

Occasional rain tonight and Saturday, slightly warmer in central and east portions tonight, colder in the mountains Saturday.

CONFLICTS RESUMED IN FULL FORCE ON ALL FRONTS

TEN BILLIONS PROPOSED FOR 1941 DEFENSE

President's Estimate Doubles 1940 Spending

EIGHT BILLION DEFICIT HINTED

Revenue Expected to Total \$8,000,000,000 Against Total Expenditure of \$16,000,000,000

Washington, Dec. 27. (AP)—President Roosevelt's estimates of defense spending for the coming fiscal year were said by authoritative officials today to be about \$10,000,000,000, or double the anticipated expenditures of the present year.

The President was reported to be still busy on details of the budget message which he will send Congress early in January and no overall figures have been worked out yet.

Mr. Roosevelt has announced however, that he wants to cut non-defense expenditures "to the bone." On this basis many officials assumed that such spending might be held under \$6,000,000,000, giving a budget total of nearly \$16,000,000,000.

This would make the budget the largest in American history, except for the last year of the World war when \$18,522,895,000 was spent.

On the 1941 revenue side, officials hinted at an \$8,000,000,000 estimate, which would mean a deficit of equal size unless more taxes were authorized. Secretary Morgenthau has suggested more levies and other treasury sources indicated that a new tax bill to raise at least \$1,000,000,000 was being drafted.

The \$10,000,000,000 defense estimate for the year beginning July 1, 1941, was said by officials to be based on the acceleration of the current preparedness program. Last July expenditures were \$177,000,000; in August \$199,000,000; in September \$218,000,000; in October \$233,000,000 and in November \$365,000,000.

Credit Asso. Meet Set For Jan. 21st

Stockholders of the Greenville Production Credit Association will hold their annual meeting in Snow Hill at the court house on Tuesday morning, January 21, at 10 o'clock, according to an announcement by John R. Carroll, president of the association.

At this meeting, complete and detailed reports will be made by the officers of the association or its operations for the past year. Members will be elected and other important business transacted.

In announcing the date of the annual meeting, Mr. Carroll said that it was hoped to make the attendance of stockholders at this year's meeting the largest in the history of the association. He said that the annual meeting of the association afford the stockholders an opportunity to learn every detail of the operation of their organization.

The Greenville Production Credit Association, which makes short term loans to finance all types of farm and livestock operations, serves Pitt and Greene counties and in 1940 made loans totalling \$340,405 to its 560 members.

Mr. and Mrs. Vatz Go To Fayetteville

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Vatz left this afternoon for Fayetteville after having spent much of the day in telling friends goodbye. The couple will make their home in Fayetteville.

Mr. Vatz has been manager of Brody's store here since it opened three years ago. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Greenville Merchants Association and has taken an active part in the organization.

25 Fatalities

Charlotte, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Auto accidents killed at least 20 persons in North Carolina over the Christmas holidays and three persons were killed by the accidental discharge of firearms. In addition there was a murder and a suicide at Asheville, giving North Carolina a Christmas violent death toll of 25.

Opposition Developing To Churchill Executive's Policy Of Providing British Aid



Royal Reunion In America

Separated from his family since the German invasion of Norway, Crown Prince Olaf of Norway and Crown Princess Martha were reunited at the airport in Washington upon his arrival from Europe via New York. From the airport they went to the home in nearby Maryland where their three children were waiting.

Roosevelt Considering Plan To Produce Planes

STATE MILITIA IS AVAILABLE

Unit Could Be Secured By This City And County

Greenville and Pitt county will be able to secure one of the 40 state militia units to be established in the state to take the place of the National Guard units now in camp at Fort Jackson. J. H. Rose disclosed today following a conference with Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts in Raleigh earlier in the week.

Under the plan adopted by the adjutant general the units will be established throughout the state with the cooperation of the federal government. Two thousand rifles equipped with slings and bayonets will be available for use by the personnel. No uniforms, however, will be provided either by the state or federal governments.

Neither will there be any compensation for officers or men, the units to be made up of voluntary enlistments. The problem, however, is expected to get legislative attention and some arrangements for pay and uniforms may be made.

In order to secure one of the state militia units, the city and county governing boards will have to file a petition with the adjutant general's office. It also will be necessary to provide heat and lights for the armory.

Mr. Rose declared that the state may adopt a style for uniforms and the sponsors of the individual units could purchase them for the members if they so desired.

Quiet Continues At Police Headquarters

Everything continued quiet around police headquarters last night and today and no court was held today, attaches having decided to dispense with the regular Friday session.

Officers reported everything had been unusually quiet throughout Christmas week, with only a few persons having been arrested on drunkenness charges.

Patrolmen Train For Raleigh Parade Jan. 9

All members of the State Highway Patrol located here were in Williamston today drilling for the inaugural parade to be held in Raleigh January 9, when J. M. Broughton will be installed as governor. Those from here were Lieut. Lester Jones, commanding officer of Troop A, Corporal C. R. Williams and Patrolmen W. W. Massengill and C. L. Teague.

CIO Proposal Would Pool Entire Auto Industry

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today that the CIO proposal designed eventually to produce 500 pursuit planes a day by pooling the entire facilities of the automobile industry was being seriously considered by the administration.

The plan was submitted to the White House by CIO President Philip Murray several days ago. It was drawn by Walter P. Reuther, director of the General Motors division of the United Automobile Workers a CIO union.

Asked about it today, the President said it was being studied by the new defense production office directed by William S. Knudsen, former head of General Motors. Mr. Roosevelt added that the plan had been undertaken with the utmost seriousness and fine purpose.

He said it was a question of industrial production that no one in the administration would have any opinion about until it was thoroughly studied, but he declared if such a plan could be worked out it would be very helpful and constitute a real contribution to the defense program.

Reuther's plan envisioned a 500-a-day output of all metal pursuit planes within six months.

Mr. Roosevelt declined comment on a barrage of questions concerning the war and America's defense production.

"Racket" Schools Now In Operation

Minneapolis, Dec. 27.—(AP)—"Racket" trade schools are springing up all over the United States to take advantage of the anxiety of young men to secure quick training for defense jobs. Some are operated by racketeers with previous records of fraud; nearly all of the "gyp" type of schools are financed on a shoe-string and cannot afford either adequate equipment or good instructors, according to a survey recently made.

Like most rackets, the "gyp" job-training school is flourishing on a wave of popular enthusiasm for something legitimate, and is "muscling in" among the many legitimate schools for trade and vocational training, the report points out.

The job of separating the good schools from the bad is complicated for the ambitious young job seekers by the fact that some new trade schools are entirely legitimate and have been established due to the fact that many older schools are already crowded to capacity and have long waiting lists.

Attempts To Organize Congressional Efforts To Restore American Neutrality Coincide With Increasing Senatorial Demands That Administration Seek To Bring Peace To Europe

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Increasing senatorial demands that the administration seek to bring peace in Europe coincided today with efforts to organize congressional opposition to President Roosevelt's aid to Britain policy.

Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) declared that "there will be a decided move in the Senate for restitution of real neutrality."

"Real neutrality does not result from furnishing the implements of war," he told reporters. "It will be possible to organize a sufficient group which, working independently, will support a positive policy against war."

Both McCarran and Senator Johnson (D-Col.) commented that if the warring nations could cease hostilities on Christmas "they ought to be able to stop for all time."

Talk of peace proposals came at a time when 169 men and women, many of them prominent in various fields, telegraphed President Roosevelt "to do everything that may be necessary to insure defeat of the Axis powers."

The telegram was made public at the White House without comment. Lewis W. Douglas, former budget director, said at New York that he was one of the originators of the round-robin.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) declared in a statement that if the time has come for "unlimited American underwriting of British war objectives, then certainly the time has come for these objectives to be authentically declared."

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Demands from some senators that the United States inquire into the prospects for a negotiated peace in Europe brought no comment today from President Roosevelt.

Asked about these suggestions at a press conference, the chief executive said the easiest way to answer was to say he had no news.

He repeated this when queried further whether that implied he would have something later on it. Asked whether the subject might be touched on in his Sunday night radio address, he replied he could not say because he had only reached draft number two of the speech.

The speech will be broadcast from 9:30 until 10 p. m. EST.

Fire Yields 'Lava' Bricks Milpitas, Calif.—(AP)—A warehouse fire congealed bricks, lava and earth into a lava-like formation. Mrs. Joe Rose, intrigued by its pattern, used it for the inside walls of a shrine to Saint Buenaventura.

WHAT IT MEANS:

Design For Defense

By MORGAN M. BEATTY AP Feature Service Writer

Washington.—President Roosevelt cuts his cloth from a world war pattern when he names a new high command with a single director to step up defense production. He also runs into new, confusing problems of military tailoring.

In the minds of many observers big Bill Knudsen steps into shoes similar to—but not exactly the same as—those worn by Barney Baruch in World War I. Baruch was the chairman of the War Industries Board named by President Wilson. Knudsen is director of the new office of Defense Production.

But there are important differences between 1917 and now.

In the first place, the 1917 government declared war on Germany and passed laws giving the President indirect, but nonetheless czar-like powers over the nation. War therefore, had a legal status, and the public was aware of it.

Result Of Nazi Raid On Industrial Manchester



Air raid wardens inspect the ruins of houses demolished during a German air raid on Manchester, England, in the industrial heart of the British Isles. (This picture by radio from London).

PROJECT HERE BEING SPEEDED

NYA Training Center May Be Completed In March

Much progress is being made on the National Youth Administration training center to be maintained here and J. H. Rose, who was instrumental in securing the project, today estimated that it would be in operation the latter part of March.

The project is being erected on city-owned property off East Tenth street extension. Foundations of all 15 buildings have been laid, concrete poured and the sidewalk framework is already up on the shop buildings. Trusses for the roofs of the workshops were being erected today.

In an effort to speed the project to completion, the federal agency has decided to let contracts for the heating, plumbing and lighting. The original plans called for the young men employed under the NYA program to do all the work.

One hundred and seventy young men are now employed on the project, two shifts of 85 each working for periods of two weeks.

When the project is completed 200 men from throughout Eastern North Carolina will be given employment. While learning a trade they will be paid \$30 monthly, of which \$18 is to go for board, lodging and medical care. Work clothes also will be furnished, the garments to be made by NYA girls in similar projects over the state.

Students of the Greenville high school and East Carolina Teachers College will be allowed to use the plant for vocational education and the instructional program will be under the supervision of the State Department of Vocational Education working through the city school system. The project will greatly facilitate the vocational programs at the two institutions.

Both the Greenville city schools and the college are cooperating in every way possible to make the program a success.

ABC Store Robbed

Raleigh, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Director Frank C. Handy said today he had assigned a State Bureau of Investigation agent in the investigation of the robbery of the Aurora ABC store Thursday night.

Beaufort county officers said the store was robbed of about \$360 worth of liquor Thursday night and the thieves escaped after a running gun battle with deputies.

PLAN AID FOR BRITISH FLEET

Administration Plans To Bolster Merchant Craft

Washington, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Administration action to bolster Britain's hard-pressed merchant fleet was reported imminent today.

An authoritative source predicted that President Roosevelt would recommend shortly that the United States speedily build a large number of merchant ships in a program comparable to the record-breaking construction of World War days.

This informant said that the project would be "extensive" and fit into the plan which Mr. Roosevelt has discussed for leasing or lending equipment and supplies to the British.

It was not discussed whether the proposed ships themselves would be made available to Britain or would be used to replace other tonnage which might be leased immediately. Speculation continued in the capital, meanwhile, that the administration soon might take another step to strengthen the British convoys now striving to protect shipments of food and war materials from Nazi submarine and plane attacks.

Makes Payments On City's Indebtedness

City Clerk J. O. Duval today mailed five checks totalling \$13,888 to New York banks for principal and interest payments on the city's bonded indebtedness.

The checks completed the city's bonded debt payments for the first half of the fiscal year. The payments are due January 1.

Mr. Duval disclosed that the city's total bonded indebtedness at present was slightly over one and a quarter million dollars, including the Water and Light Commission and the school debts. Of the total payments, only \$4,000 represented principal, the remainder being paid on interest.

Officers Called To Colored Dance Halls

Members of the sheriff's department today reported that they were called last night to "quiet things down" at two Negro dance halls on the Bell Arthur road in Beaver Dam township.

The officers reported that both places were owned by white men and said that they had received numerous complaints by white residents living in the community. The complaints, the officers said, charged the dance halls were a public nuisance.

Dogs are used to herd turkeys on a number of American turkey farms

Big Battle Is Raging In Balkan War

Greeks And Italians Engaged In Furious Fighting In Albania; British Posed For Expected Final Thrust On Bardia; Warplanes Renew Action; British-Mandated Island Shelled

The Italian command was reported to have thrown huge reinforcements into the Albanian conflict today as Greek dispatches told of one of the fiercest battles of the war raging in a heavy snow storm in the Klisura sector, gateway to the North.

Advices from the front said the fighting was developing on a broad scale, both at Klisura pass itself and farther north with the Greeks launching a strong offensive and the Italians suffering "heavy losses" attempting to "defend his ground inch by inch."

Despite furious Italian resistance, these advices said the Greeks were seizing new positions along with Italian prisoners and war material. Numerous artillery duels were reported.

On the other side of the world, a sea raider flying the Japanese flag violently shelled the British-mandated island of Nauru in the south Pacific at daylight, it was officially announced in Melbourne, Australia.

British sources in London left unexplained the reported display of the Japanese flag, but said a German raider was known to have been operating in that part of the Pacific in recent months.

Australian Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies said the raider, also bearing a Japanese name, opened fire on Nauru shortly after dawn, inflicting considerable damage but no casualties.

Rich in war-vital nitrates, Nauru lies south of the Japanese-mandated Marshall Islands, 2,200 miles southwest of Hawaii. The island was owned by Germany until 1914, when it surrendered to Australian forces.

Both Royal Air Force and Nazi warplanes returned to action after the three-day Christmas truce with British bombers pounding at the German-held "invasion" port of Bordeaux on the French coast and a lone Nazi plane reported near London.

The British Press Association said the German raider was driven off by anti-aircraft fire before he could penetrate to London.

Prime Minister Menzies implied that the ship which attacked Nauru island was a disguised Axis raider.

The island, he said, was entirely undefended, as required by the League of Nations mandate.

"The enemy knows this fact which removes any justification for his action x x x a greater crime because it was made under neutral colors," Menzies added.

British guns and planes continued their bombardment of an estimated 20,000 Italian troops besieged at the Libyan port of Bardia and military sources in Cairo said that the fall of the town awaited only attack orders from General Archibald P. Wavell, the British commander.

The British troops could have taken the town at any time in the last two or three days, these sources said, but Sir Archibald disliked to sacrifice any more troops than necessary.

The currents of the Pacific ocean are less marked than those of the Atlantic.

MYSTERY HERE MAY BE SOLVED

Skeleton Believed To Be That Of Missing Local Negro

Deputy Sheriff R. W. King today declared that he believed the mystery surrounding the finding of a human skeleton about 500 yards from the Tar river near the Pitt-Edgecombe line had been solved by a Greenville colored woman who expressed the belief the bones were those of her husband.

The officer disclosed that the woman, Willie B. Rowe, last night viewed the skull and bones and said she believed they were those of her husband. She added that the teeth looked like those of her husband and that the skull was the exact shape and size.

Her husband, Kenneth Rowe, was 52 years old, weighed about 150 pounds and was five feet 11 inches tall, all of which corresponded with the skeleton found Christmas day by K. R. Wooten on his farm between route 33 and the river.

The man was last seen by his wife late in August or early September when he left, telling his wife he was going to Farmville. The woman said her husband, whom she described as a heavy drinker, was drinking at the time he left. She also reported that her husband liked to swim.

The Negro disappeared when the Tar river was in flood, adding emphasis to the theory he was drowned.

He is reported to have a brother living in Wheeling, West Virginia, and local authorities are seeking to get in touch with him to see if the man can provide any information on his brother.

District Meeting To Open Saturday

The Albemarle Union meeting and Sunday School convention of the Free Will Baptist churches of the North Carolina Central conference will convene for a two-day session with Shiloh church, Beaufort county tomorrow.

Rev. C. J. Harris of this city has been selected to preach the introductory sermon at the 11 o'clock hour.

The Albemarle Union meeting and Sunday School convention embraces the following counties: Beaufort, Martin, Washington, Hertford, Pasquotank, and Tyrrell. Good attendance is expected on both days, and lunch will be served on the church yard at noon each day.

Mrs. Nicy Briley Claimed By Death

Mrs. Nicy Briley died at 11:30 o'clock this morning at her home on Greenville. Route two, following four days of illness. Funeral services had not been arranged this afternoon.

Mrs. Briley had spent her entire life in Pitt county. She was a member of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church. Surviving are four sons, Raymond, of Greenville, Oa., of the home, Joe, of Washington, N. C., and Vance Briley of Eagle Springs; a step-daughter, Mrs. N. S. Stocks of Greenville, Route one; one sister, Mrs. Joe Johnson of Greenville, RFD; one brother, N. S. Stocks of Greenville, Route one; several grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Weather Report

Table with weather data including temperatures (High yesterday 69, Low yesterday 57, At 1:30 p. m. 62), precipitation (For 24 hrs. ending 1:30 p. m. 38, Total for month 79), and barometer (7:30 last night 29.71, 7:30 this morning 29.77). Prevailing winds and velocity: 7:30 last night E-4, 1:30 p. m. E-6.

Social and Personal

Social Calendar

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. Sodie 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.—Towns 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.

Flowers-Mills.
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mills of Greenville, N. C. announce the marriage of their niece Doris Virginia Mills to Mr. Billy Flowers of Greenville and Spring Hope, N. C. on Sunday, December twenty-second, nineteen hundred and forty.

At Home:
1017 Cotanche Street Greenville, N. C.

Mrs. Flowers is the daughter of Mr. L. A. Mills of Greenville, Route two. She received her education in the Greenville city schools.

Mr. Flowers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Flowers of Spring Hope. He is now employed by the Greenville Tip Company. He was educated in the Raleigh schools.

Returns From Hospital.
The friends of Mrs. C. A. Turner will be glad to know that she has returned to her home from Pitt General Hospital.

Dall-Russ.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Russ announce the marriage of their daughter Ann to Mr. Alex Blaw Dall on Friday, the twenty-seventh of December. Nineteen hundred and forty Rock Hill, South Carolina.

At Home:
1607 South Main Street Hopkinsville, Ky.

Entertain For Bridal Couple.
Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hollowell entertained at seven tables of bride and Chinese checkers, complimentary to Miss Betsy Hood of Kinston, sister of Mrs. Hollowell, and her fiancé, Mr. Robert W. Proctor, Jr., of Detroit, Mich., whose wedding takes place on Saturday.

Christmas greens red and silvered berries and burning candles were effectively used to decorate the home. A brilliantly lighted tree, under which were attractively wrapped gifts, added charm to the rooms.

Upon arrival, guests found their places at beautifully appointed tables, and a dessert course of pie, coffee, mints and nuts was served. Games were enjoyed during the remainder of the evening.

The honor guests were presented a lovely double faced blanket and Miss Alison Webb of Kinston and Mr. Bruce Marshall of Boston, whose marriage takes place on Sunday, were presented a crystal centerpiece bowl.

Miss Natalie DeHart of Roanoke Va., a bridesmaid of Miss Hood's, was presented two lovely handkerchiefs, and Mrs. J. Talbot Capps of Norfolk, sister of Mrs. Hollowell, was presented kitchen cutlery.

The high score prize for bride was awarded Mr. Godfrey Oakley, and the high score prize for checkers went to Miss Olivia Hood of Kinston, also a sister of the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powell, who were married in the late summer were remembered with an attractive water pitcher.

The guests for the evening were: Misses Betsy Hood, Alison Webb, Olivia Hood and Marsha Hood; A. D. Hobbog, Herman Lawson and Herdy Loftin, all of Kinston; Miss Natalie DeHart of Roanoke, Va.; Robert Proctor of Detroit, Mich.; Bruce Marshall of Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Talbot Capps of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haggerty; Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Oakley; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Powell; Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Bilbro; Mr. and Mrs. Penrose Perkins; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barbar.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Mosier were refreshment guests.

Elks-Taylor.
Elm City, Dec. 27.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Drue Daniel Winstead was the scene of a wedding of beautiful simplicity on the evening of December twenty-fifth at 8 o'clock, when their sister, Miss Mary Louise Taylor, became the bride of Mr. Chester Arthur Elks of Greenville. The Reverend W. M. Howard of Elm City officiated, using the ring ceremony.

The ceremony was solemn before an

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Stauffer and sons, Robert and LeRoy, of Scranton, Pa., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stauffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilson spent Christmas in Lee county with Mrs. Wilson's mother.

Robert Moye returned yesterday morning to Harrodsburg, Ky., after spending the holidays at his home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nobles spent Christmas in Morehead City.

Misses Justine and Mary Johnston of Durham are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Lucy Moye.

Miss Helen Flanagan, a teacher in the city schools of Lattleton, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. C. Flanagan.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston of Durham were the dinner guests of Mrs. Lucy Moye on Thursday, en route to Norfolk. They will return on Saturday to spend the week-end.

Kenneth Lane Henderson is at home from Chapel Hill for the holidays.

Miss Eleanor Barr left last night for New York City to spend next week.

Hubert Bagwell has returned to Wilmington after spending Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Mamie Holloman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Forbes and Miss Jane Forbes, who have been visiting relatives in Greenville, have returned to their home in Raleigh.

Mr. T. Y. Walker attended the opening of the new Bailey Theatre in Wilmington on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Nisbet have returned from Wilmington where they spent Christmas.

Miss Mary Windham of Wilson is the guest of Mrs. Eugene Hamric.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fleming, Mrs. W. E. Tyson and Mrs. Sam Edwards left Wednesday morning for Frankfort, Ky., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fleming's son.

Zeno Brown of Knoxville, Tenn., is visiting his mother, Mrs. W. B. Brown.

Misses Betty Tyson and Frances Wilford are visiting Mrs. William Cowdin in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Clark and son, David of Richmond, Va., Mr. D. F. Thomas, Mrs. Nell Forbes, Mrs. L. C. Hines and Miss Jane Hines of Durham have arrived to attend the wedding of Miss Kelly Smith and Lovit Hines which takes place tomorrow afternoon.

J. B. Kitzell spent Wednesday in Durham.

Miss Barbara Thomas of High Point has arrived to attend, as bridesmaid, the wedding of Miss Kelly Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Moore who have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Skinner, have returned to their home in Rock Hill, S. C.

Louis Skinner and Ed Skinner have returned to New York and Raleigh, respectively, after spending the holidays at their home in Greenville.

Privates Bruce P. Hardee and Russell Worthington of Fort Jackson, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zena H. Hardee and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Worthington. They will return to their post for duty on January 1.

Miss Lila Rock Sumrell has returned to Washington, D. C., after visiting her mother, Mrs. Maude Sumrell.

Mrs. L. T. Shotwell and daughter Muriel, will leave in the morning for a two weeks' trip to Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Dixon of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Dixon of Walstonburg and Dr. Phil Dixon of Baltimore spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sugg.

Mrs. James Dees has gone to Asheville to visit her mother, Mrs. Maude W. Brown.

R. L. Hicks of Chicago and Morehead City spent Christmas in the home of Mrs. W. W. Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tolson of Cross City, Fla., are spending the holidays here with relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Phelps has returned to Morehead City after spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. W. W. Phelps.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Westbrook and children of Dunn, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moye of Tarboro are guests of Mrs. C. M. Jones.

Mrs. J. H. Rose will leave Sunday for Washington, D. C., to leave several days attending the national convention of Speech and Dramatic teachers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tingle and children, J. R., Jr., and Barbara Ruth, of Richmond, Va., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Tingle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Willard.

Little Miss Oall Barnhill of Stokes is improving following pneumonia.

MODES of the MOMENT

by Amy Porter



North-South suit in a new mesh woolen, the design of Curt Forstmann. Made with almost normal shoulders, and a skirt of easy width. In pastel colors which you team with dark accessories for northern wear, with lighter accessories for southern resorts.

improvised altar of long-leaf pines, seven-branched cathedral candelabra, and baskets of white gladioli. White ropes marked the aisle for the wedding party.

Proceeding the ceremony, Miss Sara Brown Braxton of Winterville played a program of wedding music, including "Claire de Lune" and "Trauerlic." Miss Jean Semons of Winterville sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because." The traditional wedding march from "Lohengrin" was used. "Liebestraum" was played during the ceremony.

The bride entered with her brother, A. A. Taylor of Wilson, who gave her in marriage. She wore an ivory satin gown, fashioned on princess lines with a sweetheart neckline caught at each side with a pearl clasp. The long sleeves with inserts of Chantilly lace, were puffed at the shoulders and ended in points on the hands. The back had a fitted yoke of lace and was fastened with covered buttons from the neck to the waist. The skirt fell into a graceful circular train. Her veil of illusion was fastened to a pleated tiara and was caught at each side with sprays of orange blossoms. She carried a showered bouquet of bride's roses and swansonia. Her only ornament, a string of pearls, was a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Julia M. Taylor of Lake Charles, Louisiana, attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a gown of waltz blue marquisette de sole made with a shirred bodice and a full circular skirt, and carried an arm bouquet of snapdragons and carnations.

Miss Margaret Pruette of Greenville and Miss Laura B. Taylor of Henderson were bridesmaids. They wore identical gowns of bluish pink marquisette de sole with draped shoulders and full circular skirts, and carried arm bouquets of tinted chrysanthemums.

Miss Judith Louise Winstead, niece of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a dress of waltz blue marquisette de sole fashioned on identical lines as that of the maid of honor.

Master Robert Mitchiner of Gardner, nephew of the bride, carried the rings on a white satin pillow. He wore a suit of white satin and corduroy.

Mr. David Elks of Greenville attended his brother as best man. Ushers were Mr. James Harris of Greenville and Mr. Arthur Overton of Scotland Neck.

Mrs. D. D. Winstead, sister of the bride, wore a black crepe dress with a corsage of gardenias.

Mrs. Elks, mother of groom, wore a dress of black velvet with a corsage of gardenias.

Immediately following the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Winstead entertained at an informal reception. Mrs. L. C. Cobb and Mrs. Norri Bernes presided in the dining room. Bride's cake and wedding pies were served. Mrs. R. H. Putney welcomed the guests at the door. Mrs. H. L. Jordan presided over the guest book and Mrs. W. H. Lansley in the gift room.

Following the reception, the couple left for unannounced points. For traveling the bride wore an ensemble of navy and soldier blues with matching accessories. She wore roses from the bridal bouquet.

Mrs. Elks is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Taylor of Wilson, and for the past few years has been a member of the Winterville high school faculty.

Mr. Elks is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Elks of Greenville and is now employed as assistant druggist at Hall's drug store in Scotland Neck. The couple will be at home in Scotland Neck after January first.

BELL ARTHUR NEWS

Misses LaRue Hemby and Mavis Nichols had Christmas dinner with Misses Earlene and Shyla Allen.

Alfred Earl Hemby was here for Christmas. His sister, Miss Janie Hemby, returned to Norfolk with him.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mills and little daughter spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gay in Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McArthur and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Dilda of Fountain Christmas day.

Mrs. Annie Flanagan, Miss Nancy Flanagan, Miss Olive Tyson, Herschel Tyson and John Flanagan left last Sunday for an extended Florida tour.

Albert French Tyson is home from Atlantic Christian College.

Stuart McArthur was home Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davis and son visited relatives in Belhaven and Plymouth Wednesday.

Miss Beatrice Nichols of A. C. C. is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nichols.

Misses Shyla and Earlene Allen spent Thursday with Miss Mavis Nichols.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roberson of Plymouth had dinner Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mills.

Bernice Allen is spending a few days with her brother Mack, on the Greenville-Falkland highway.

Maryard Earl Forlines of Fort Benning, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. David Forlines and children, Charlie Graham, Sally Dean and Ennis, and Misses Louise Allen, Becky McGlobohn, Mrs. Ross Whitehurst and Mack Allen, all of Greenville, had dinner Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Allen.

Man About Manhattan

By George Tucker

New York.—My friend and fellow gadabout, Mr. Lucius Beebe, makes an interesting, but I fear not altogether searching, observation in a column in the New York Herald-Tribune when he suggests that friendliness with hat check girls, washroom attendants and bouncers frequently influences Broadway reporters into writing favorable criticisms of dull nightclub shows.

If the reporter happens to like the press-agent, or finds a kindred soul in the form of the doorman, says Mr. Beebe, he may write such a laudatory review of the place that in less than a week the carriage trade will be falling all over each other to get up to the door though the food may be horse meat and the patronage recruited from hooligans I am quoting from memory.

With me it may be a case of standing so close to the trees that I am unable to see the forest, but I think I understand how Mr. Beebe came to fall into this error. It is a very human error. Mr. Beebe has simply been mesmerized by seeing too many dull floorshows in recent months, and the charitable words that have rewarded many of these uninspiring evenings have been mistakenly analyzed by him as journalistic kite-flying on the part of the Broadway reporters as the means of helping out a friend.

Actually these laudatory if undesired reviews are the despairing efforts of disillusioned columnists, exiled to endless nights of wandering in precincts where the entertainment is seldom up to par. Condemned to a lac-luster cafe belt by harsh city editors, they have sought long and earnestly after merit but found only ennui. It is this dearth

of merit in the entertainment of the nightclubs that has driven the journalists finally into the arms of the hired hands.

This is not to say that Renee, the most famous hat check girl in town, owes her popularity to backstage at Sardi's, or that Sam, the washroom attendant at El Morocco would be rubbing elbows with fewer celebrities if the Congo line had a little more oomph.

But not every nightclub, cafe, or bar has a Renee or a Sam, and there are some 500 other places in New York where news of a nightclub variety can and frequently does break. Hence that friendship between the hired hands and the press. Hence those long conversations between reporter and bar captain, bouncer and scribe.

Those reporters have got to have something to take their minds off the war and the draft. They've got to find a little restful relaxation somewhere along the Fifty-second Street line. Since it has been demonstrated they can't find it in the alleged wit of the assorted clowns or the unvoiced acrobatics of the other entertainers, it is a mark of resourcefulness that they turned their backs to the floor and sought surcease at the hat check room or behind the bar.

Reporters, no less than washroom attendants and bouncers, are human. Humans are not immune to misery. And when hasn't misery loved company!

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

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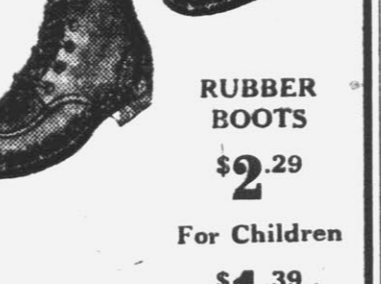
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by **ALLEN EPPES** *Magic Spring*

STARTING IN THIS PAPER JAN 1

Budget Recommendations Largely Broughton Ideas

Reflector Bureau. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Dec. 27.—A night or two after the General Assembly convenes next month, the Biennial "Budget Message" will be delivered to its members. This will, in effect, be the chart by which the legislators will steer their financial course—at least it will be the Advisory Budget Commission's idea of such a chart.

Often in Raleigh, as in other political capitals there, are advance

"leaks" which permit premature information about important matters to become known before they are supposed to be; but the Budget Commission's recommendations always have been so closely guarded that there never has been a really serious thing of this sort.

That's the reason why there is so much speculation here now over whether the Budget recommendations this time are going to be Governor Clyde R. Hoey's, in the main, or those of his successor, J. Melville Broughton, who will have to take any ray that grows out of financial backfiring during the next four years.

In view of the fact that Mr. Broughton sat in at all the Commission's meetings, and took rather an active part in discussing matters brought before it, there is good reason to believe that recommendations will be at least tinged with his ideas.

On the other hand the Commission personnel is obviously more "Hoey" in complexion than it is "Broughton"—its members owe more allegiance to the outgoing rather than to the incoming chief executive, and it is hard to believe that they will go back on their old chief where his views clash with those of the next Governor.

There are two points, at least, upon which there is a definite cleavage between the Hoey performances of the last four years and the Broughton promises of the past campaign—promises he is believed to be one hundred per cent intent on redeeming at face value.

These are (1) Exemption of food for home consumption from the sales tax, and (2) Revenue act permission for diversion highway funds under certain conditions.

On these two points there is an almost diametrical variance between Hoey and Broughton.

The Governor-in-office has consistently thrown the power of his office against exemptions from the sales tax, beyond the very short list of basic items named in the first sales tax measure adopted in North Carolina. The Governor-to-be has equally consistently stated his unqualified belief that foods for home consumption should be exempt. One of his most telling campaign slogans (incidentally it was thought up by former Lieut.-Gov. Dick Fountain) was "Take the tax off the table," which caught the voters' fancy as much for the substance of the pledge as for its euphonious ring in the ears.

The present governor sought one of the most terrific battles of his political career to keep the "contingent diversion" provision in the 1939 Revenue act and won out despite the fact that a "free" poll of the legislators would have shown more than a two to one majority against the plan. The next governor appeared before the Finance committee as spokesman (albeit a paid attorney representing a client) for the group opposing diversion in any manner of room under any disguise.

And so, unless Governor Hoey sees no decided change in economic conditions as to justify an about-face on these two vital questions, there still exists the wide divergence of views outlined.

Under these circumstances it becomes a question which the Budget Commission will endorse by its recommendations.

Looking at its makeup, it would seem that the Hoey views must prevail, for the budgeteers are just as strongly committed on their previous records as is the governor. They, too, have stood for contingent diversion and against sales tax exemptions.

Look at the makeup of the Commission—Senators Pat Taylor, Bill Rodman; Representatives John Caf-

AMERICANA NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



By RAY PEACOCK
AP Feature Service Writer
So it's New Year's Resolutions you're up to again, is it?

No more late hours, no more smoking, no more being late to work and all the rest of that stuff? Then get out your halo, brother; you're moving out of the sphere of mortal man!

Say it's smoking you're going to cut out. Do you mean you're going to quit smoking, or just quit buying? Because you know what happens. You find some other penitence.

And then in a day or two, maybe you bump into your partner and both of you try to be nonchalant about two cigarettes flung hastily to the sidewalk. And then you grin and call the whole thing off.

But it doesn't have to be smoking. There are lots of other habits and maybe you think they're just a little bit sinful because you enjoy them so much. Well, go ahead and quit. It's easy; awfully easy. A new year and a fresh start.

But report back at the end of two weeks.

out songs for "Love Thy Neighbor," who talked about million-dollar jobs himself. It was Mark who said "there was a job open in Hollywood, for the right man. The man, Mark said, would have to be able to pick, infallibly, hit songs before they were sung on the screen.

It was a good idea, as far as it went, and it seems to have made

and make a pact with him. First guy that gets caught smoking has to buy the other one a five dollar hat.

Everybody around the shop or office wonders who is going to chisel first. They'll plague you by smoking under your nose, and make insulting bets on how long you'll hold out. And then you hear rumors. Your partner in reformation was seen smoking. So when you're alone, you try just one smoke yourself. Just one. And then in a day or two, maybe

has ever turned in—but he had no difficulty whatever in raising his own figures several million while the 1939 legislature was in session; so he should have none now in upping them to any desired level.

Hollywood
Sights And Sounds
By Robbin Coom

Hollywood. — Some weeks back, just before taking shelter in my bomb-proof doghouse, I made a noble resolution: Never again would I mention million-dollar jobs in pictures.

Tell everybody you know that I have a convert to this resolve, and his name is Mark Sandrich.

It was Mark who got me talking about million-dollar jobs in the first place. It was Mark, trying to pick

cheerful reading. What I forgot to mention was that neither Mark nor I (for reasons I fear more obvious in my case than in Mark's) was looking for that man.

Quite a few people got that idea, and wrote in about it. So I made the aforementioned resolution and retreated to my bomb-proof doghouse. Today I found Mark, his eyes weary from reading, knocking at the door.

"I didn't know," he said when after opening the door cautiously I admitted him, "that there were so many expert song-judgers in the world."

"Yeah, I know," I cut him off with a sorry bark. "That's all I meant, too. You been getting letters?"

"And telegrams," he yowled sadly. "From all kinds of people. From people who just listen to the radio, from business executives, from musicians, from people in short, who all believe they have that psychic something that will select a hit tune instantly."

I passed him the dog biscuits, and as we gnawed at them over our wormwood tea, he told me about some of the letters that made him feel bad.

There was one from a school-girl who didn't know how she did it but could always listen to a song just once and gauge its popularity expectations instantly.

There was one from a business man who had made a hobby of music and also couldn't miss—because only good tunes kept him awake.

There was one from an advertising writer who didn't bother about the music but just listened to the lyrics. There were letters from musicians who could "tell" merely by playing the tune on their favorite instrument. There were some from applicants who "could pick hits" by the stars. There were letters from people who had studied "public trends" and would be happy to apply the studies — for that sizzling

million.

"All," said Mark, "very interesting, and I don't doubt that every one who wrote or wired is earnest and possibly competent—but aside from wishing there were some such person here—I haven't anything to do with it. We listened to eight Johnny Burke-Jimmy Van Heusen tunes in order to pick out the three we used, and I hope we picked right—but we'll never know until the picture comes out."

Motor Mystery Solved On Dot
Cumberland, Md. — (AP) — Charles M. Fisher, blacksmith at Savage River dam, was having a quiet evening of it until dots and dashes sounded from an electric motor in the forge shop.

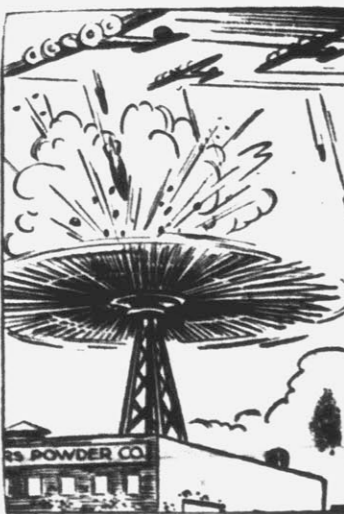
Troubleshooters explained the mystery: The motor somehow was picking up orders sent by a Baltimore and Ohio railroad telegraph dispatcher.

An Umbrella For Bombs



AP Feature Service

A canopy of whirling strands of steel, designed to intercept aerial bombs and explode them prematurely, has been offered to the defense program's National Advisory Research Council by the co-inventors E. Burke Wilford, Philadelphia aircraft engineer, and Thomas H. Latta, Buffalo, N. Y. Wilford, above, holds a model of the rotating hub which in actual size would be 50 feet in diameter and rest atop a 150-foot steel tower. The 225-foot cables would fan out over an area of about 300 feet in diameter. At the right, an artist's sketch showing how the "umbrella" gives protection.



A Strange Young Man, Strange, Long Poems



JAMES COPP III

One of James' strange, long poems is about Agnes Mouthwash, her grandmother and the nut. He illustrated it himself. Agnes and the nut refused to help Grandma carry in the milk, so she said "I'm going to drink all the milk even if it kills me." And she did, and it did.

AP Feature Service Writer
New York. — James Copp III is a strange, long young man who writes strange, long poems and recites them at the piano. People at the ritzy night spot where he recites, think he's very funny.

James was born of Los Angeles social register parents in 1917. At 14 he played the piano with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Then I stopped taking piano lessons," said James, "and didn't play for a long time. At the age of 15 I wrote a strange, long poem and submitted it to the school debating society. I was admitted.

"At Stanford University it occurred to me to put the strange, long poem to music and try out for the

annual musical show. It was accepted. After that I wrote more strange, long poems, set them to music, and did them on the radio but finally decided it conflicted with my college work."

After Stanford, James studied writing under Robert Hillier at Harvard. People tried to get him to put on his piano-things in night clubs or on the radio, but he was more interested in short-story writing. At the end of his second year he was awarded a prize for showing "great-est literary promise in the most advanced course in English composition." He had stories published in a national magazine.

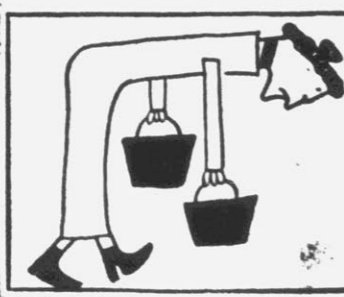
"I finally became serious about my piano-things when some friends in Chicago persuaded me to appear in an amateur night at a hotel. I won, and Will Osborne, whose orchestra was playing there, offered me a job."

He took the job and wound up with Osborne in New York, where he went into night club work.

James Copp III's only explanation of why he does piano things is "I guess I just have a queer mind."



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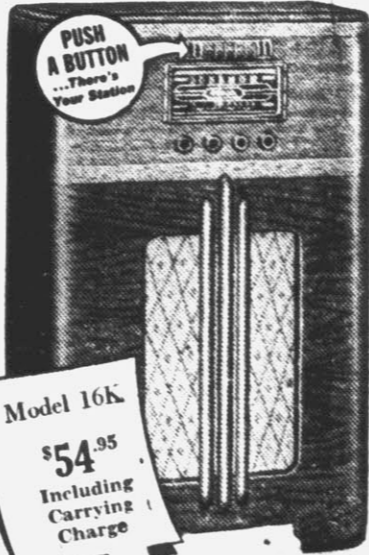
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Strength For The Day

By EARL L. DOUGLASS

Character Alone Counts. Oliver Cromwell, with all his faults, had a deep sense of the value of character. In raising his famous regiment, The Ironsides, he insisted that it was more important to get character in a soldier than to get brass. A man with a heavy hand might stand up well while the tide of battle was running toward victory, but if he had nothing but brute strength, he might flee, or prove treacherous, or desert.

I had rather have a plain, rust-colored captain that knows what he is fighting for, and loves what he knows, than what you call a "gentleman," and is nothing else. I must have men who have the fear of God before them," he explained. "A few honest men are better than numbers."

Character counts even in battle. Military commanders want to know not only that the men under them have the capacity to fight, but the will to fight, and the character to appreciate what they are fighting for. The men who really win battles are the men who understand what they are fighting for. It takes more than training and equipment to make an army—it takes morale. So it is in every walk of life. Character is the most important factor that ever enters into any situation. To have that in an employee, a friend, an associate, or a life mate is to have all. To lack it means to have nothing.

STRIKES AGAINST DEFENSE

One wonders just how long it will be before labor realizes that a strike today is a very different thing than a strike was a year or so back. In abnormal times like the present, with the defense program behind schedule because production in many fields is under demand, strikes threaten the nation's very life.

Recent strikes have taken place in important defense industries. One of those strikes closed an airplane plant which was producing vitally needed training ships for the Army. It was settled only after production had been stopped for weeks. The strike which was recently called in the Western lumber industry is similar. There is a definite shortage of lumber—the Army, in some cases, has not been able to obtain supplies necessary for building barracks for the thousands of men now called to the colors. It would be interesting to know what the recruits who are undergoing military training for one dollar a day think of highly-paid workers who walk out on their jobs because their new demands are not promptly met.

In some of the disputes, labor may be right. That is not the point. Any just grievance labor has can be settled by arbitration. The whole power of the government will support the worker who is unfairly treated. But when labor, adopting

Roaring Down The Stretch



the attitude of a dictator, says, "Do what I want and do it now or I'll walk out," it is alienating all public sympathy and is making unavoidable a crack-down policy that will regard a strike in a defense industry the same as any form of sabotage.

What would happen to an industry whose owners refused to produce unless they were promised excessive profits and special favors? That industry would swiftly discover that the needs of the country come ahead of the greed of any group. It's time labor came to its senses—in the name of self-preservation, if for no other reason. For the kind of strikes we have been witnessing of late must eventually result in the destruction of labor's freedom of action and independence.

Washington Daybook

By Preston Grover

Washington.—If you aren't wearing your ski or filling your ski boots, you're clear out of the running. What has happened to the vacation and sports-minded in the country in the last few days is something for the historians to mull over. And whenever they will be going to the records of several government agencies, at least one private organization will have a headache.

Ten years ago, the American Automobile association started laying off its staff in October, set by January only a few of the boys and girls stuck around to keep the lamps lighted and see that no Esplanade minded tourists lacked for those little packets of fascinating maps if they did venture out on the un-snow-plowed highways.

Ten years ago the Civilian Conservation Corps was no more than a few wisps in the air, conscious of some potential New Dealers.

Ten years ago, most of the national parks shut up shop in the winter and left only a few winterers around to worry about how the buffalo herds were going to weather the storms or about how the bears were hibernating in the bridal suite in Rainer's Paradise inn.

First Ski Train. Eight years ago, the first ski train pulled out of Boston with about 200 peeped young Maellards of the ski-pops starting at each other and wondering what darn-fool idea had prompted them to pay good money for such a junket.

Now ski trains out of every metropolitan in the north and east are easier to get on week-ends than a local to Whistle Junction. From Grand Central station in New York you can catch one practically every hour.

and in them the CCC has built ski-tows, runs, toboggan runs and (10) pants slides for cities and miles. From Maine to Mount Ranier in Washington and as far south as Shemandoah in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia, these parks are doing a thriving business on winter week-ends. Ski and skating instructors with Scandinavian and Swiss names, are as thick as mosquitoes in summer. And the good sportsman's fashion note is wax on the seat of the breeches to show that he has participated in the lowly, but hilarious, "tin pants slide."

Explanations Lacking. America's increasing interest in winter sports has outstripped wilder expectations of national park officials, as well as manufacturers of the necessary paraphernalia. The former have no explanation for it. Some point to the improvement in winter travel and the resultant accessibility of winter playgrounds. Others think Sonja Henie and the indoor "ice spectacles" had something to do with it. Statistics prove that the fad was on its way before Miss Henie made her debut or "ice" (winter circus) ever became anything like a winter circus.

But credit it to anything you like. When the census bureau issues its manufacturing and distribution reports in a few weeks, skis, ice skates, and other winter sports paraphernalia will be in the lists—and not at the bottom.

Short Shots

By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Dec. 27.—Raleigh for at least ten days before Christmas was one of the business cities possible—with more hurrying shoppers in evidence than ever before.

Raleigh on Christmas day and Thursday was as dead as an evened city was.

Usually all stores took two days off to give their worn-out employees a chance to rest and recuperate.

They need the chance, too, as most of them were in the class with the department store Santa Claus of whom Bill Sharpe tells this one: A local filling station operator says he is pretty sore at Santa Claus for he considers that the old bearded gentleman's conduct toward his little girl was nothing short of shocking.

Of course, that wasn't the real Santa Claus, but just a sorry imitation who had gone on the job in the store with just a little too much to drink. But the little girl is still inconsolable ever since she talked to him last week—even though she did get a whole tree-full of presents.

"What are you gonna bring me, Santa Claus?" asked the little tot little realizing that the jovial Santa was in his cups. "Little girl," said Santa, weary at hearing thousands of such "Little girl, I ain't goin' to bring you a damn thing."

The calendar of "Coming Events in North Carolina," arranged by the State News Bureau of the Department of Conservation and Development, overlooked (1) The opening of the General Assembly, January 8, and (2) Inauguration of Governor J. Melville Broughton, January 9.

It may seem a bit strange, but one of the leaders in the certain-to-come legislative battle for a State wage and hours law is likely to be a Representative who in private life is counsel for Roanoke Rapids largest textile establishment—the Rosemary Mills. Julian Allbrook, who comes as one of Halifax's two House members and for a wonder comes peacefully and not after a terrific political battle with Dr. T. W. M. Long, has long been looked on as very "advanced" in his views on labor and labor legislation.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1. Small nail 2. Restaurant 3. Beetle 12. Interpret 13. Mountain 14. Large bird 15. Israelite Judge 16. Outfit 17. Invisibly 18. You and I 19. Invisibly 21. Related on the mother's side 22. Type of electricity 23. Dilivered 24. Secure 27. Buys back 28. City in Iowa 32. Wreathed with dullness 33. Exclamation 34. Free 35. Compact 36. Anger 37. Pronoun 38. General fight 39. Vehicle on runners 40. Catechism 42. Playing card 43. Cordless 44. Bonds 47. Stop unintentionally 48. Small valley 49. New England state; abbr. 51. Scuttle 52. Lambic pseudonym 54. Reduct 56. Seaweed 57. Frolic 58. Cereal 59. By

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-59 and some filled-in letters.

Who Killed Aunt Maggie?

By MEDORA FIELD

YESTERDAY: Lieutenant Gregory of the Atlanta police has four confessions on his hands to the murder of Ene Benedict, and Coroner Dodson just has offered an explanation which may remove Gregory's best suspect for the murder of Aunt Maggie Ambler—Bill himself, who with his wife Sally was giving the party at which the murders occurred. Then, when everything was confused enough, somebody turned off the lights in the library, where every one was gathered, and flung a dart into the room. Sally is worrying about Plutarch, one of the guest's cat.

Chapter 45 Interloper

I REMEMBERED Alice had thought she heard him when she went to the basement, but Andrew had not been able to find him in the coal chute. How was it Plutarch was always escaping from the office? Because someone had opened the door, of course. The office—I sprang to my feet. Perhaps—perhaps there was an entrance from that room to the secret room. Andrew had economically turned off the light in the office. As I touched the switch button and the interior of the small room sprang into being before my eyes. I involuntarily stepped backward, stifling a scream.

A strange man was standing in the middle of the floor. Apparently he found the encounter as awkward as I did, for we both stood there silently, staring at each other.

My first wild conclusion was that there at last was the suspicious character we had all been looking for. But even in that moment of initial shock and surprise, I was conscious of a feeling of anticlimax, inspired no doubt by his commonplace appearance. Here was no movie villain. Here was no devil with horns and tail. Here was only a stockily built young man of perhaps thirty, a little on the hard-bellied side and rather flashily dressed, it is true, but otherwise not at all remarkable-looking.

But appearances are often deceiving, and I told myself that I must be very clever and engage him in unsuspecting conversation until I could pull the bell cord and summon Andrew. I could scream, if necessary, but it would be a little unwise to do so and take him unawares. So I said, somewhat weakly, "I didn't know there was anyone in here."

He grinned, disclosing an impressive gold tooth. "Place is lousy with police." "What?" I asked stupidly. "Plain-clothes men," he explained, flapping his coat label. "Oh," I said, not quite convinced, but remembering that Lieutenant Gregory momentarily expected someone from the solicitor general's office. It could be true.

"Then," I suggested, trying to keep the doubt out of my voice, "you'll want to see Lieutenant Gregory?" "Yes," he agreed, "in a few moments. Just doing a little reconnoitering. Like to go over the ground and form my own conclusions, you know?" "Oh," I said again, inanely. "S'right," he reassured me. "Call Gregory if you want to. Just delay things is all." As I hesitated, he went briskly on. "But you can help me if you will. You want to get this cleared up, don't you? Now, I gather the bedrooms in this shack are on the next floor. How about sort of giving me the layout of who has which room?"

"If you'll wait a moment," I offered, "I'll have the butler show you around. Wouldn't that be better?" He hesitated, then said, "Okay, but I could do better alone."

I rang for Andrew, and as we waited I led the way into the back passage and explained that the bedrooms on the right of the back stairs were occupied by Bob and Kirk and Bill respectively, and those on the left by our feminine guests, one of whom had been murdered that afternoon.

"Pretty wholesale slaughter around here, looks like," he observed. Andrew did not appear immediately, I said I would step to the kitchen and ask the cook to plate him, "Oh, never mind," my visitor told me airily, "I'll get along all right."

"I'll send Andrew along later," I promised as he vanished up the back stairs. Steps Down. "THEM bells is ringing in all directions," Bessie explained, as I entered the kitchen. "Andrew's done gone to the front door and I was comin' to the office just as soon as I could get my pron changed."

"It's all right," I told her. "Just tell Andrew that a plain-clothes policeman is snooping about upstairs and that I would like it if he would sort of keep an eye on him and see that he reports to Lieutenant Gregory. I'll tell Mr. Bill if he ever gets out of the library."

NOTICE OF SALE North Carolina—Pitt County. In the Superior Court, Arthur K. Koppelman, trading as Lawford & McKim -vs- J. T. Beppard and wife, Willie Beppard. By virtue of power vested in me by that execution issuing out of the Superior Court in the above entitled action, for the purpose of satisfying said execution, I shall offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the courthouse door, in the city of Greenville, North Carolina, on Monday, January 6, 1941 at twelve o'clock, noon all of the right, title and interest of the defendants in and to the following described parcel of real estate, lying, being and situated in Ayden Township, and more particularly described, as follows: Being lot No. 3 in the plot of the late J. A. Harrison, deceased, and Assa Garris late of J. D. Cox on May 21, 1903, said lot containing 341-2 acres, and which was conveyed to the said Willie Beppard by A. B. Corey by deed of record in the Pitt County Registry in Book X-15, page 245. The interest to be conveyed being all of said lot No. 3, except that part thereof which has been laid off and allotted to the said Willie Beppard as a homestead, which homestead comprises 14.5 acres of said lot, and said homestead having been laid off by metes and bounds and duly recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, to which homestead reference is hereby made for a complete description, and after excluding said homestead, there will be sold 19.69 acres of said lot No. 3. This December 4, 1940. J. KNIGHT PROCTOR, Sheriff of Pitt County. Dec. 4-11w-4w.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE OF SALE Under and by virtue of the powers and authority vested in me as Administrator of the estate of H. C. Venters, deceased, the undersigned will offer for sale, and sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the home place of the late H. C. Venters, at Shelmerville, Chatham Township, Pitt County, between the hours of 12:00 o'clock, NOON (and 1:00 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday, December 28th, 1940 the following personal property: Six mules; 6 sets harness; 1 Blount harrow; 5 cotton plows; 6 turning plows; 2 middle busters; 1 2-horse turning plow; 1 Cox guano sower; 1 Cole corn planter; 1 stalk chaff cutter; 1 1-hay baler; 1 cart; 1-3 intertilers; 1 log cart; 4 five-tooth cultivators; 2 cant books; 1 cross-cut saw; 6 singletrees; 1 anvil; 1 vise; 5 breast yokes; 3 hoes; 2 bush axes; 1 bunk cart; 1 cart; 2 tobacco trucks; 1 scow shovel; 2 shovels; 400 bales of hay; 50 barrels of corn; 1 cow; 1 heifer; 1 cotton scale; 1 tool box and tools; 85 bushels soy beans. This the 3rd day of Dec. 1940. L. C. VENTERS, Administrator of the estate of H. C. Venters, Dec. 3-11w-4w.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered to J. B. James, Trustee, by H. J. Jackson and wife, Annie K. Jackson, on the 3rd day of February, 1938, which said Deed of Trust is duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County in Book E-22, page 438, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned will offer for sale, for CASH, at public auction, before the Court House door in Pitt County, North Carolina, at 12:00 o'clock, Noon, on Monday, January 6, 1941 the following described real property, located in the County and State aforesaid, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: That certain farm, known as the Live Oak Farm, and BEGINNING at a stake between a red oak and persimmon tree on the Main Road leading from Grifton to Centerville, and runs thence S. 21 degrees 30 minutes West 168 poles to a stake; thence S. 52 degrees 48 minutes E. 41 poles to a sweet gum; thence S. 42 degrees E. 27 poles to a stake near a large gum; thence N. 21 degrees E. 287 poles to a stake in J. L. Tucker's line; thence N. 54 degrees 40 minutes W. 401-5 poles to a stake; thence N. 72 degrees W. 51 poles to a stake; thence S. 70 degrees W. 104 poles to the road, the BEGINNING, and containing 119 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Another tract of land also being part of the Live Oak Farm BEGINNING at a pine stump on the Main Road to Grifton in W. B. Quinerly's line, and runs thence S. 17 degrees W. 116 poles to a stake in J. A. Adams' line; thence S. 52 degrees 48 minutes E. 97 poles to a stake near a pine and bay trees; thence N. 22 degrees 30 minutes E. 168 poles to a stake in the Main Road; thence N. 7 degrees E. 104 poles to a stake in J. L. Tucker's line; thence N. 21 degrees 30 minutes E. 56 1-2 poles to a stake; thence N. 63 degrees 30 minutes W. 36 poles to J. P. Quinerly's corner; thence S. 7 degrees W. 167 poles to a pine on the Main Road; thence N. 72 degrees 40 minutes W. 61 poles to a pine stump, the BEGINNING, containing 125 acres, more or less, excepting therefrom, however, that portion across the canal deeded to W. B. Quinerly, which portion contains not more than 11-2 acres, and being the identical conveyed to A. L. Jackson by Turnage Supply Co., Inc., by deed dated July 11, 1935, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County.

THIRD TRACT: Situated on the south side of Ayden and adjoining the lands of Dixon, Turnage and Barwick, et al: BEGINNING at a stake on the public road leading from Ayden to Robert McLawhorn's place, S. E. Harrington's corner, and running with said Harrington's line N. 61 1-2 W. to Dixon, Turnage and Barwick; thence a northerly course with said Dixon, Turnage and Barwick's line 276 feet and 5 inches to a stake in the Dixon, Turnage, etc., line; thence S. 62 1-2 E. to the aforesaid line; thence a southerly course with said road 276 feet and 5 inches to S. E. Harrington's corner, to the BEGINNING, containing 2 1-4 acres, more or less. Book C-11, page 263.

FOURTH TRACT: BEGINNING at a stake in the public road leading to A. F. Cox's Spring, and in the center of Cox Street, extended (now Snow Hill Street), and running a southerly course with said road to J. A. Harrington's corner; thence a southeasterly course with said J. A. Harrington's line to a corner in Mamie Barwick's line; thence an easterly course with Mamie Barwick's line to a corner in John T. Thorne's line; thence with said Thorne's line a northerly course to the center of Cox Street; thence a westerly course with the center of Cox Street, extended, to the BEGINNING, containing eleven (11) acres, more or less.

FIFTH TRACT: On the south side of Ayden: BEGINNING at a stake in the center of the old crossing of the Ayden Lumber Company's Tram Road and the Public Road, and running N. 61 1-2 W. 24 poles to a ditch on the old Tram Road; thence S. 21 West 53 1-2 poles to the center of the Public Road; thence an easterly course 141-2 poles to a crook in said road; thence with said road 34 poles to a crook in said road; thence with said road 102-3 poles to the BEGINNING, containing 5 2-3 acres, more or less.

SIXTH TRACT: BEGINNING at the intersection of Third and High Streets, and running thence with High Street a southerly course 150 feet; thence with J. A. Griffin's line a westerly course 83 feet to a corner; thence with Walter Buck's line a northerly course 150 feet to a corner on Third Street; thence with Third Street an easterly course 66 feet to the BEGINNING, being the same and identical property described in deed dated November 8, 1919 from W. L. House and wife to Nannie Hart, and recorded in Book 5-13, page 237.

This the 5th day of Dec. 1940. J. B. JAMES, Trustee. Dec. 6-11w-4w.

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.

WANT ADS PAY.

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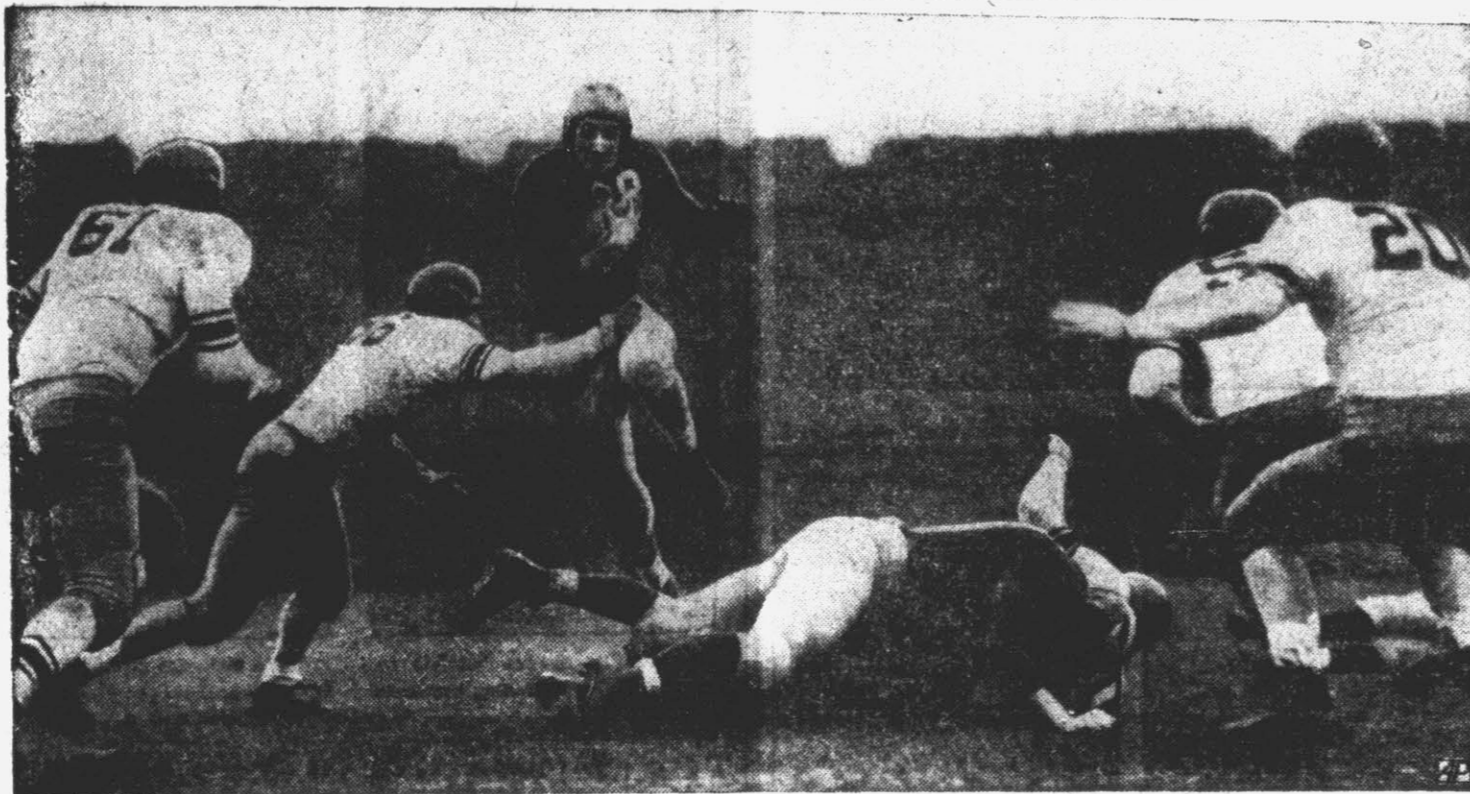
30 Relief Ministry of COLDS take 666 LIQUID TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

1940 SPORTS NEWS

A Picture Review by The Associated Press



GOLF UPSET Playing on his home course, Winged Foot at Mamaroneck, N. Y., Dick Chapman (left) swamped W. B. McCullough, Jr., of Philadelphia, 11 and 9, to win national amateur golf title Sept. 14, plus trophy from Harold Pierce (center) of U.S.G.A. Lawson Little won national open at Cleveland; Byron Nelson won the P.G.A. at Hershey, Pa.



OUT OF HARMON'S WAY Not since Red Grange has praise so showered on a grizzer as on Michigan's Tom Harmon, star back seen with ball in the Northwestern-Michigan game won by Wolverines, 20-13. An elusive breakaway artist, runner and kicker, Harmon scored 33 touchdowns in three years, registered 237 points in the Big Ten's Western conference record. Minnesota was rated nation's No. 1 team, and Nebraska is to meet Stanford in Rose Bowl.



MOTORLESS FLIGHT The ceiling in pole vaulting was raised by Cornelius Warmerdam (above), school teacher from Tuolumne, Cal., who set a new world's record, 15 feet, one and one-eighth inches, at 52nd A.A.U. track meet June 29 in Fresno. For seventh straight year Don Lash won A.A.U. cross country run at Detroit.



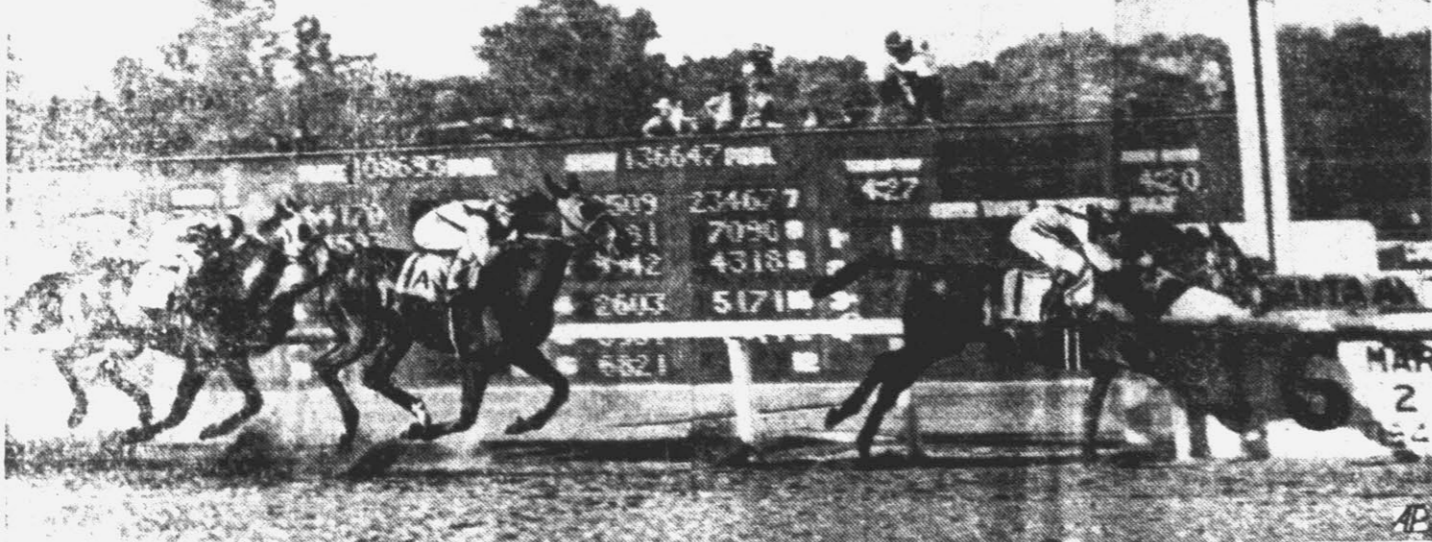
SWAN SONG With no more tennis worlds to conquer, Alice Marble of California, seen at Forest Hills with Don McNeill after September matches which both won, turned pro in November. She wants money for a singing career. At Forest Hills, she took her third straight singles title, and McNeill of Oklahoma upset Bobby Riggs for singles crown. Alice was last defeated in competition in 1938 at Wimbledon.



HERE'S THAT JOE AGAIN No one in 1940 jarred the heavyweight crown off Joe Louis, but Arturo Godoy (right) rocked that head with this punch June 20. Louis won in 8th by technical KO. In February, Godoy stayed 15 rounds. Louis took decision. In March, Louis disposed of Johnny Paycheck in 44 seconds of Round 2.



REDS WIN SERIES Cincinnati blew wide open Oct. 8 when the Reds took the seventh, their first title since 1919. In this slap-happy dressing room Reds' Manager Bill "Deacon" McKechin is being tossed about by Paul Derringer (left), winning pitcher, and Hank Gowdy. Derringer shared Bo-Bo Newsum, Tigers' pitcher whose personal tragedy was the death of his father during the series. Extra jubilant were the Reds to erase the marks of their last year's series defeat by N. Y. Yankees.



RUNNING INTO THE MONEY Gallahadion, a 25-to-1 shot, took the Kentucky Derby but a greater turf thrill was the comeback of Seabiscuit whose winning (above) of the \$100,000-audited Santa Anita Handicap March 2 in Los Angeles made him the greatest money winner of all time. Kayak II was 2nd and Whirlaway, 3rd. Seabiscuit's owned by Charles Howard. Bimelech won Pimlico Freakness, and Our Boots, the rich Belmont Futurity.

TURNOVER Chicago Cubs and Gabby Hartnett parted company after 19 years, and Jimmy Wilson (above), 40, former Reds catcher-coach, signed to manage Cubs for two years. In October Jimmy was hero of world series.



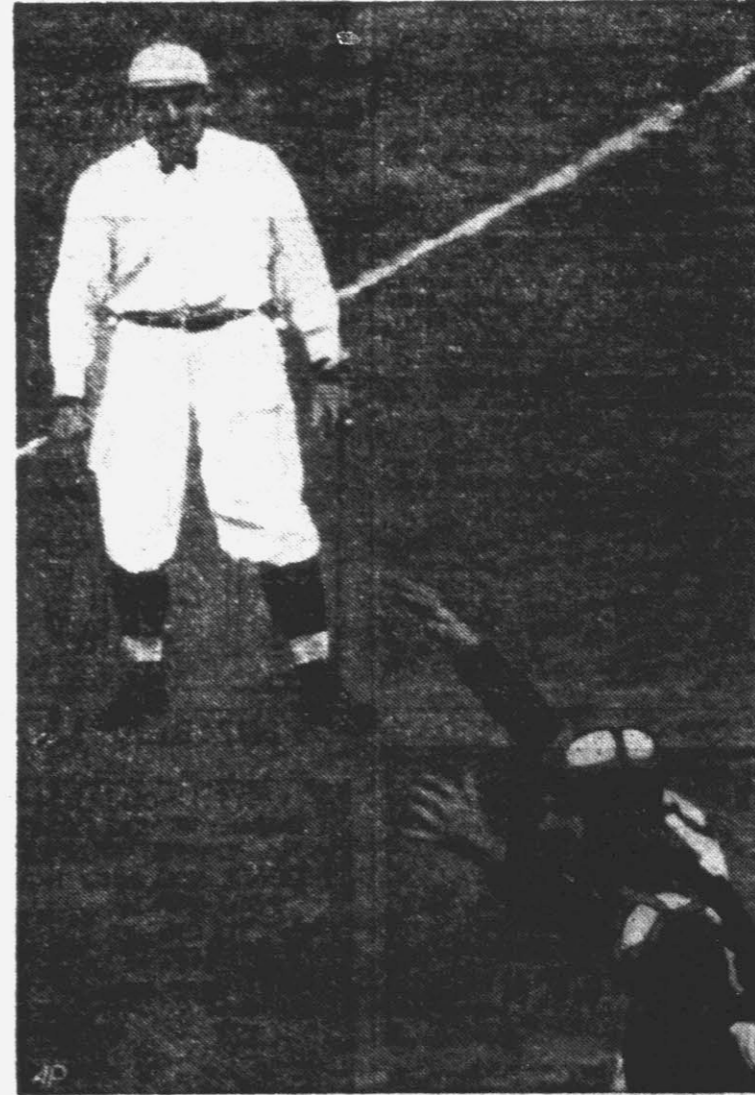
RETURN Fired by Cleveland Indians' prey in 1933, Roger Peckinpaugh (above) got a two-year contract to manage the Indians, replacing Oscar Vitt against whom Redskins rebelled in June. The fiery Vitt signed to manage Portland, O., team.



'ALL OUT' BASEBALL WARS Wretched was the lot of umpires during a 1940 season marked by unusual scrappiness among baseball players and louder squawks from fans. Here's a July 19 free-for-all in Dodgers-Cubs game in Chicago with four Cubs hurrying into fray. Umps are J. W. Sears (masked), Lou Jorda.



SUCCESS Credit for Stanford's phenomenal rise from 1939 cellar to Rose Bowl in 1940 with a record of no defeats goes to Clark Shaughnessy, former Chicago coach who went to Stanford last spring after Chicago decided to abandon intercollegiate football.



FIFTH DOWN Monday morning quarterbacks really had something to talk about after Nov. 16 Dartmouth-Cornell game at Hanover, N. H., wherein Referee W. H. Friesell, Jr. (above)—as he later said—allowed Cornell a fifth down on which the Big Red scored for a 7-3 victory. After viewing movies of the plays, Cornell on Nov. 18 called the extra down illegal, conceded game as 3-0 Dartmouth victory.



HOPE Fistic shuffles of Billy Conn (above), 1940 turned up Pa-tor and Savold, as most likely candidate for doubtful privilege of fighting Joe Louis. Henry Armstrong lost welter title—last of his three championships.



SWIM Otto Jarets (above), 220-yard free style swimmer, set 2:12.1 at Santa Barbara July 4.

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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. Standell, Blount-Harvey's Shoe Store. 9-1f

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

FOR RENT—BRICK STORE, 24x80 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 balers. 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, 502 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. 23-3f

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FOR RENT—4-ROOM DWELLING. Equipped electric light, near hard-surface road, 2-1/2 miles East of Greenville, \$12.50 per month in advance. Possession around January 1st. A. M. Moseley. 9-eod-Jan. 1. 22

IF YOU NEED AN AUTIONEER to auction your chattel property, get in touch with P. W. Majette, Grimesland, N. C., Dial 3628-7. 22

CHICKS, CHICKS—A BARGAIN in started chicks. All U. S. N. C. approved, pullover tested. No more hatches until February. Purina feeds, poultry supplies. Drum's Hatchery and Feed Store, Phone 3537, Greenville, N. C. 21-eod-1f

FOR RENT—3 OR 4-ROOM UNFURNISHED apartment, 204 Washington street, near the court house. Dial 3842. 27-31

FOR SALE—FARM IMPLEMENTS, the property of J. L. Briley Estate, will be exposed to public sale for cash, on the Briley farm, also known as a part of the Noah Bedard land, about two miles north-east of Cor's Mill, on Saturday, December 28th, at ten o'clock a. m. This property includes corn, tobacco sticks, tobacco trucks, hay mowing machine, etc., used on a two-horse farm. Delivery will be made on the day of sale. Onan Allen, Administrator. 27-31

FOR RENT—SIX-ROOM BUNGALOW. Just papered and painted. Heat, Lewis Street. "College View" \$40 monthly advance. L. J. Smith, Real Estate—Insurance. 27-31

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY—Best Biscuits and Ice Box Cookies. People's Bakery.

LOST—A MAN'S BROWN billfold containing \$42.00, driver's license, insurance license. Liberal reward if returned. A. A. Williamson, telephone 2485. 27-2f

LOST—IN FRONT OF DR. HOWLAND McGinnis' home on East Third street, a black pigskin pocketbook containing glasses in case bearing Dr. Hawes' name. Also ring in coin purse. Finder return to the Reflector office and receive reward. 27-3f

FOR RENT—ROOM TO GENTLEMEN—close in Steam heat. Dial 3052. 27-4f

FOR SALE OR RENT—A WELL established meat and grocery business. Will consider selling half interest. Excellent location. Write care P. O. Box 132, Greenville, N. C. 27-3f

STRAYED—ONE CALF, TWO months ago, to S. A. Whitehurst's farm, two miles west of Winterville. Owner may get same by paying damages, keep and advertising. E. C. Averett. 27-3f

Richmond Livestock

(Courtesy J. N. and J. L. Williams) Richmond, Dec. 27.—Hogs quotations are based on hogs producing hard carcasses after normal chilling. Hogs producing soft and oily carcasses are discounted 40 cents and 80 cents respectively from hard hog prices. Market steady with Tuesday top \$7.00. Good and choice 180-225 lbs. \$6.80-\$7.00; 100-125 lbs. \$5.00-\$5.50; 125-140 lbs. \$5.50-\$6.00; 140-165 lbs. \$6.00-\$6.45; 160-180 lbs. \$6.45-\$6.80; 180-225 lbs. \$6.80-\$7.00; 225-250 lbs. \$6.30-\$6.80; 250-300 lbs. \$6.00-\$6.50, over 300 lbs. \$5.90-\$6.40. Sows under 350 lbs. \$5.35-\$5.75; over 350 lbs. \$4.75-\$5.25. Cattle, no cattle on market today.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Scattered buying in special situations having a national defense angle poked a few issues above a generally level stock market today. An early fairly general rally had about disappeared near the fourth hour and the majority of prices differed only in fractions from the previous close. Coppers found a more consistent following than most other groups.

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened four to seven higher. At midday the list was ahead four to seven with January trading at 10.13; March 10.25; and July 9.99.

N. Y. STOCK LIST

American Radiator	6 1/2
American Telephone	165 1/2
American Tobacco B	69 3/4
Anaconda	26 1/2
A. C. L.	13 1/2
Atlantic Refining	24 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	85 1/2
Chrysler	73 1/2
Col. Gas and Electric	4 1/2
Commercial Solvent	10 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2
Curtis Wright	8 1/2
Dupont	164 1/2
Electric Power and Light	3 1/2
General Electric	32 1/2
General Motors	48 1/2
Liggett and Myers	97 1/2
Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco B	30 1/2
Southern Railway	12 1/2
Standard Oil of N. J.	33 1/2
U. S. Steel	68 1/2

HOG MARKETS

Richmond 7.00
Rocky Mount 6.75

Chicago Grain Market

(Courtesy Vernon Parrish)

WHEAT—Open		Close		Pr. Cl.	
May	86	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	61 1/2	61		
Sept.	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2		
OATS—					
May	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2		
July	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		

What It Means

(Continued from page one) so designed, too, that it could also be held over the heads of labor—and was—by President Wilson. These indirect controls gave the President and his wartime boards the power to fix prices, establish priorities for war production, ration food, compel labor to work, force industrial plant owners to comply with instructions, under threat of taking their property.

It was done mostly, as Baruch's report intimates, with an iron fist in a velvet glove, with an eye on public opinion. For instance in the Bridgeport strike, the President had only to threaten plant management with requisitioning to end the plant's resistance to a strike. And he had only to threaten a minority labor element with removal of draft exemptions, and to take their right to work in war industries away from them. That was enough. Public opinion approved.

Today, President Roosevelt has but one of the legal powers among those granted to Wilson, beyond and above the emergency powers that always rest in the hands of a President. He may take over plants that fail to co-operate in the defense effort. He has no similar powers over labor.

TODAY and SATURDAY

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Youth Had Its Say In 1940 Headlines

Adults, with their wars, political campaigns, defense programs, etc., didn't get all the headlines in 1940. Here are some juveniles who made the front pages during the past 12 months.



Marc de L'Island, 3, was welcomed from an adulator who had demanded \$100,000 from the child's parents, shown here as the boy was welcomed to the Hillsborough, Cal., home.



Virginia Rose Burgess of New York, weight 1 pound 10 ounces at birth, weighed 6 pounds when photographed at the age of 18 weeks.



Somewhere in England, this brave little drummer boy fell in with marching Canadians. The route was long, the sun was hot and the little man grew tired.



These British children were among the hundreds who came across the Atlantic to escape the dangers and privations of a country at war.

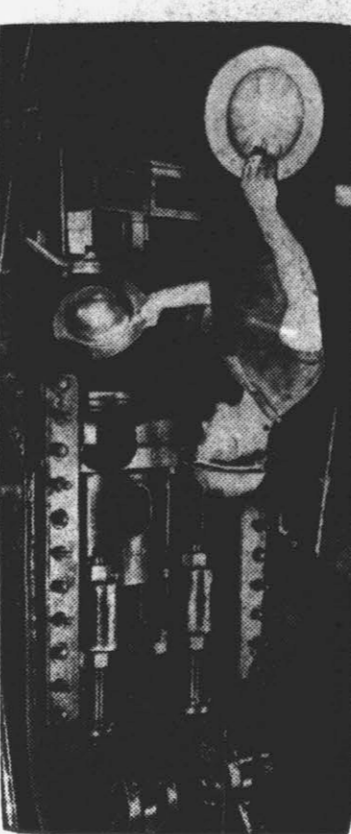
BLONDIE — by Young



THIMBLE THEATRE (Staring Popeye)



Wartime Millinery Serves A Peacetime Use



1 Machine shapes helmets as easily as Grandmother cuts cookies.



2 The hats are given an annealing bath designed to reduce brittleness and relieve any stresses in the metal. The plant can make one thousand a day.



3 The bands by which helmets are fitted to a man's head are attached.

(AP Feature Service)
"TIN HATS" are on a mass production basis in the United States—but don't be alarmed. Steel helmets of the type worn by American soldiers

in France are made by a Los Angeles factory for oil field and construction workers. The plant could readily shift to military orders. Here's how tin hats are made:

TIME REQUIRED FINISH CAMPS

Cost Of Army Units Also To Exceed Estimates

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—William F. Carey, Defense Commission expert on cantonment construction, said today that new army camps now being built east of the Mississippi river would exceed their estimates of original cost by "millions of dollars."

Moreover, he said, it would be necessary to add "a month or six weeks" to the estimated construction time of the various units.

Returning from a three months survey, Carey emphasized, however, that there was no "bogging down" of the construction program and declared that "what has been accomplished is nothing short of marvelous achievement, in my opinion."

Four factors were responsible for the increase in cost and time estimates, he explained.

1—Heavy expansion of facilities after estimates were made.
2—Original estimates were made "too low anyway."
3—Adverse weather—cold in the north and rain in the south.
4—The necessity of working under high pressure, resulting in an increase of the cost per item beyond normal.

"I want to emphasize, however," Carey went on, "that there has been no real delay. Men are working all day and far into the night to complete these camps. He said that he found no evidence of a single job where union difficulties have resulted in stoppage or delay of work."

Carey said there had been "some increase" in the cost of supplies, but no profiteering.

The Rocky mountains extend from New Mexico to beyond the arctic circle.

Seamen are being asked to become godfathers of war orphans in Finland.

REDISTRICTING BATTLE LOOMS

Question Certain To Provide Bitter Assembly Fight

Reflector Bureau.
By HENRY AVERILL
Raleigh, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Liquor and the sales tax, diversion and school teacher salaries are perennially bitter legislative issues sure to come up in one form or another during the 1941 General Assembly but there is pretty general agreement that the bitterest of all the fights in prospects is that which is sure to arise over the matter of drawing lines for new senatorial districts in the state.

Much more has been heard about Mecklenburg and Guilford, Buncombe and Cabarrus being entitled to additional representatives in the House; and the folks of those counties are quite aroused about it; but they'll all get those additional seats just as soon as workable senatorial districting agreement is reached, and not a day sooner.

The House division is purely a mathematical formula; anybody with the North Carolina Constitution, a pencil and a piece of paper and a seventh grade knowledge of arithmetic can reapportion the representatives in thirty minutes.

The Senate matter is entirely different. Filibustering, local political angles, refusal of small counties to agree to anything that carries a possibility of hurting their senatorial rotation, and a lot of other things are all mixed up in the senatorial districts.

Some of the smaller counties are now so fixed that they get a senator about half the time when they're probably entitled to one only about every third or fourth session. Naturally no senator from such a county is knowingly going to relinquish one jot or tittle of this advantage.

The whole thing more closely affects the personal political fortunes of the Senators than any other issue visible on the legislative horizon—hence it is certain to be the one in which the senators show the greatest amount of personal feeling.

SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

By virtue of a power of sale contained in that certain Mortgage executed by W. S. Mills and wife, Annie W. Mills, to Buna L. Arnold as appears of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County in Book M-23, page 356, and dated the 22nd day of April, 1940, the undersigned Mortgagee will expose to public sale before the Court House door in Pitt County to the highest bidder for cash.

at 12 o'clock, Noon, on Monday, the 13th day of Jan., 1941 the following described real property, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated in Pitt County, State of North Carolina, and containing 131.20 acres, more or less, and known as the Sam Mills Farm, now the farm of W. S. Mills, situated on the South side of Tar River and on the North side of Cow Swamp, lying on both sides of the public road leading from the New Bern Highway to Black Jack, about 9 miles S. E. of Greenville, and bounded on the North by the lands of Mrs. Bettie Cox and Guy Dixon, on the East by the lands of Les Buck, Jesse Mills, Lester Mills and Jodie Williams, on the South by the School House lot, Roy Mills and Sam Smith, and on the West by

Katherine Mills, Sam Smith and Griffin Rouse, and Ernest Williams as is shown on map of the survey of said lands made by W. C. Dresbach, C. E., on January 31, 1940, and being the same tract of land fully described in those two certain Deeds of Trust to W. O. McGibbony, Tr., of record in Book D-23, page 597 and D-23, page 599 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County.

This sale will be made for the purpose of collecting the actual amount of cash loaned by Buna L. Arnold to W. S. Mills and wife, Annie W. Mills, to-wit: \$400.00, together with the legal rate of interest thereon from the 13th day of April, 1940, and will also be subject to the lien of the two deeds of trust which appear in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County in Book D-23, page 597 and Book D-23 page 599 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County.

This 14th day of Dec., 1940.
BUNA L. ARNOLD, Mortgagee.
Harding & Lee, Attys.
Dec. 14-17w-4wk.

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