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas scenes and colors.  
The winners of the prizes were: Miss Thelma Peel of Everetts and Miss Ada Gray Carman of Ayden. At the same time each guest was presented with a miniature silver wedding bell which bore the inscription: "George-Anne, June 12."  
The guests present were: Misses Lorraine Moore, Virginia Moore, Gladys Pittman, Beatrice Turner, Ruth Smith, Ada Gray Carman, Thelma Peel, Nets Townsend, Virginia Atkinson, Ruth Pittman, Olive Mayo, Messrs. Russell Turner, Carl Pierce, Marshall Wooten, Reuben Watson, Lonnie Pierce, Jr., Robert Steyer, George Taylor, Frank Owens, John Tye and Stanley Woolfolk.

## Social Calendar

**THURSDAY**  
7:30 p. m.—Knights of Pythias meet.

8:00 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hollowell will entertain at dessert bridge complementing Miss Betsy Hood of Kingston and Robert Proctor of Detroit, Mich., whose marriage takes place on Saturday, December 28.

9:00 p. m.—Rehearsal for the Fennell-Corey wedding.

10:30 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Corey will entertain the Fennell-Corey wedding party and out-of-town guests at a cake-cutting.

**FRIDAY**  
1:00 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Hicks Corey will entertain the Fennell-Corey bridal party and out-of-town guests at luncheon.

7:30 p. m.—Red Men will meet.

8:00 p. m.—The marriage of Miss Kara Lynn Corey and Robert W. Fennell will take place in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

8:30 p. m.—Mrs. Sudie Corey will entertain at a reception honoring the Fennell-Corey wedding party.

8:00 p. m.—Rehearsal for the Hines-Smith wedding.

9:30 p. m.—The Hines-Smith wedding party and out-of-town guests will be entertained at a cake-cutting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith.

10:30 p. m.—German Club dance at the Country Club.

10:30 p. m.—Towne Club dance at high school gym.

**SATURDAY**  
5:00 p. m.—The marriage of Miss Kelly Smith and Mr. Lovit Hines will be solemnized in the Eighth Street Christian Church.

**Rose-Rountree.**  
Lovely in its simplicity was the wedding of Miss Hannah Marcella Rountree to Mr. George Norman Rose which was solemnized in the National Christian Church of Washington, D. C., at 4:30 o'clock on Thursday, December 19, by Rev. R. H. Harwood Miller. The bride had chosen as her wedding date the 46th wedding anniversary of her parents.

The bride, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Rountree of Greenville, was never lovelier than on her wedding day. Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Willard Rountree, Miss Rountree wore a gown of white slipper satin styled on princess lines with a daisy of lace and a long flowing train. Her finger-tip length veil of illusion was draped from a tiara of orange blossoms fashioned of pearls. She carried a shower bouquet of gardenias and baby's breath.

The bride's best friend, Miss Kay Androulakis, was maid of honor and was attired in powder blue silk jersey. She wore a tiara of yellow roses on powder blue velvet ribbon and carried a matching bouquet of yellow roses.

Dr. Reginald Mitchell of Washington served as best man and the ushers included Mr. Maynard Kidwell and Mr. Val Schiller. Pre-nuptial music was played on the organ by Mr. Lawrence Freude and Mr. J. Yates sang "I Love You Truly" and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

The bride entered with her father to the strains of "Lohengrin" and was met at the altar by the groom and his best man. The age-old ring ceremony was used.

Following the ceremony, a reception for the bride and groom was held at the home of the maid of honor, Miss Kay Androulakis. It was here that the bride and groom cut their lovely three-tiered wedding cake.

The out-of-town guests included: Mr. William Rountree, brother of the bride of Greenville, N. C.; Mrs. Bessie Rose, mother of the groom, and Mrs. Harry Caton, both of Coshocton, Ohio; Misses Hortense Linden, Rose Swartzman and Mrs. Harry Linden of Baltimore; Mrs. Edythe Mallory of Richmond, Va.

Immediately after the reception the couple left for points south where they will spend their honeymoon. Upon their return they will make their home at 3654 New Hampshire Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

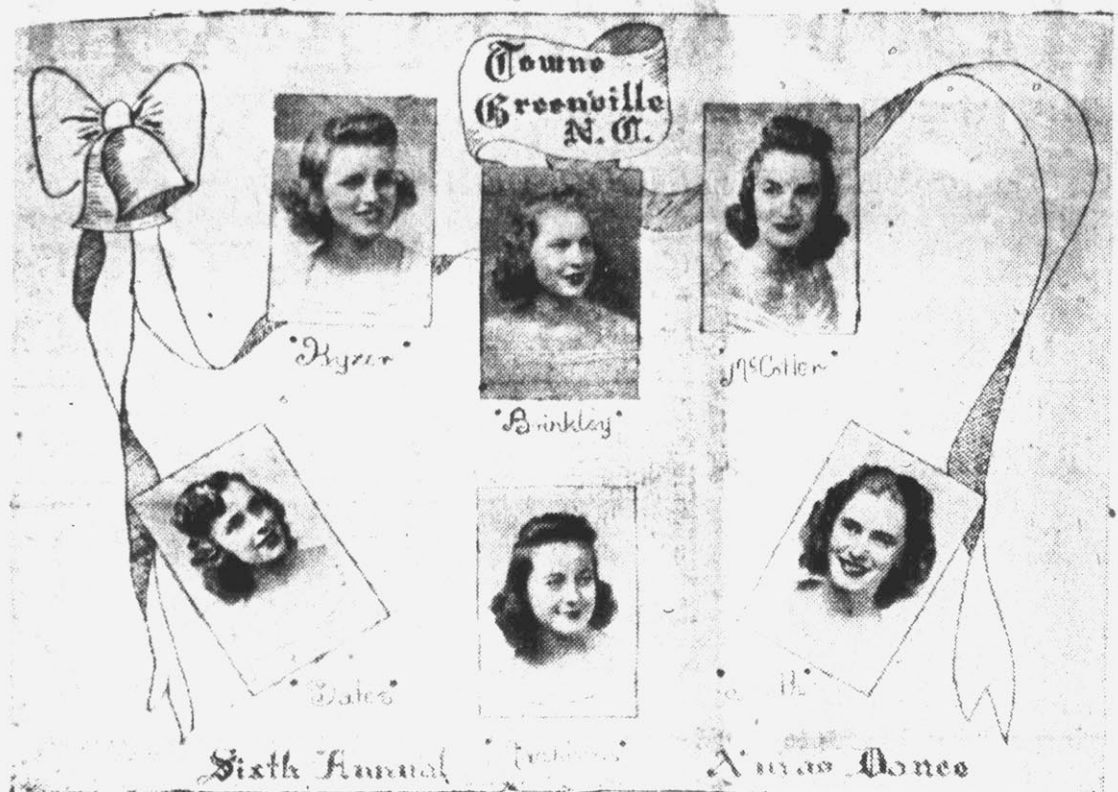
For going away the bride was attired in a Schiarparelli model of black wool trimmed with gray kid-skin and wore a corsage of gardenias.

**Entertain For Miss Smith.**  
On Monday evening, December twenty-third, Mrs. Clay Stroud, Jr., of Ayden and Miss Madeline Woolard were hostesses at bridge to honor Miss Kelly Smith.

Upon arrival, Miss Smith was presented a corsage of red carnations.

The home on Holly street was very lovely with its decorations of long-leaf pine, red berries, burning candles and a beautifully lighted Christmas tree.

## Towne Club Christmas Dance Tomorrow Night



Pictured above are the young ladies that will be sponsors for the sixth annual Christmas dance to be given by the Towne Club tomorrow night in the high school auditorium. Miss Dorothy Brinkley of Greenville will sponsor Jack Foley, Jr., vice president of the club. Miss Elizabeth Gates, Greenville, with John D. Brifgates, vice-president; Miss Mary Lee Smith, Greenville, with Travis Flanagan, secretary and treasurer; Miss Mary Dawson Mc-

## Grimesland News

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitley and daughter, Marjorie, of Chocowinity were the house guests of Mrs. M. H. Godley yesterday.

Mrs. J. G. Whitley of Washington is spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. M. H. Godley.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Buck were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gallaway Christmas day.

Mr. William T. Proctor left today for his home in Fayetteville.

Mr. Leslie Fleming and family of Fayetteville arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fleming, and Mr. V. A. Jackson, father of Mrs. Fleming.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitley of Washington spent yesterday afternoon with Mrs. M. H. Godley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Banks of Norfolk, Va., spent the holidays with Mrs. Banks' mother, Mrs. J. J. Lewis.

Miss Oma Bliss Lewis is home from Raleigh where she teaches.

Mr. Bill Hargett of Jacksonville spent Christmas with Miss Juanita Hoell.

Miss Reba Lee Elks of Burlington is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Elks.

## Hollywood Sights And Sounds

**Hollywood.**—Sometimes the script of a movie is funnier than the picture.

Screen writers don't have to be able to write, but virtually without exception they make a stab at it and some get good results. They might never take a prize for literary effort, but in putting over what they mean so director and players may profit thereby, they carry a punch.

To wit, these samples from "A Guy, A Girl and a Gob," the Harold Lloyd production, with screenplay by Frank Ryan and Bert Granet:

Describing the character played by Lloyd Corrigan: "No one but a zoo keeper would look at him twice."  
When a girl displays her leg to George Murphy: "Her very shapely leg is exposed to the Hays office limit." (This last one reminds me of an old one, found in the script of "Man of Conquest": "A long shot of wagon train stretching as far

as the eye can see and the budget will allow.")  
In the script of "Strawberry Blonde," by Julius and Philip Epstein, the twin authors admit certain deficiencies: "Author's note: Being unfamiliar with Greek dialect we will make but a vague attempt at verisimilitude and leave it to the actor (George Tobias) to give it the correct touch."  
The same scribes handle Alan Hale's role similarly: "We're not so good, either, on the Irish dialect." Their directions for James Cagney as he watches Rita Hayworth walk past the barber shop: "His Adam's apple rises and falls."  
Fred Niblo, Jr., and Barry Trivers on "The Wagons Roll at Night," contribute:  
"Hoffman's eyes roll about like those of a dead fish..." (But do dead fish eyes roll?)  
Also: "They are simple, kind folks without being out of East Lynne."  
Also: "The kitchen is spotless and looks like the sort of place where home-made bread is made and preserves put up..."  
Writer Preston Sturges takes no chances that Director Preston Sturges won't understand what he means in the script of "The Lady Eve." Of a girl, he writes: "She's a sweetie in a sweater and looks particularly well leaning on the rail of the ship."  
Also: "Charles sits stationary, like Rodin's 'Thinker.'"  
Of Muggsy (William Demarest) Sturges writes: "His face is a poem of perplexity."  
And this, for Eve at dressing table in her stateroom: "This is the stateroom of all staterooms. It is necessarily small, but oh my! Terrific is an understatement. The rails are singing beneath us and we can almost smell, in fact we can smell the perfume. Eve is squinting on herself..."

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# Women of Action Take Front Page in '40 News

**By SIGRID ARNE**  
AP Feature Service Writer

Certainly the ladies—being ladies—still worried about the tilt of their hats in 1940. Even the English women of the ARP corps tilted their helmets at a cock pitch.

But the powder-puff division—as such—was definitely out as head liners. Gone were the last decade's beauty queens, Cinderellas, sensational divorcees, wearers of ermine and throwers of sores.

The women who hit the front pages of 1940 had something to do with one of two subjects: the war or the national election.

The bell tolled first for two ladies in Norway: the Norwegian Crown Princess, Martha, and the aristocratic American ambassador, Mrs. J. Borden (Daisy) Harriman.

It was Mrs. Harriman's cable to our state department which told the world that the Germans were swarming over Norway early April 9.

**A Dynasty Flees**

That same night the Crown Princess Martha fled over dark roads with her family, racing against time. For days there was no news. Then the family turned up in London. Now the saddened young princess is living almost a hermit's life in a guarded home outside Washington. Her husband is in London.

So is the next lady who hit the front pages: Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. It was early May when the German panzers rubbed out her nation's borders. On May 13th she arrived in London. There was a flurry of criticism. But she reminded critics that "I Shall Maintain" was the motto of her dynasty. And obviously she could "maintain" better in London than as a German prisoner.

**New Personality**

In June American readers were treated to a new feminine personality: Mrs. Wendell Willkie, wife of the Republican nominee. She was a little "thumb" from convention excitement when she set out on campaign travels that took her 31,000 miles by the side of her husband. She wound up with an inner circle reputation of being one of her husband's soundest advisers.

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**Adviser For The Army**

Meantime readers were growing accustomed to another name, often in the news now—Miss Harriet Elliott. In May she was appointed to the defense commission, the lone woman member, in charge of consumers problems. By autumn she had quietly chucked up her reputation of being one of her husband's soundest advisers.

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Then popped up news of the most romantic lady of our time; the Duchess of Windsor. She had faced the summer confidently. Evidence: She ordered 20 summer outfits from Parisian dress-makers. But then began a long trek across the border into Spain where she celebrated her birthday in a peasant's home. The Duke, somehow, had managed a cake. They became the Governor and Governor's Lady of the Bahamas—he busy with unemployment problems, she leading the island's Red Cross units. Two weeks before Christmas, but on short notice, a yacht took them to Miami. Then the Duchess might have an impacted molar removed.

By September events at home were building rapidly to "total defense." Thousands of American women flocked to Red Cross centers to sew and roll bandages for refugees. By winter they numbered a half million.

On October 16th millions of American mothers saw their sons trot out to register for our first peacetime draft.

For the ladies the year produced an ominous book by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, "Wave of the Future." She wrote, "the forces of the future are Nazism, Fascism, Communism. Our task is peaceful reform at home."

## Short Shots

**Raleigh, Dec. 26**—Indicating that there is little connection between efficiency and legislative clerical employment is the probability that Mrs. Anne Powell will not this time be chief assistant in the enrolling office—perhaps the most important adjunct of the legislature.

Mrs. Powell has been first assistant in the last three General Assemblies in the last two under Laurie McEachern of Hoke, who this time will be a House member and, consequently, not on the enrolling job.

There is no question of Mrs. Powell's ability, which is proved beyond any possible dispute by the record of three legislatures without a major mistake in enrollment of bills.

But her husband is Raleigh's Commissioner of Public Safety and Secretary of State. That Eure is afraid that her reappointment would be politically unwise and subject to criticism because he gave a job to somebody who didn't really have to have it—also because one plum was being passed out too long to the same person.

It seems almost certain that Eure is going to bow to expediency and take a chance an inexperience at the head of the enrolling office, where mistakes can be made with much greater ease than that with which the daring young trapezist files through the air.

A mistake in the enrolling office—if made in the Revenue bill or some measure of comparable importance—just a mere slip of a figure, could conceivably cost the state the expense of a special session of the legislature.



DUCHESS OF WINDSOR CROWN PRINCE MARTHA MISS HARRIET ELLIOTT MRS. HARRIMAN MRS. ROOSEVELT

## Go in Home For Christmas Holidays



With a suitcase slightly the worse for wear and a duffle bag chocked full of army belongings, Woodward Stokes of the 118th Infantry from Camden, S. C., trudges toward the railroad station at Camp Jackson, S. C., where he boarded a train that took him home for the Christmas holidays. This was representative of a mass exodus from army camps throughout the country.

With neither McEachern nor Mrs. Powell to do their usual perfect job, chances of such a mistake will be multiplied.

But then, politics and efficiency never did have much connection, anyway.

Bill Baker, of the Revenue Department, can be chief clerk of the House again if he wants it.

That, at least, is the considered opinion of legislators who know their way about Raleigh's political labyrinth.

Others are seeking the post, but most of them on the conditional basis—"if Bill doesn't run."

The Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl and all others of that sort will have to take decidedly a back seat in the minds of all interested in the North Carolina prison system.

On January 1 the football team of Central Prison here will meet the War Horses from Caledonia Prison farm in the big Prison Bowl game which will decide the North Carolina title.

The Caledonians are the present champs; but the men coached by Ben Hoek, former State star, now recreational director at Central, hope to snatch the honors away from them.

**Death On Daylight Savings Basis**

Durham, N. C.—(AP)—It costs a little extra to be buried after 4:30 p. m. here. The city council decided to charge the extra fee to pay overtime wages to cemetery attendants kept by late funerals.

**SERVICE BY PUBLICATION—NOTICE**

North Carolina—County of Pitt

In The Superior Court.

Scott Dixon

Walter Dixon and wife, Maggie Dixon

The defendants, Walter Dixon and wife, Maggie Dixon, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, to divide certain lands among the tenants in common, and the said defendants will take further notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county in the courthouse in Greenville, North Carolina, on the 27th day of December, 1940, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 25th day of Nov., 1940.

J. F. HARRINGTON,  
Clerk Superior Court.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF BONDS**

\$136,000

Edgecombe County Drainage District No. 2, North Carolina Improvement District Bonds

Sealed bids will be received until 11 o'clock A. M., E.S.T., January 3, 1941, at the office of the Local Government Commission in the city of Raleigh, N. C., for \$136,000 Improvement District Bonds of Edgecombe County Drainage District No. 2, North Carolina, dated July 1, 1940.

FRIDAY MORNING **BELK-TYLER'S** DECEMBER 27th

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<p><b>SALE! BLOUSES</b> Crepes and Satins <b>\$1.37</b></p> <p><b>SUEDE DOWN BED JACKETS SALE!</b> <b>87c</b></p>	<p><b>FINAL GIVEAWAY SALE COATS</b> At Bargain Prices! Every coat must go before inventory. We're giving them away.</p> <p>Regular \$7.95 <b>COATS: SALE! \$4.99</b></p> <p>Regular \$9.95 <b>COATS: SALE! \$5.99</b></p> <p>Regular \$16.50 <b>COATS: SALE! \$8.97</b></p>	<p><b>"Talk-of-the-Town" Printed Crepes</b> Late Fall patterns in lovely prints. Guaranteed washable, will not pull at seams. Regular 59c value ..... <b>28c</b></p> <p>Camay Soap, Sale ..... <b>5c</b></p> <p>Giant Octagon Soap, 3 for <b>10c</b></p> <p>10c Size Lye, Sale ..... <b>5c</b></p> <p>Guest Ivory Soap, 3 for <b>10c</b></p> <p><b>SALE! WOMEN'S OUTING GOWNS</b> Good warm, heavy weight. <b>44c</b></p> <p><b>OUTING GOWNS</b> Heavy quality outings in assorted colors. <b>SALE 87c</b></p> <p><b>SALE! WOVEN SPREADS</b> Extra heavy fine woven spreads. Large double bed size. In blue, rose, wine, green, cedar and gold. Regular \$2.50 values. <b>\$1.77</b></p> <p><b>SALE! BAGS</b> Smart handle and zipper styles in Calfs, Morocco and Alligators. Regular 48c. <b>SALE! 37c</b></p> <p><b>ALL \$1.98 BAGS Sale! \$1.37</b></p> <p><b>ALL \$2.98 BAGS Sale! \$2.37</b></p>
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## Strength For The Day

THE WORST SELDOM HAPPENS

The Duke of Wellington lay on his death-bed in the year 1852. He said "I am glad I shall not live to see the consummation of that ruin which is gathering about us all."

Note the date—1852—and recall that some of the most illustrious happenings in the history, not only of the British people but of the whole world, took place between 1850 and 1900. The Duke of Wellington was very sure as he looked upon conditions in his day, that widespread destruction was just around the corner, and he thanked God that he was being spared the pain of seeing it ravage humanity.

The Duke's state of mind was typical of a mood which men entertain in every age. We discover in the writings of those who have gone before, numberless prophecies of immediate doom. Most of them could be taken up and replanted in a modern setting, and we would find ourselves agreeing with these gloomy prophecies of men of old generations ago. Yet they did not come true then, and all such dire forebodings will probably not come true now.

We have much to discourage us today. Certain evil conditions are unprecedented. But let us never forget that our forebears expected ruin to overtake their generation, as we sometimes expect it to overtake ours. In other words, we can be too serious and too pessimistic about present world affairs. Let us be on our guard, but let us also bear in mind that in the past the worst has seldom happened.

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Just 364 more days until Christmas. We haven't deducted the Sundays and holidays to find out the number of shopping days, but in case you're interested you might get out your new calendar and do a little figuring.

The great decrease in the absence of firecrackers here during this Christmas was indeed a great relief to those who are bothered by the noise. While it has long been a custom in this section to celebrate Christmas with firecrackers, frankly we don't see the reason for it and if this year's decrease is an indication of a trend from the use of firecrackers for the Christmas celebration it will be something else for which to be thankful.

Both England and Germany enjoyed a brief respite from bombings during the two days just passed, but now that Christmas is over there is the fear that the respite might prove the "calm before the storm" and that hostilities will be resumed on a more devastating scale.

While war-mad Europe held up on its killings for Christmas day, we here in civilized America went right ahead with our slaughter on the highways, with indications that the figure may reach the five hundred mark by the time all the states have received full reports. It seems to us that our de-

## The Nest Looks Better Every Day



fense program should include some means for protecting our people against this useless slaughter.

## PUBLIC FORUM

DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO THIS COMMUNITY. IN ALL CASES NAMES MUST ACCOMPANY ANY COMMUNICATION.

Please Make Your Discussion As Short As Possible

### MEADOWBROOK CHAPEL

To the Editor: What a perfectly wonderful time we had at the Meadowbrook Chapel, North Greenville, N. C. It was Christmas Eve, and the second gathering of the Sunday school in celebration of "Our Saviour's Birth-day."

Sitting here in Greenville and writing, I ponder over the sublime moments, and what all of us SAW in that chapel, the look of joy and love shining out of the faces of the children present in that meeting—and also the look of contentment on the grown-ups.

There is a mellow and profound feeling—something that no one can take away from you. Something that remains to linger a long time in one's heart, about the stir of such a gathering of children.

A. E. Gibson (Albert) was the master of ceremonies (and a good one). Also we had Santa Claus in person (Mr. Cannon) of the Fleming Crossroads, he administered to every one in a gracious manner, never missing a soul.

The singing was very good; fresh young voices blending in harmony with the old Christmas songs, we so love to hear. And the recitations were excellent, especially Mrs. Elizabeth Allen's rendering of Jesus' visit to the underprivileged home.

We wish to thank the ladies and children so much, and for everybody who had part in the work and service, making up such a splendid program. We administered the presence of our beloved Pastor, Dr. Boyd, who was under strict orders from his physician not to leave his home. However, he was well represented by both Mrs. Boyd and their attractive daughter, Anna Belle. It is needless to say that Brother W. S. Brown, our superintendent of the Sunday school, was much missed.

Come out and spend an hour with us in worship each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45. At Meadowbrook Chapel, situated on the southwest corner of Wilson and Pitt streets in Meadowbrook, North Greenville, N. C. Everyone is cordially invited. Thank you. You will be glad you came.

(A Member of the Chapel)

## Washington Daybook

Washington—A few friendly hints and suggestions to the 74 who will assemble in the House of Representatives January 3 as "new members" of the 77th Congress.

If you have a speech-making complex, don't come to Congress with any idea that you are going to get to air it. I know several good congressmen who have served their first term without opening their mouths except to say "aye" or "no" and who won a lot of respect from their seniors thereby. If you just have to make a speech, write it out and by getting permission "to extend your remarks," have it printed in the

Congressional Record. Then you can mail it to your constituents, which is the important thing anyway. Very, very little legislation is affected one way or the other by oratory.

**Letters To Write**  
If you aren't a writer of a proficient letter writer, you'd better get a secretary who is. You'll get thousands of letters and every one has to be answered. Along this same line, if your secretary is proficient at forgery and at tossing off a few convincing lines, you'll get a lot more done. No congressman can sign all his mail without getting a chronic case of writer's cramp. If you're not "out" to some of the pests and wheedlers who call on the telephone or at your office, you will be, after the next election.

(Regarding that mail: I know a congressman who had a vacancy pop up in his district for a rural route carrier. There were 126 applications for the job and each applicant was accompanied by an average of eight letters or recommendations. That means 1,134 letters to be answered on one little appointment and to about 1125 voters, the suffering representative had to say "No!")

**Keep Up Courage**  
Don't be discouraged if you are about 400th on the list for selection of an office; that you have to sit at the foot of the table at banquets and in committee rooms; that you can't get assigned to committees that consider bills on your favorite subject; and that it seems you are being left out in the cold on everything that comes up. There never was a place where seniority is such an ironclad rule of progress as in Congress. You won't get hazed or snubbed as does a freshman in college, but you'll certainly get put in your place if you start trying to leap any hurdles of seniority.

Don't bring to Washington a trunkload of bills. In the 76th Congress, 18,751 bills were introduced on the 65th, there were more than

**Crossword Puzzle**

ACROSS  
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18. Of temper  
19. Sphere

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41. Variant  
42. Twin crystal  
43. Period  
44. Perusal of time  
45. English  
46. Concluding  
47. Partly fermented  
48. Grape juice  
49. Literary  
50. Ancient wine  
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52. Epic poem  
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**Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle**

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## Who Killed Aunt Maggie?

By MEDORA FIELD

**YESTERDAY:** Coroner Dodson is holding what he calls a rehearsal inquest over the murders of Aunt Maggie Ambler, and Eve Benedict. The library of Sally and Bill's old house near Atlanta holds her and her husband, their week end guests, the police, and the servants. Now Mr. Dodson just has caught up Alice Dunbar on her confession, which she claims she signed only to gain freedom from continual questioning.

### Chapter 43 Bugged Confessions

"ROBERTS," asked Mr. Dodson, "will you check Miss Dunbar's statement with the coroner?" And now, Miss Dunbar, please tell us how you killed Mrs. Benedict.

"With the dart, of course," said Alice. "Yes, I stabbed her."

"I know, you tell us what you did before that. What passed between you and Mrs. Benedict when you first went to her room, and any other details that led up to the killing."

Alice had that scared-rabbit look again and I thought, She is right, they should not torture her this way. After all, she had made a confession. "Oh the crime, it's all there in that paper. I've told it once. I won't go through it again."

"Is this necessary?" Bob demanded hotly. "My sister committed no murder. Any confession obtained from her under stress is without value."

"What did you say when you went into Mrs. Benedict's room, Miss Dunbar?" Mr. Dodson asked quietly.

"I told her she had to stay out of my brother's life," said Alice. Then the words came tumbling out. "I said I knew something that would stop her alimony if I told her husband. She said she would kill me if I told him. She started toward me, and I grabbed up the dart and stabbed her with it and she fell back on the chaise longue. I hid her in self-defense."

"Roberts," asked Mr. Dodson, "does that statement check with Miss Dunbar's previous one?"

"No, sir, the conversation is different and in her previous statement Miss Dunbar makes no mention that Mrs. Benedict made any move toward an attack. She says that Mrs. Benedict just laughed at her when she told Mrs. Benedict to stay out of her brother's life. She says Mrs. Benedict told her (Miss Dunbar) had no attraction for men. Besides, Mrs. Benedict was struck while lying down. I don't know how she got into a "laxated position."

"You are all just trying to tangle me up," Alice spit out the words, her eyes roving from one to the other.

There was a moment of waiting silence. Then, Claire spoke up. "It's all right," she said. "Don't badger her any more, Alice didn't do it. She couldn't have, because—because I did it."

Sternly, Lieutenant Gregory's voice rose above the confused babble which followed this startling announcement. "Why didn't you admit this when questioned earlier, Miss Harper?" he asked.

Claire looked at him appealingly and, even in the face of all the circumstances which may prevail against her, it is remarkable how appealing a beautiful woman can be. "Wasn't I?" she said. "I did not know that my name would be accused. But naturally I cannot let—Alice—suffer in my place."

"Don't pay any attention to her, Officer," Kirk ordered. "It's impossible. She couldn't have done it."

Lieutenant Gregory turned on him with that look of a tiger ready to spring. "And why not?"

Kirk's mouth dropped open and he stared at Lieutenant Gregory, obviously at a loss. "Why—why, because it is impossible," he said finally.

### Call to Order

"MY witness," Mr. Dodson politely called the situation to order, and Lieutenant Gregory called out the national guard. Anderson and Roberts, with drawn revolvers, were already outside the door and Anderson shouted back from the drawing room that the light there and in the hall had only been switched off and that nothing was wrong with the current. Apparently who ever turned out the lights had first turned out all the others, and reaching in to press that button had been able to step backward into a dark cloak of invisibility.

**YESTERDAY:** Coroner Dodson, who is blind, in holding what he calls an inquest over the deaths of Aunt Maggie Ambler and Eve Benedict in the library of Sally and Bill's old house near Atlanta. He has obtained at least four confessions to the second murder, and obviously they cannot all be true. But before things can be sifted the lights go out, the hall door opens, and somebody flings a dart into the room exactly like the one that killed Eve.

### Chapter 44 Cooped Up

"IT seems to me," Mr. Marshall went on, "that there's no further use holding everyone here for somebody to take potshots at with these rifles or to strangle them on stairways. I admit I don't feel any too safe myself. Wouldn't it be the sensible plan to let us all go back to town and you take over the place for as long as necessary? We can be reached at our respective homes. I assure you that nobody will make any attempt to escape. I feel that I can be just as responsible as though we remain here."

"Sounds like a sensible idea to me," said Bill. "This place has been searched a dozen times already and no results. I'll stay here with you if necessary, but I see no reason for further inconvenience for everyone else."

"But I won't let you stay," I shuddered, "unless I stay, too."

Everybody, white-faced and some of us more than a little shaky, looked hopefully at Lieutenant Gregory. The servants, quiet now in their little huddle, added a petition. "Please, Mr. Policeman," implored Thomas, "just let us get out of here alive."

For a long moment Lieutenant Gregory stood there and it was something to see the look of indecision on that usually determined face.

"No," he said finally. "You can't go yet. I was ready to call things off and go to town. But Mr. Dodson insisted on his pretty little tea party. And where does it land us? One of you confesses and then everybody else says, 'Oh, no, she couldn't be guilty I did it with my little hatchet.' Everybody so polite. Everybody so ready to say it was all his fault. Or maybe everybody decided if they would just confess right quick, we'd have to shut up shop and go home."

"Well," he announced, "we are not going to. Maybe those confessions were just a little leg pulling to break up the show. It may be that somebody on the outside did open the door and turn out the lights. May be that somebody in the hall switched the light. But somebody in this house party knows who it was. Maybe you all know. All these wholesale confessions look like it. And I'm going to clean things up before anybody leaves this place. I'm tired of all this funny business. And that's what I intend. Gregory stalked from the room. A few minutes later we could hear him growling into the telephone.

Bob closed the door and turned the key in the lock. "Feel a little safer that way," he said, with an attempt at grin. "Andrew, lock that other door, please. As long as we can make the police knock when they want to come in."

**Exhausted**  
THERE was nothing to talk about or there was too much to talk about. For what is there to say to four people who have all confessed themselves guilty of the same murder?

Besides, we had all been under severe nervous strain for nearly twenty-four hours. We had struggled to maintain an outward appearance of casualness but that was no longer possible. I was tired even of trying to think.

If Alice were guilty of Eve's murder, had she killed Aunt Maggie too? Had Alice really seen something on the stairway before she fainted? And even though Ephraim conceivably might have killed Aunt Maggie or any one of us, had he killed Eve, who could have opened the door and turned out the lights while we all sat together in this room? And last, but somehow puzzling too, where was Plutarch? That luxury-loving animal would never have remained out of doors.

So we sank into the lethargy of waiting. Once I roused myself sufficiently to ask Mr. Dodson, "Are we going to find out anything before we are all murdered?"

He smiled. "I don't think that darts are really deadly for anybody," he said, "unless perhaps for Gregory or me. I think it did just what it was intended to do, at least to an extent. That is, it has broken up the meeting. But if its purpose was to persuade Gregory to go back to town, it doesn't seem to have succeeded very well."

I don't know how long we sat there before Lieutenant Gregory finally came back and told us we could have the run of the house but not to go outside. I must have slept finally, slumped on the sofa with my head against Bill's shoulder. For I know I took me a moment or two to reorganize things when I heard Lieutenant Gregory's voice.

He hadn't appreciated the humor in locking out the police. And they had found no one in their search of the house or grounds.

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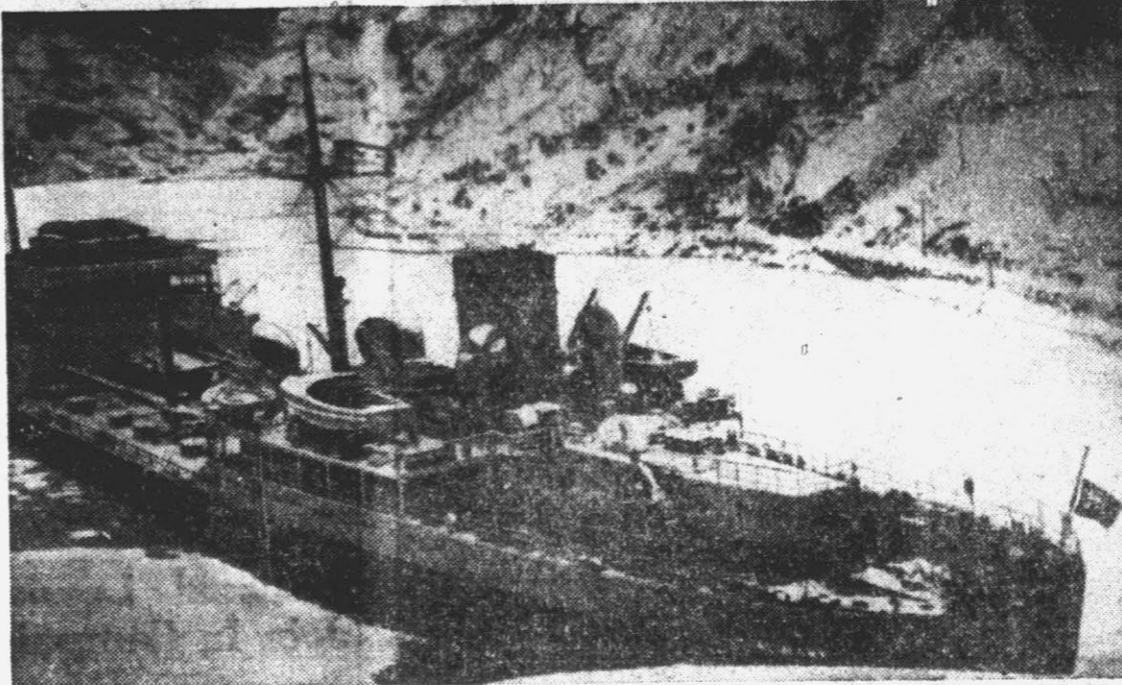
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# Associated Press Calendar Of Year's Historic Events

# 1940: WAR IN REVIEW



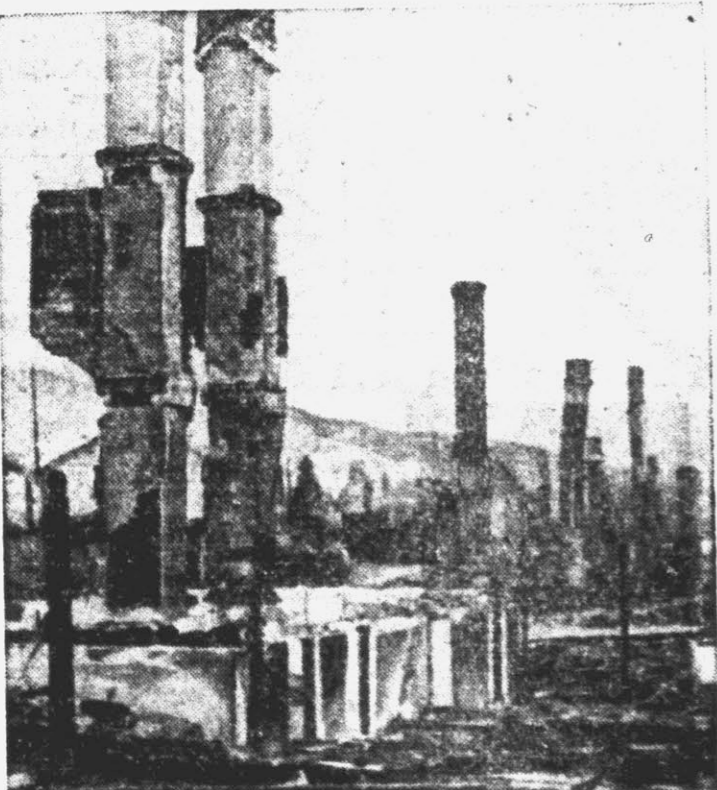
**JANUARY** One month old was the Russo-Finnish war when 1940 dawned in Europe where war between Allies and Axis was also being fought—mainly at Maginot Line and sporadically in air over Thames estuary and Scotland. Outnumbered Finnish troops routed the Russian 44th division Jan. 8 near Suomussalmi where Arctic cold hastened death and froze Russian soldiers into grotesque shapes.



**FEBRUARY** Into the neutral waters of a Norwegian fjord, British vessels pushed Feb. 16 to take 300 captive British seamen off the Altmark (above), Nazi prison ship. Finland's plight was becoming desperate with Russians moving on Viipuri. Turkey, on Feb. 8, suddenly seized the large German-owned Krupp shipyards on the Golden Horn, an inlet of the strategic Bosphorus straits.



**MARCH** Fall of the French cabinet with Reynaud (left) replacing Daladier (right) came March 20, just eight days after the Russo-Finnish peace treaty that gave Russia the Karelian Isthmus, Viipuri, Lake Ladoga shoreline, and other areas.



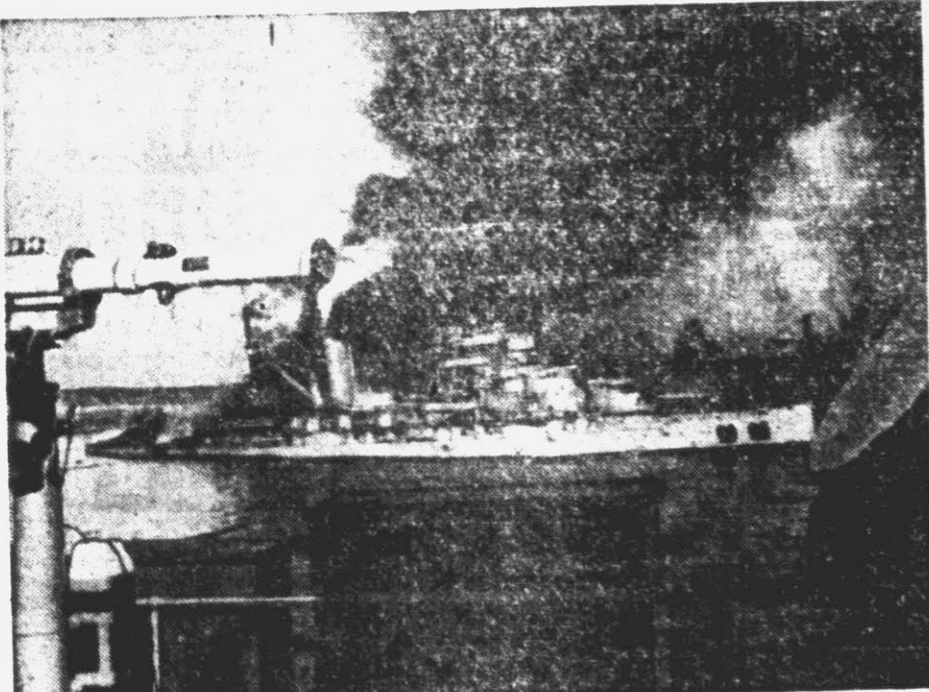
**APRIL** Germany struck April 9, invading Denmark which submitted and Norway which resisted so stubbornly that Steinkjer (above) and other Norwegian towns soon felt the fury of Nazi bombers. The Allies vainly tried to muster aid for Norway.



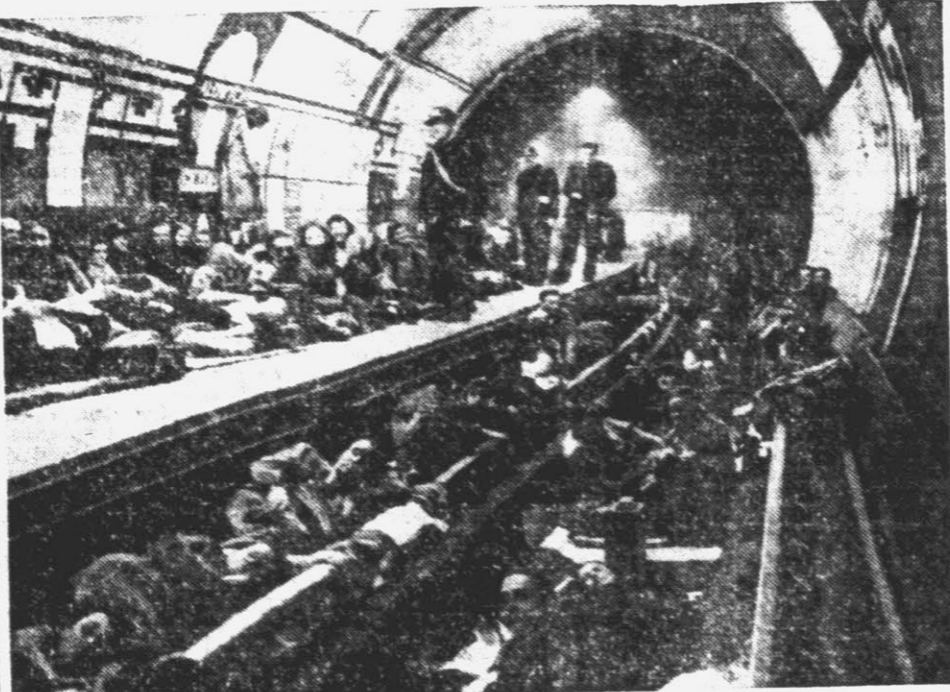
**MAY** Long remembered will be May. Hitler invaded Holland and Belgium May 10, crushing the Dutch in less than a week. Churchill replaced Chamberlain as prime minister. Allied troops were trapped in Flanders by a combination of the Germans' Sedan break-through that advanced Nazi march channel-ward, and of May 28th capitulation of Belgian King Leopold and surrender of his soldiers (left). Some 335,000 soldiers trapped in Flanders were taken off blood-stained beaches at Dunkerque, endless human chains (right) reaching out to rescue ships.



**JUNE** France collapsed quickly. Italy entered war June 10 and Nazis occupied Paris June 14, riding past the Arc de Triomphe (above). France signed an armistice with Germany June 22 at Compiègne forest in railway car used for the 1918 armistice.



**JULY** Britain's fear that French fleet would be put to war uses if it fell into Axis hands led to July 3 naval battle off Oran, Algeria, where British gunfire sank French battleship Bretagne (sinking, center) and crippled cruisers, various craft. On July 21, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania—under pressure—voted to join the U.S.S.R.



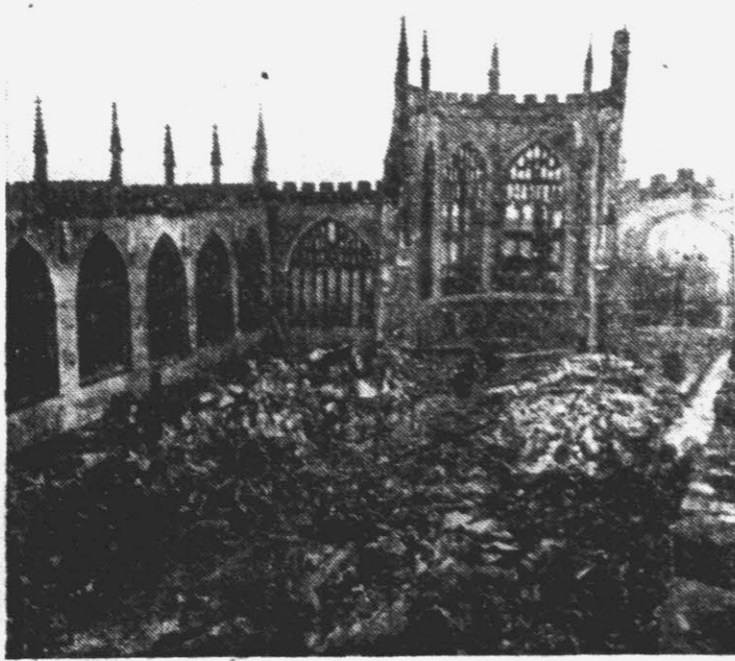
**AUGUST** Nazi planes by the hundreds crossed the channel to bomb England, starting an aerial blitzkrieg that lasted for weeks. Londoners took over subway platforms and tracks to escape bombs. Raiders visited ports, industrial-Midlands. Britain sent her bombers over the Reich, watched for any Nazi invasion attempts.



**SEPTEMBER** Signing by Germany, Italy and Japan of a 10-year military, political pact was big news Sept. 27. Ambassador Saburo Kurusu (left) signed for Japan, Ciano (center) for Italy, and von Ribbentrop for Germany. Hitler (right) attended. Rumanians rebelled Sept. 5, 6 over Axis-dictated cession of Transylvania area to Hungary; King Carol abdicated, was succeeded by son, Mihai.



**OCTOBER** Unrecorded are thoughts of Petain (left), hero of Verdun and premier of Vichy government, as he met Hitler, conqueror of France, Oct. 24. Britain reopened the Burma road in mid-October, and Italy invaded Greece on Oct. 28.



**NOVEMBER** Only a shell of historic cathedral at Coventry, England, remained after fierce Nazi raid Nov. 14. At least 60 persons were slain about Nov. 26 by Rumanian Iron Guardists avenging 1938 death of their leader, Codreanu.



**DECEMBER** Petain's dismissal Dec. 14 of pro-Nazi Pierre Laval (left) as vice premier, and retreat of invading Italians—out of Greece where they met knife-bearing warriors, and out of Egypt where British soldiers (right) pushed them into Libya—added up as Axis reverses. Britain lost ships to Nazi subs, asked U. S. for replacements. Hitler's Dec. 10 speech called German capacity for work "our gold," said "with this gold I defeat any other power in the world." Viscount Halifax became Ambassador to U. S., succeeding the late Lord Lothian.



# WANTS

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FOR RENT—COMPLETELY furnished new six-room apartment. Very reasonable rent. Immediate possession. Gas, lights, water, and telephone already connected. Call 3844 or 3633-1, or see Bill Woolard. 26-31

FOR RENT—UPSTAIRS UNFURNISHED apartment. Steam heat. Private front and rear entrances. Garage. See B. H. Stancill, Blount-Quarley's Shoe Store. 9-1f

MEAT SALT, SAUSAGE SEASONING, liquid smoke, pepper, sage, sausage grinders and stuffers, and all necessities for your hog killing. J. A. Watson, Seeds and Hardware. 2-1f

FOR RENT—ONE UPSTAIRS apartment, one downstairs apartment at 1212 Dickinson Ave. Automatic steam heat. E. H. Taft, at Taft Furniture Co. 6-1f

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY—PATTIE Shells, Rolls and Bread. Try our Jumbo Rolls. People's Bakery.

FOR RENT—BRICK STORE, 24x60 in Grimesland, next to Dr. Spigle's office. Occupied now by R. A. Fleming. \$20.00 per month. Apply F. A. Elks, Grimesland, N. C. 23-6f

WANTED—CORN, BEANS and peas. Top prices paid. Coy Smith, New Carolina Warehouse, Greenville, N. C. 19-1f

HAYWIRE FOR MULE OR POWER. Jagers, Also fence wire. All sizes gun shells, shot guns or rifles. J. A. Watson, Seeds and Hardware. 2-1f

FOR RENT, JANUARY 1st—COMFORTABLE bedroom in steam heated home. Twin beds. Mrs. C. M. Warren, 592 E. Ninth St. 26-1f

FOR RENT—THREE OR FOUR ROOM furnished apartment. Electric stove, refrigerator and all conveniences. Phone 3762. Nov. 19-1f

FOR SALE—NICE GENTLE PONY and saddle. R. L. and W. H. Smith. 23-5f

FOR RENT—SIX-ROOM BUNGALOW. Recently decorated. Hot water, heat, hardwood floors. Located in a lovely setting of trees. Three blocks from Main street. Mrs. B. W. Moseley. 23-31

FOR SALE—1 F12 FARMALL with rubber and steel wheels; 1 F12 Farmall with steel wheels; 1 F20 Farmall with rubber and steel wheels; 1 John Deere Model "B" tractor with steel wheels, completely rebuilt with all new motor; 1 John Deere 1939 Model "B" tractor. Priced to sell. L. Harvey Son Company, Kinston, N. C. 23-31

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FOR RENT—STORE BUILDING, well located, good condition and suitable for Beauty Parlor. B. W. Moseley, Realtor. 23-2f

FOR SALE—ONE THOUSAND bales of good peanut hay. Bales weigh between 50 and 75 pounds each. Hassell Warren, Stokes, N. C. 19-6f

FOR RENT—5-ROOM HOUSE—Jarvis St. Vacant Jan. 1. Call 3600.

## Chicago Grain Market

(Courtesy Vernon Parrish)

WHEAT—	Open	Close	Pr. Cl.
May	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
July	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Sept.	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
CORN—			
May	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
July	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Sept.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
OATS—			
May	35 1/2	36	35 1/2
July	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Sept.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
RYE—			
May	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
July	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2

## HOG MARKETS

Rocky Mount ..... 6.75

## Princess Juliana Shakes Hands With A Seaman



Princess Juliana (left) of the Netherlands, who is touring this country, shakes hands heartily with Mohamat Rawie, Javense seaman of the Dutch East Indies, at the Seaman's Church Institute in New York. The Institute was one of the stops in her New York tour.

## Richmond Livestock

(Courtesy J. N. and J. L. Williams) Richmond, Dec. 26.—Hogs, quotations are based on hogs producing hard carcasses after normal chilling. Hogs producing soft and oily carcasses are discounted 40¢ and 80¢ cents respectively from hard hog prices. Market steady, top \$7.00; Good and choice 180-225 lbs. \$6.80-\$7.00; 100-120 lbs. \$5.00-\$5.50; 120-140 lbs. \$5.50-\$6.00; 140-160 lbs. \$6.00-\$6.45; 160-180 lbs. \$6.45-\$6.80; 180-225 lbs. \$6.80-\$7.00; 225-250 lbs. \$6.80-\$6.80; 250-300 lbs. \$6.00-\$6.50; over 300 lbs. \$5.90-\$6.40. Sows under 350 lbs. \$5.25-\$5.75; over 350 lbs. \$4.75-\$5.25. Cattle, today's market nominal. Fat dairy type cows quotable \$5.00-\$5.75; canners and cutters \$3.30-\$4.75. Heavy sausage bulls quotable \$6.00-\$6.50, light weights \$5.00-\$5.50. Vealer market quotable steady. Practical top \$11.00.

## N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A few "defense specialties found a following today, but most sections of the list suffered, from after holiday neglect.

There was also a little selling for year-end tax purposes to hold the buying urge in check as afternoon trading progressed.

## N. Y. STOCK LIST

American Radiator	6 1/2
American Telephone	165 1/2
American Tobacco B	69 1/2
Anaconda	26 1/2
A. C. L.	13 1/2
Atlantic Refining	24 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	85
Chrysler	73 1/2
Col. Gas and Electric	4 1/2
Commercial Solvent	10 1/2
Consolidated Oil	8 1/2
Curtis Wright	5 1/2
Dupont	164 1/2
Electric Power and Light	3 1/2
General Electric	32 1/2
General Motors	48 1/2
Montgomery Ward	36 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco B	30 1/2
Southern Railway	11 1/2
Standard Oil of N. J.	33 1/2
U. S. Steel	68 1/2

## New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened one to two higher. Noon quotations were three to four higher, January 1003; March 1016; July 990.

## Colored News

**Word of Thanks.**  
The Elks Christian quartet wishes to thank their kind friends in Greenville for their thoughtful remembrances during the holiday season; also radio station WGTC for the time it allotted us on the air.  
L. W. Wooten, Manager

## UNEMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS TOTAL BIG SUM IN STATE

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A large percentage of the total distribution was contributed by the federal government, but by no means all. Taking into consideration the fact that unemployment compensation is paid entirely by private business, the federal contribution to the sum total will drop far below fifty per cent.  
Here's how the funds for the major activities are contributed:  
Old Age Assistance: Half by U. S. government; one-fourth each by state and counties.  
Aid to Dependent Children: One-third each by federal government, state and counties. This ration will change January 1, however, when the U. S. government will put up one-half of all funds and the state and county governments, one-fourth each as in the case of old age assistance.  
Aid to the blind: One-half by the federal government, one-fourth each by state and counties.  
In practically all the other (minor) activities the federal and state governments match dollar for dollar.  
Guilford county received the most money in every one of the nine divisions, consequently was first in total received by a wide margin, with \$2,260,000.42.  
Mecklenburg was second all along the line except in Unemployment Compensation, in which it trailed Forsyth; and was second in total with \$1,996,163.51.  
Forsyth was third everywhere except for being second in Unemploy-

## Appointed

Tin: Deposits exist in Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln and much money has been spent trying to develop them. A detailed study has been spent trying to develop them. A detailed study has recently been made by U. S. Geologists and their report is awaited.  
Tungsten: Molybdenum (from which comes the metal) occurs in Halifax county, and these deposits may prove of commercial value.  
Aluminum: No commercial deposits of bauxite (principal ore) exist in the state, though one of the four largest smelting plants in the country is located at Badin.  
Asbestos: Is found in Jackson, Watauga and other western counties. There has been a revival of interest and since 1939 about 80 deposits have been optioned, and four or five have entered production.  
Graphite: Occurs in many areas of central and western North Carolina.  
Platinum: Has been reported from a number of North Carolina areas notably Rutherford, Burke and Yancey. A belt of platinum-bearing rock is reported extending from Cedar Falls, N. C., to Danville, Va. Vanadium: Not found.

## Appointed

Appointment of Blackburn W. Johnson of Asheville (above) as superintendent of the Credit Union Division of the State Department of Agriculture was announced today by Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott. He succeeds C. C. Booker of Hendersonville, who resigned to accept a position with a commercial firm. Johnson, former editor of the Farmers Federation News of the University of North Carolina and has been identified with newspapers and has recently been prominent in the Credit Union movement in western North Carolina. He is 38, married and will assume his duties with the department on January 2.

## National Leaders Join In Campaign

New York, Dec. 26.—Leaders in every field of American life this week entered the 1941 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign as members of the National Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday.  
Responding to the invitation of Keith Morgan, National Chairman of the Committee, many of the nation's scientists, churchmen, commanders of the United States Army and Navy, members of the cabinet and of Congress, judges and leaders of organizations have pledged their support to National Defense against infantile paralysis.  
Among the foremost personalities who have joined the National Committee are Professor Albert Einstein; General John J. Pershing; Secretary of State, Cordell Hull; Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox; Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson; Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes; Irvin S. Cobb, author and humorist; General Hugh S. Johnson, columnist; Father E. J. Flanagan, founder of Boys' Town, Nebraska; P. L. Fisher, vice president of General Motors Corporation.  
National organizations whose leaders have responded to the appeal, "Help the Youngster Around Your Own Corner," include: The Camp Fire Girls of America, the Parent-Teachers Congresses of Arkansas, California, Florida, Mississippi, Rhode Island; National Catholic Welfare Conference; the Lions International; Knights of Columbus; Carnegie Institute; American Medical Women's Association, and many others.

## White Men Arrested On Whiskey Charges

Members of the Pitt county ABC law enforcement department Tuesday night arrested Johnnie Case and Josh Taylor, white men, on charges of possessing liquor for the purpose of sale after they reportedly found 19 pints of tax-paid liquor. The whiskey was found at a filling station allegedly operated by the two men just outside Ayden on the Snow Hill highway.  
They spent Christmas eve night in jail, but yesterday provided \$200 bond each.

## Local Couple's Home Entered During Night

Local police officials today reported that the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stainback was entered last night while the couple was asleep. The man was believed to have been a Negro.  
The man was said to have entered the room where Mr. and Mrs. Stainback were asleep. Mrs. Stainback was awakened by the intruder, who

## Removed At Germany's Request



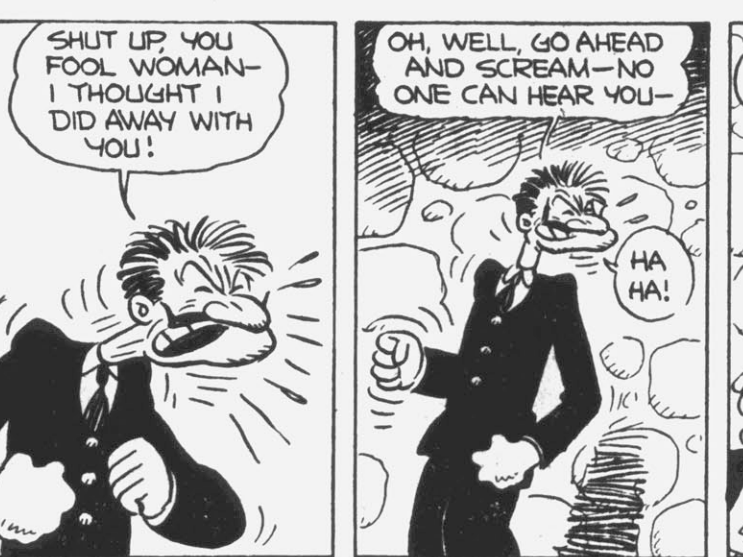
Cecil M. P. Cross (left) and Leigh Hunt (right), secretaries in the American embassy in Paris, will be removed at the request of the German government. The state department will investigate charges, but preliminary examination has not disclosed that they were guilty of assisting a British officer to escape, said the department.

ment funds, and was third in total with \$1,955,123.94.

## N. C. Minerals Are Valuable

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Of these only mercury has never been discovered in North Carolina, though the thirteen authentic cases of diamonds give no hint of commercial possibilities.  
Classified as "critical" (those slightly more easily obtained in the U. S. but for which some degree of conservation and control would be necessary) are: Aluminum, asbestos, graphite, platinum and vanadium. Of these all except vanadium have been found in North Carolina.  
According to their relative commercial possibilities in this state: Mer. Murdock lists the minerals thus: Extensive commercial production at present: Mica and aluminum. Semi-commercial production now: Manganese, asbestos. Some commercial production possible: Chromium, nickel. Commercial production doubtful: Tin, graphite. Occur, but no commercial deposits known: Antimony, quartz crystal tungsten, platinum. Not found: Vanadium, mercury.

## THIMBLE THEATRE (Staring Popeye)



grabbing up people by one hand and lifting them above his shoulders. He picked Lowe up like that one night back stage and held him high above his head. . . . Lowe yelled, "Cut out that ham acting." . . . I ain't acting," grunted Vic, "I'm taking me daily dozen."

Those were better days than these. In some ways. . . . They were before the depression, when Lillyan Tashman, who was Eddie Lowe's wife still was living. Now Lowe is back in New York—not clowning back stage but talking to lawyers and answering questions in court. It is one of those unfortunate, unhappy vignettes that concerns money, and jewelry, and furs, which apparently at some time or another must plague those who achieve a prominence beyond a certain stage in life.

## NOTICE OF SALE

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed executed and delivered by R. A. Fleming and wife, Cadie Fleming, to F. A. Elks under date of May 1, 1940, of record in Book M-23, page 444 of the Public Registry of Pitt County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, and other stipulations in said instrument violated, the undersigned will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Greenville, N. C., on Thursday, January 2, 1941 at 12 o'clock, Noon the following described real estate, to-wit:

Bounded on the north by the lines of the Galloway Heirs, on the south by the lands of J. B. Hardee, on the east by the Grimesland and Black Jack road, and the J. B. Hardee land, on the west by the lands of W. C. Gaskins and J. B. Hardee, containing 15.5 acres, more or less, owned by Cadie Fleming. One other tract or lot owned by R. A. Fleming, and described as follows: Lots Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, in Block W situated in Chicod Township, on a plot formerly owned by Proctor Bros., set plot book 2, at page 125.

This the 2nd day of Dec., 1940. F. A. ELKS, Mortgagee. Dink James, Atty. Dec. 2-11w-4wk.

**EXECUTRIX NOTICE**  
Having this day qualified as Executrix of the estate of Z. G. Bowers, deceased, late of Pitt County, notice is given to all persons holding claims against said estate to prove and file the same with the undersigned within twelve months from this date or this notice will be plead in bar thereof. All persons indebted to said estate will make settlement with the undersigned.  
This the 16th day of Dec., 1940. MRS. FANNIE BELL BOWERS, Executrix of the estate of Z. G. Bowers. Dec. 16-11w-6wk.

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