

U. S. SUBS GO INTO ACTION FOR FIRST TIME

New Smashing Victories Reported By Reds

Even Berlin Admits That War Stalled

German Communiqué Probably Gloomiest Of War; Soviets Report Germans Retreating In Headlong Flight; New British Progress Is Made On Libyan Front; Italy May Already Have Quit African War

By The Associated Press
Russia proclaimed a series of smashing new victories in the war with Germany today, and for the first time Adolf Hitler's high command acknowledged that the German invasion armies were "shortening their lines" along the Soviet front and were hard pressed on the defensive in North Africa.

The extent of the German retreat along the whole 1200 mile Russian battle line was highlighted by a British broadcast reporting that all communications between Moscow and long-besieged Leningrad had been reestablished.

Soviet dispatches said the Red army was pushing a vast counter-offensive from Leningrad to the Black sea, capturing hundreds of villages and towns in one sector after another, and that in some instances the Germans were running without a fight.

In perhaps the gloomiest Nazi communiqué of the entire war—giving the German people at least an inkling that the tide of conquest has been thrown into reverse—the high command reported:

"In the course of transition from aggressive operations to stationary warfare for the winter months, necessary improvements involving the shortening of lines now are being systematically undertaken on various sectors of the eastern front."

But Soviet dispatches pictured the Germans in headlong flight, by no means effective strategic withdrawal, with a Moscow communiqué declaring:

"The fleeing enemy is being pursued and annihilated by our troops. Red army soldiers who recaptured strategic Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow, said they found that German troops had built four-tiered plank beds in houses throughout the Kalinin zone 'evidently intending to spend the winter there.'"

Moreover, the official Berlin radio spokesman shifted in a broadcast from comment on the exploits of "our victorious German army" to discourse on the "unbelievable difficulties" under which Nazi troops were fighting in Russia.

Soviet front line dispatches said the Germans were retreating, with bloody losses, on both the north and south flanks of the Moscow defense arc.

On the North African front, British Imperial headquarters reported that heavy British pressure was being maintained on the left flank of Hitler's battered desert armies and that new progress was registered despite fierce sandstorms during the

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U. S. PROMISED TANGIBLE AID BY NEIGHBORS

State Of Siege Is Decreed For Argentina

OTHER POWERS ALSO TAKE STEPS

Representatives of the Central American Countries To Work Out Program for Entire Hemisphere

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A state of siege in Argentina and quick moves in Mexico and Central America to give the United States tangible aid in war today marked Latin-America's contributions to hemisphere solidarity.

Argentine police, formally notifying newspaper and news agencies of the government's decree of a state of siege, ordered them to "abstain from comment on the decree or make biased publications which may perturb the political tranquility of the country."

The announced purpose of the decree was to carry out "international promises contracted by the republic in recent Pan-American conferences."

In Mexico, Congress considered President Manuel Avila Camacho's request that foreign troops be allowed to pass through Mexican territory and that foreign ships and naval planes be stationed in Mexican waters and ports. An official announcement made it clear that United States troops, ships and planes already had granted Mexico permission to pass troops through its territory to guard Lower California.

Representatives of the Central American foreign offices were invited by the Costa Rican foreign office to meet and work out a unified Central American program to be presented at a later meeting of American republics in Rio de Janeiro.

Most Grocery Stores Will Close Two Days

Most grocery stores in Greenville will observe two days as Christmas holidays, Thursday and Friday, it was announced at the Merchants Association offices this morning, although only Thursday will be observed generally by local business houses.

With Christmas coming on Thursday, business houses, other than the grocers, will at least be open on Friday.

The grocery stores will be open on Saturday.

Waste Paper Program Is Held Up Few Days

J. B. Kittrell, charged with preserving waste paper under the Civilian Defense program, declared today that that phase of the program was being held up pending the securing of facilities to bale and handle the paper.

Mr. Kittrell said that he was receiving numerous telephone calls and personal inquiries regarding the program, indicating the public is ready and willing to cooperate in the movement.

He stated that as soon as arrangements are made to handle the paper the public would be advised through the press.

Safe And Well

A cablegram from Milton Stafford son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stafford of this city, who is now stationed in Honolulu, has been received, reporting that he is "safe and well."

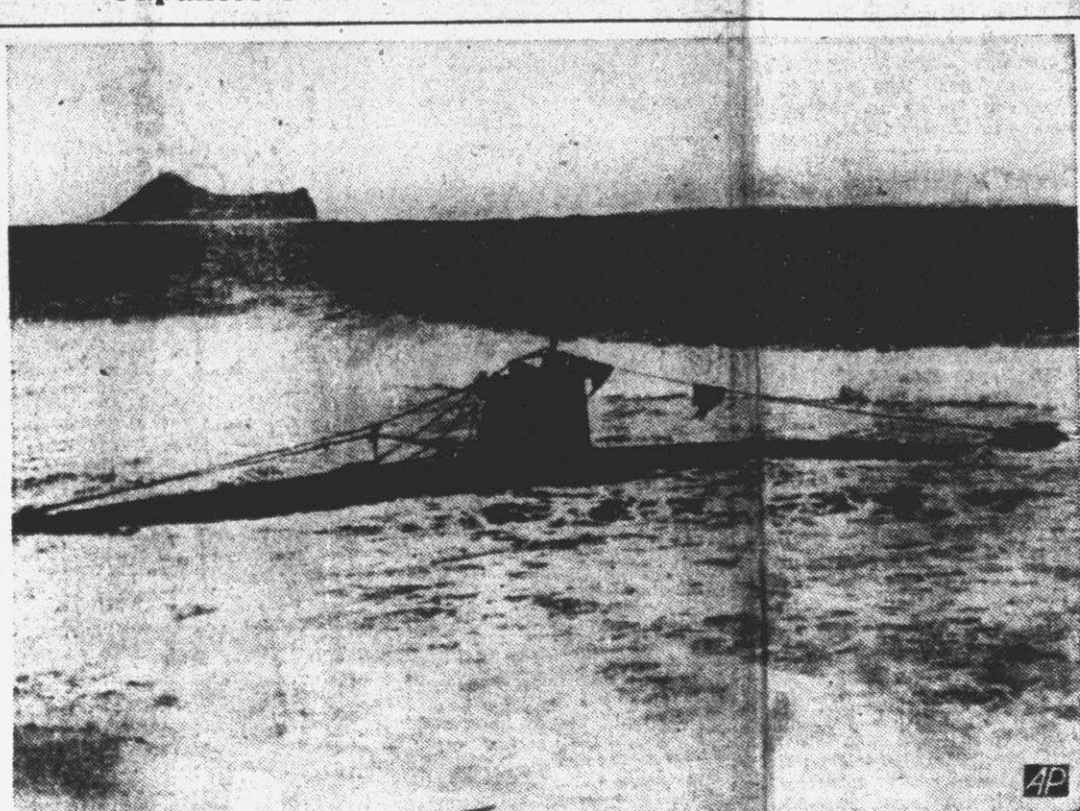
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Opportunities taken since yesterday's report follow: 51, Kate Lewis Bible class of the Presbyterian church; 71, 77 and 89, St. Gabriels

Japanese Two-Man Submarine Beached In Hawaii



Here's a length-wise view of the Japanese two-man submarine which was beached on the Hawaiian island of Oahu during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor December 7. This picture was one of the first released by the navy or army in connection with the surprise attack on the big United States naval base in the Pacific.

ANKARA FEARS NEW ACTIVITY

Concerned Over Nazi Military Moves In Bulgaria

Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Considerable German military activity in Bulgaria, of concern to Turkey, coupled with plans for a French-German conference on African colonies, was reported in European press dispatches today.

French Colonial Secretary Rene Platon is planning to go to occupied France, then to Berlin with an expert of the French African administration toward the end of the week, informed sources in Vichy said. Vice Admiral Jean Darlan is expected to follow Platon to assist in the talks, a Swiss newspaper reported. Presumably, these conferences were connected with Darlan's recent visit to Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano.

The Ankara, Turkey, correspondent of the Neue Zuercher, a Swiss newspaper, said air fields were being enlarged and increased in Bulgaria along with repair facilities for German planes.

Maps Strategy On World-Wide Basis

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Government spokesmen told the House of Commons today that all steps had been taken to coordinate British, American and allied war plans in accord with President Roosevelt's call for "world-scale strategy," but that Britain had not asked Russia to declare war on Japan.

The statements were made by Richard Law, undersecretary for foreign affairs, and Lord Privy Seal Clement E. Attlee, in a session largely devoted to the question of cooperation among anti-Axis allies.

Law said that China had full legal status as a British ally.

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Jap Forces Using Nazi-Made Planes

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Air Ministry news service declared today that the Japanese are using both Messerschmitt 109's and 110's—German fighter planes—in the air battle of Malaya.

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OUTLINE PLANS ON CENSORSHIP

Rough Outline To Be Ready For President Soon

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Stephen Early, White House secretary, said today the government hoped to have the rough outlines of a censorship plan ready for President Roosevelt's approval by the time the war powers bill reaches him from Congress.

Early said an advisory committee composed of Vice President Wallace, Attorney General Biddle, Postmaster General Walker and Lowell Mellett, director of the office of government reports, had been working on various plans for some time and that they would be submitted to Byron Price, newly appointed censorship director.

Price is expected here Friday to take over his new duties. He has been granted a leave of absence as executive news editor of the Associated Press. The war powers bill is expected at the White House soon, possibly today.

The censorship setup will be different from that created in 1917 under George Creel, Early said. Government departments and agencies will continue to issue press releases as at present, but those bearing on the war will be approved first by an inter-departmental committee to be established under Price's direction.

In the first World War all war information was filtered through Creel's office of information, which had its own reporters covering the government departments.

Many Local Citizens To See Defense Train

The Red, White and Blue special defense train to be in Raleigh tomorrow with exhibits showing what small manufacturers can make to aid in the defense program will be viewed by a number of Greenville citizens.

The train will be open for inspection from 8:30 throughout the day.

Admission will be by ticket only the tickets having been mailed to the various industrialists by the OPM. Several tickets were received here and a group of Greenville representatives is expected to view the exhibit.

Winterville To Close

Winterville officials announced today that all stores would be closed two days in observance of Christmas, closing Wednesday night Christmas eve, and not reopening until Saturday morning, December 27.

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The general public is invited to be present and take part in the singing.

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Japs Alarmed At Report Craft In Nippon Waters

Suspect Jailed



Ernest Frohlich de Meyer (above), 27, identified by the FBI as an alien German baron, has been arrested in Los Angeles on charges of impersonating an army officer and on suspicion of espionage. FBI agents said his Hollywood apartment yielded uniforms of the U. S. army, navy and marine corps, a shortwave broadcasting set and what appeared to be data on coast defenses.

CHINESE ARMY ATTACKS JAPS

Assaults Designed To Ease Pressure On Hongkong

Chungking, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Chinese forces were reported tonight to have delivered successful attacks north of besieged Hongkong, compelling the Japanese to shift reinforcements to cope with a Chinese threat to their rear in the Tamshui area.

Tamshui is about 28 miles north of the mainland border of Hongkong on Japanese-conquered Kowloon peninsula and about the same distance east of the Canton-Kowloon railroad.

Chinese dispatches said Japan's conquest of Kowloon was at a high cost of mechanical equipment which they said was destroyed by British gunfire.

These reports said the Chinese also had increased their pressure on other mainland Japanese positions, particularly in Chekiang province, just south of Shanghai.

Pitt Red Cross Unit Seeking Volunteers

Men and women are urgently needed by the local chapter of the American Red Cross to help with the special campaign soon to be launched in behalf of war relief. At least one hundred men and women volunteers will be required for this important campaign, the dates for which will be January 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Any persons desiring to enlist for this vital work are requested to do so by telephoning John G. Fleming, Greenville chairman, at 3685-1 or 3413.

Defense Parleys

J. H. Rose, Pitt county Civilian Defense director, went to Raleigh today to confer with State Director T. S. Johnson.

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Success In Two Or Three Attacks Reported By Asiatic Fleet Commander, But Details Not Disclosed; Twenty Six Jap Planes Brought Down Over Vigan; Jap Landing Thrusts Held In Check

By The Associated Press
Japan took alarm today at the reported presence of 20 United States submarines operating in Japanese waters even as Admiral Thomas C. Hart, commander of the Asiatic fleet, announced that American submarines had gone into action for the first time in the 11-day-old conflict and scored success in two or three attacks.

U. S. Army headquarters in Manila reported also that at least 26 Japanese planes had been destroyed yesterday at Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Manila, where the Japanese still maintain one of their three toeholds on Luzon island.

Admiral Hart's cryptic statement did not identify the victims of the American counter blows—whether Japanese warships, or merchant craft—or the locale of the sinkings.

It seemed plausible, however, that the United States was tightening a blockade around the island's densely populated island empire.

In Washington, a War Department communiqué dismissed the Japanese shelling of Kahului, on the Hawaiian island of Maui, as having damaged only a concrete landing platform of a pineapple company. About 10 shells were fired, the communiqué said, without a single casualty.

In the Philippine theater, the War Department reported "no discernible enemy activity during the past 24 hours" and said there was "nothing to report from other areas."

Meanwhile, British headquarters in Singapore acknowledged that Japanese troops have landed in Sarawak on the northwest coast of Borneo. British protected domain of the famous "White Rajah," Sir Charles Brooke, within 300 miles bombing range of Singapore itself and 600 miles from Manila.

Japanese warships, bombers and land batteries also were reported to be pounding a siege-bound Hongkong. Britain's second greatest stronghold in the Far East, and a Reuters dispatch said Japanese forces had seized the Portuguese island of Macao, 45 miles southwest of Hongkong.

While London quarters appeared gloomy over the prospect of Hongkong's holding out, latest dispatches from the island itself reported that Americans there were "all right" and that the colony's fortifications were "strong enough to resist all attempts at invasion."

On the northwest Malaya front, where the Japanese are smashing forward in a drive aimed at Singapore, advices reaching London said Japanese troops fighting like fanatics were throwing themselves into the teeth of British artillery and machinegun fire in perhaps the heaviest battle of the Far East theater.

With the fate of northwest Malaya and its principal city and island base, Penang, apparently at stake, British troops were reported to be counter-attacking the Japanese invaders. Singapore lies about 400 miles south of the battle area, on the tip of the Malaya peninsula.

British military observers said the acknowledged inability of the British Far East fleet to dominate Malayan waters and Thailand's quick sequester to Japan had gravely heightened Singapore's danger from the Japanese drive through Malaya.

Philippine forces of Lieut. General Douglas MacArthur evidently held the three Japanese landing thrusts against Luzon well in check.

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Social and Personal

Mrs. Daniel R. Taylor and daughter of Battle Creek, Mich., are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winslow while Capt. Taylor is attending the Command and General Staff school in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Lieut. Dan Wright is home from Fort Jackson, S. C., to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Wright.

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Edgar Gibson is visiting Hubert Douglas, Jr., of Albany, Ga., for a few days.

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B. F. Little of Greenville, Route Two, has returned from the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville.

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Sergeant Frank Patrick of Fort Meade, Md., is at home to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Dot Patrick.

Round Table To Meet.

The Round Table Club will have a called business meeting in the board room of Sheppard Memorial Library on Friday at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Mrs. Tucker Ill.

The many friends of Mrs. F. P. Tucker will regret to learn that she is still very ill at her home on Green street.

Children's Party.

The children of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of the Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will have a Christmas party in the basement of the church Friday at 3:30 p. m.

Junior Chamber To Meet.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce will meet tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Kennedy Hostess.

Mrs. Alfred P. Kennedy, Jr., was gracious hostess at bridge on Tuesday evening at her lovely home on Library street in honor of her youngest brother, Mr. Elmo Dupree of Belvoir, and his bride, the former Miss Vick Mowingo of Micro. Mrs. Dupree is a member of the faculty of the Belvoir high school. Sharing honors with Mr. and Mrs. Dupree was Mrs. Joseph S. Lennor, bride of November, who was before her marriage, Miss Geraldine Harris of Greenville.

The living room and dining room, where the six tables were arranged for play, were artistically decorated with arrangements of holly, mistletoe and novelties carrying out the spirit of the approaching holiday season. A beautiful, lighted Christmas tree added much to the festivity of the occasion.

After several interesting games, Mrs. J. S. Lennor was awarded the ladies' high score prize, a pottery bowl containing narcissus bulbs. The high score award for men, a box of Christmas candy, went to Mr. Elmo Dupree. Miss Louise Speight was given a mayonnaise jar as the low score award for ladies. Low score prize for men, cigarettes, was won by Mr. Hart.

Table prizes, novelty figures of Santa Claus, fashioned of fruit and marshmallows, fell to Mrs. L. M. Ernest, Mrs. C. L. Dupree, Mrs. L. B. Tucker, Mr. Ed Moore, Mr. Clarence Barnhill of Stokes, and Mr. Leon Jenkins of Ayden.

Mrs. Kennedy's gift to Mr. and

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR

Wednesday, December 17, 1901

"A Breezy Time" coming. Look out.

We do not hear many changes intimated for the new year. A year ago there was a long string of them, almost looking like the whole town would change about.

Fred Forbes returned Tuesday evening from Trinity and will spend the holidays at home.

Mrs. Dupree was silver in her chosen pattern. To Mrs. Lennor she presented a gift of linen. Mrs. Kennedy remembered her mother, Mrs. J. T. Dupree of Belvoir, with a box of candy.

During the games, Christmas candy and an iced drink, carrying out the color motif of red and green which prevailed throughout in both the decorations and the refreshments, were served. At the conclusion of play, lights were extinguished and candles lighted. Mrs. Kennedy, assisted by her daughter, Miss Leah Mildred Ross, her son, Leonard Ross, Mrs. Graham Miller, and Mrs. J. H. Andrews, served a delicious salad course with Russian tea, salted pecans and individual iced cakes.

PITT PRESENTS PARAMOUNT NEWS WAR SPECIAL THURS.

Scenes that make history and drives home a big punch to all Americans are brought to you in the vital Paramount News Reel showing at the Pitt tomorrow and Friday. See the picture facts as America meets the challenge of Japan's gangster attack.

Social Calendar

WEDNESDAY

6:00 p. m.—Mrs. E. C. Wilkerson and Mrs. Lee Folger will be hostesses to the Clio Club at the home of Mrs. E. B. Ferguson.

7:00 p. m.—Mrs. M. K. Blount, Mrs. R. C. Rankin and Mrs. Burke Stancill will be hostesses to the members of the Inter Se Club and their husbands, at the home of Mrs. Blount.

8:00 p. m.—Mrs. Foss Sumrell will entertain at bridge honoring Miss Emily Matthews, bride-elect.

THURSDAY

7:00 p. m.—J. Con Lanier will be host to the American Legion at an oyster roast at the City Street department on Third street.

3:30 p. m.—The West Greenville P. T. A. will meet.

7:00 p. m.—The End of the Century Club will meet at the home of Mrs. L. R. Meadows, with Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. J. L. Fleming, Mrs. R. J. Slay and Mrs. C. A. White as hostesses.

7:30 p. m.—Mrs. W. H. Tolson presents her younger piano pupils in recital in Sheppard Memorial Library.

FRIDAY

3:30 p. m.—Christmas party at the Methodist Church for children of the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of the Sunday school.

6:30 p. m.—The Kiwanis Club meets.

7:30 p. m.—Mrs. W. H. Tolson will present her older piano pupils in recital in Sheppard Memorial Library.

7:30 p. m.—Meeting of the Red Men.

8:00 p. m.—Rehearsal for the Banzet-McGowan wedding in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

9:00 p. m.—Miss Elizabeth Deal will entertain the Banzet-McGowan wedding party.

SATURDAY

5:00 p. m.—The marriage of Miss Elba McGowan and Mr. Frank Banzet will be solemnized in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

5:30 p. m.—Miss Doris Hardee will entertain the Banzet-McGowan wedding at a buffet supper.

SUNDAY

8:00 p. m.—The North Carolina Choral Symphony will present Handel's "Messiah" in Wright Memorial Auditorium.

Purchases Defense Bond.
The Junior Woman's Club has purchased a Defense Bond and at future meetings refreshments will be dispensed with in order that the money saved may go to purchase additional bonds.

This is believed to be the first civic club to buy a bond and it is hoped that all of the others may join the movement.

M. S. A. Meeting.

The Methodist Student Association had its monthly meeting Monday evening at 6:45 in the college "Y" hut. A short business meeting was called to order by the chairman, Sara Potter. Frances Tunstall gave the secretary's report, after which old and new business was discussed. The question of whether or not the M. S. A. would go about the town signing Christmas carols was brought before the group. Definite plans for this will be arranged and posted during the week.

Patsy Whitehurst gave a report on her investigation of those families in Greenville needing help. It was decided that Miss Whitehurst be in charge of a further investigation of the family's special needs.

Instead of having a Christmas social the M. S. A. voted to give the money toward the support of the family, and the members were asked to think of this plan during the holidays, remembering to bring any clothing that might be helpful to the family, when they return.

Dale Pitts, social service chairman, then presented a candlelight service. After a piano prelude by Wanda Tyndall, "The Light of God is Falling" was sung by a group of girls. The hymn selected for the evening was "O Little Town of Bethlehem." This was followed by the scripture reading by Thomas Shelton. Lallah B. Watts gave a reading of "The Church of Lighted Lamps," a beautiful legendary story in keeping with the lighted candles placed about the room in the windows and chimney nooks. Individual contributions for the Korean girl's Christmas were placed on the altar at the foot of a white cross surrounded with pine. The music "The Light of God is Falling," continued as the entire group stood with lighted candles in hand. Dale Pitts gave the closing prayer.

—By Evelyn Etheridge.

GREENVILLE HI-NEWS

—By—
CORA REDDITT
EVELYN SCHELLER

Fireworks?

"How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift was given."

Christmas Carol Program

Tonight at 6:30 a Christmas carol program will be given on the campus of East Carolina Teachers' College. The program will be sponsored by Phi Sigma chapter of Sigma Pi Alpha. The French and Spanish classes have been invited to attend.

The program will consist of the combined groups singing "O Come All Ye Faithful," women's chorus under direction of Miss Gussie Kuykendahl singing "Angels O'er the Fields" (an old French carol) and "While Shepherds Watched" (17th century). "El Primer Noel" and "Noche de Paz" will be sung by the high school and college students under the direction of Mr. Denton Russell. Miss Edna Mitchell will lead the English club in singing "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (traditional English carol), "I Saw Three Ships" (legendary folk carol) and "Lullaby Thou Little King Child" (from a Coventry mystery play).

French students from ECTC and GHS will sing "Ecoutez Chants d'Allegresse," "Cantique de Noel," "Un Flambeau," Jeanette, Isabelle and "Le Ciel est Noir, la time est Blanche" led by Mr. Russell.

Mr. A. L. Dittmer will lead a capella choir in singing "In Dulci Jubilo" and "Carol of the Birds." The program will conclude with the combined groups singing "Joy to the World."

The officers of Phi Sigma are: President, Cleo Burney; vice-president, Audrey White, and secretary-treasurer, Joyce Dunham.

The committees were: Program committee, Alma Simmons, Hilda Martin and Cornelia Keuzenkamp; Christmas tree committee, Joyce Dunham and Audrey White.

Dress Rehearsal

Tonight at 7:30 the cast of the Spanish Christmas program will be in the high school auditorium for dress rehearsal. The program will be given tomorrow at third period. The cast is Larry Brown translator; Kirby Allen, as Joseph; Myrtle Gray Pollard as Mary; Tom Rowlett and Connor Merritt as innkeepers; a dance by Betty Lou Turnage, Jane Rogers, Virginia Simpson and Nell Etheridge. The rest of the classes will take part in the chorus and interior scene. The play is about the Spanish Christmas and shows the difference between the United States and Spanish Christmases.

T. B. Program

Yesterday at fourth period a movie on T. B. was presented to the high school students sponsored by the Advanced Natural Science class under the direction of Miss Cooper Bell. After the movie four talks about T. B. cause and effect and prevention were given by members of the class and people charts showed clearly the points brought out by the talks. The charts were members of the classes with signs explaining each person. A skit was given showing how the lungs are endangered by a germ and the super cells save them but little rest and poor diet help the germ escape and he ties up the lungs and then rest, fresh air and good food come take away the germ and save the lungs.

The program was excellent and put across the idea to buy T. B. Seals.

VINES HOUSE AT AUCTION

On The Premises
Monday, Dec. 22—11:00 a. m.
Terms: 10% day of sale—15% on delivery of deed. Balance 1, 2, and 3 years; 2% discount for cash on deferred payments.
(Adv.) 17-4t

Relieve Misery of HEAD COLDS

Put 3-purse Vicks Vapo-nol up each nostril. It (1) shrinks swollen membranes, (2) soothes irritation, (3) helps clear clogged nose. Follow directions in folder. **VICKS VAPOR-NOL**



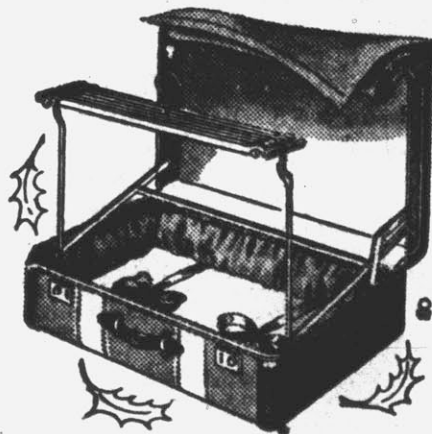
This Christmas give her gifts that are useful as well as glamorous — and they're sure to bring Good Cheer if they come from BLOUNT-HARVEY!



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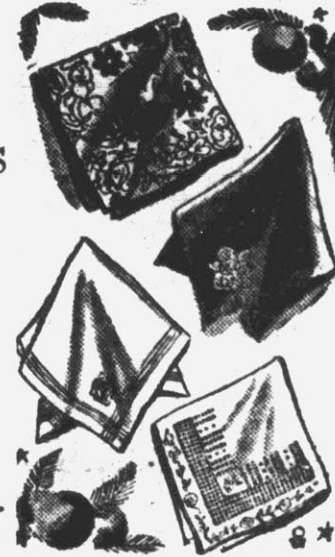
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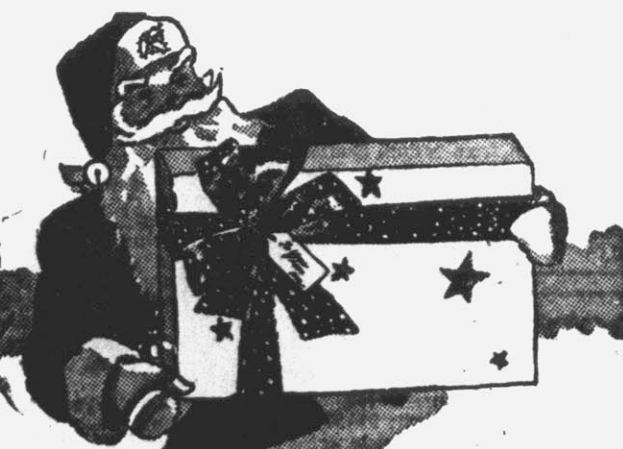


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HAVE THEM MONOGRAMMED
OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL NINE

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Let's Face It . . . This Christmas She'll Want
Something To Wear . . . And Wear



Christmas

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Man's Ring
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Coffee Sets
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Elec. Shaver
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Birthstone
\$2.98



Chain Set
\$1.95



Travel Kit
\$5.95



Engag. Ring
\$6.95 up



Dresser Set
\$5.00 up



Pen & Pencil
\$3.95 up



Compacts
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Miss Anna Long Weds Mr. Olthos L. Joyner

St. Paul's Episcopal Church was the scene yesterday afternoon of one of the season's loveliest weddings when Miss Anna Long became the bride of Mr. Olthos Leland Joyner.

The body of the church was trimmed with evergreens, white ribbons marking the pews. Calla lilies were used on the altar.

Ushers were Messrs. Sidney Caswell of Detroit, Mich., M. R. Long, Graham Flanagan and W. B. James. The vested choir entered the church singing "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden." The procession was followed by a mezzo soprano solo, "O Perfect Love," beautifully rendered by Miss Bessie Brown.

Mrs. Graham Flanagan, sister of the groom, was matron of honor. She was gown in seamy crepe with turban and shoes to match, and carried an arm bouquet of American Beauty roses.

The sister of the bride, Miss Hennie Long, was maid of honor. She wore a gown of sunset rose similar to the matron's in design, with turban and shoes to match, and carried American Beauty roses tied with seamy satin.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her cousin, Mr. Richard Williams, who gave her in marriage. Her stately beauty was accentuated by a gown of candlelight satin with fitted bodice and deep yoke of marquisette. The full skirt fell into a long graceful train. Her finger-tip veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of white lilies and roses.

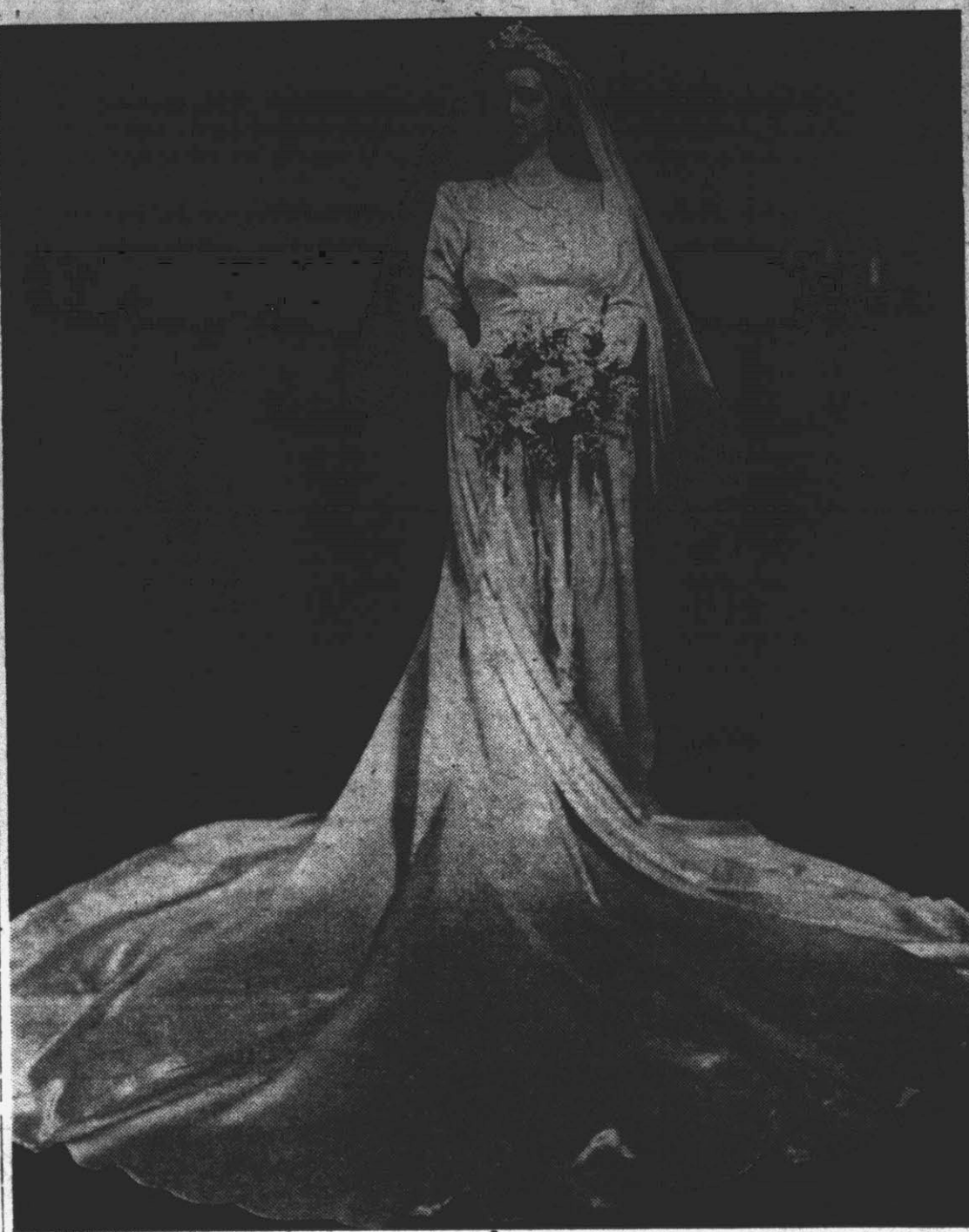
Attending the groom as best man was his brother, Mr. Carl Joyner, of Detroit.

The ceremony was performed by the Right Reverend Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of East Carolina, assisted by the rector, Reverend John S. Armfield. At the end of the ceremony the choir sang Stainer's Sevenfold Amen.

Mrs. W. H. Long, mother of the bride, wore a black gown trimmed in milk crystals and silver with orchid shoulderette. The groom's mother, Mrs. O. L. Joyner, was gown in sequins trimmed powder blue with orchid shoulderette.

Following the ceremony, Mrs. William H. Long honored her daughter, Mr. Joyner, and members of the wedding party at a reception at her home on East Fourth street.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout with white floral arrangements, green garlands and wedding bells effectively carrying out the bridal motif. Guests were welcomed at the front door by Mr. and Mrs. James T. Little and presented to the receiving line by Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Flanagan. The first receiving line was composed of the bride and groom, their mothers and the bride's attendants. Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Long introduced the second receiving line in which were Bishop Darst, Mr. Armfield, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Thorpe and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Allen of Rocky Mount, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Caswell and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joyner of Detroit.



MRS. OLTOS LELAND JOYNER

and Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Allen of Henderson.

In the dining room, Mrs. W. B. Brown and Mrs. Richard Williams, seated at the table, served molded ices and bonbons. The table was covered with a cloth of Richelieu cutwork and centered with an epergne holding white lilies, chrysanthemums and narcissus.

In the drawing room coffee was poured by Mrs. E. B. Picklen and Miss Betsy Greene. Others receiving in the house were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. James, Mr. and Mrs. Ty Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. James, Miss Bessie Brown, Miss Mary Harding, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Forbes, Mrs. J. T. Cheatham, Jr., Mrs. W. G. Glass, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, Mrs. John Hodges, Mrs. Ellie Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hampton Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flanagan, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. N. O. Warren, Mrs. James Wooten of Rich Square, Mrs. J. Bruce Williams of Winston-Salem, Mrs. J. F. Milhous of Atlanta, and Mrs. G. B. King of Washington, D. C.

Additional out-of-town guests attending the wedding were: Mrs. L. I. Moore and Mrs. D. C. McCotter of New Bern; Mrs. Preston Tyson of Wilson; Mrs. Hamner Winstead of Rocky Mount; and Mr. Edward Harris of New York.

Mrs. Joyner is the daughter of Mrs. William H. Long and the late Mr. Long, and is a descendant of one of Greenville's and Pitt county's oldest and most influential families. She was graduated from the Greenville High School and attended Salem College. Since the announcement of her engagement several weeks ago, she has been extensively entertained.

Mr. Joyner is the son of Mrs. O. L. Joyner and the late Mr. Joyner who was a pioneer in the tobacco industry in this section. He attended the Greenville city schools and

Horner Military Academy. He is a member of the tobacco warehouse firm of Forbes and Joyner.

After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Joyner will be at home at 1006 East Fifth street.

For traveling, the bride wore a suit of French blue with black coat trimmed in silver fox and accessories to match. Her flowers were a shoulder corsage of orchids.

On Monday morning Mrs. Alwyn Darden entertained at an informal coffee hour at the home of Mrs. E. B. Ferguson, in honor of the bride.

At one o'clock on Tuesday, Miss Bessie Brown entertained at a beautiful luncheon, honoring the Joyner-Long wedding party and out-of-town guests, at the home of Mrs. E. B. Ferguson.

A bridal motif of green and white was used in the luncheon appointments. The table at which the bride and groom were seated, was centered with an exquisite arrangement of white lilies and narcissus. The small tables scattered throughout the rooms were also centered with white flowers. Bridal place cards assisted the guests in finding their places.

On Monday night, following rehearsal, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Flanagan and Mrs. O. L. Joyner entertained at their lovely country home near Greenville, honoring the Joyner-Long bridal party and out-of-town guests.

Guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. James and Mr. and Mrs. Larry James and invited into rooms made festive with Christmas decorations.

The halls were decorated with white chrysanthemums, red gladioli and silvered greens.

Lighted candles, vases of white chrysanthemums and silvered greens, a Christmas tree in silver and blue, all contributed to the beauty of the drawing room. The mantel of the fireplace was lovely in an arrangement of white candles and Japanese holly, and a star, shining through the bow window lighted scenes depicting the nativity.

In the breakfast room and library where punch was served, polystyrene and red candles in brass holders tied with red and white were used for decorations. Punch was poured by Mr. and Mrs. Ty Wagner, Miss Hennie Long and Miss Bessie Brown.

A bridal note of green and white was used in the decorations of the dining room.

One end of the lace covered table held a three-tiered wedding cake, the other a complete bridal party in miniature. Burning white candles in silver holders and silver compotes of minis and nuts completed the table appointments. The chandelier above the table was festooned with bridal tulle and wedding bells, and the buffet and an occasional table in the bow window held lovely arrangements of white chrysanthemums and gladioli. Beautifully decorated ices and cakes were served.

TOKENS ARE MOST ANYTHING BUT TOKENS

Oklahoma City. — (AP) — Tax commission chairman, J. D. Carmichael, puzzled because the state ran out of sales tax tokens after issuing 87,000,000 of the aluminum and brass discs, started checking up. Here's where they went: Workers used many as washers. Roofers used them for nailing roofing material. Poker players used them for chips, many accumulating large supplies. Children used them for toys and lost them. The cost of the tokens is so low—one mill for the aluminum and five mills for the brass—that they are cheaper than the real articles for which they are substituted, Carmichael moaned.

Navy Needs You

The United States Navy needs men and needs them now. We are in the war to win and the country is calling upon its liberty loving citizens to show a willingness to do their part.

If you are all able bodied men between the ages of 17 and 50 the Navy needs you now. If you are willing to serve your country in the Navy during this grave crisis you can get full information by calling or visiting The Reflector office now. There is no regular recruiting office in this city but if there are applicants in this community for the service the recruiters will return to this city Friday of this week, examine applicants and furnish transportation to Raleigh for all those who are accepted.

If you are interested in joining the Navy please so advise The Reflector between now and Thursday in order that the recruiting officers might be informed to be here on Friday. Birth certificates or information from the family Bible together with parents' consent will be required of all applicants under 21 years of age.

This call for the Navy is for both White and Negro applicants.

PROBLEM SEEN IN 7-DAY WEEK

Proposal Presents A Problem for Labor Department

Reflector Bureau.
By BOB THOMPSON
Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Labor Commissioner Forrest Shuford is ready to stretch every legal point to the utmost in cases where a North Carolina industry, working on defense orders, desires to go on a seven day

and grown son in poor health, needs food and clothes.

30. Colored mother and six children deserted by husband, girls, 11 16; boys, 9, 7, 5, 3.

33. White family of four, parents feeble-minded, son and grandson needs food and clothes.

37. White family of nine, married daughter and baby, girls, 13, 9, 7; boys, 18, 15, 11.

40. Aged white man, 72; girls, 8, 5; boy, 9, needs food and clothes.

45. Colored family of 10, parents; girls, 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 3; boys, 9, 5, needs food and clothes.

56. Colored family of four needs food and clothes.

74. White family of eight needs food and Santa Claus for boys, 9, 7, 6; girl, 11.

80. Colored family of five, girl, 17; boys 19, (deaf), 14, 11, needs food and clothes.

OPPORTUNITIES

The list follows:

2. Colored family of 10, father, three girls, 17, 14, 9; six boys, 16, 13, 11, 7, 4, 2.

3. Aged white woman in need of underwear, food and toilet clothing.

5. Colored family of six, girl 13; boys 17, 11, 9, needs food and shoes for the boys.

11. Taken by young people of the Christian church.

22. Colored family of four, aged couple, married daughter, son, 12, needs food and clothes for boy.

24. White family of three, couple

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week. There are, however, several factors which indicate that in most cases a seven day week will be applicable to the plant rather than the individual unit and unless both state and federal laws are changed.

For instance, although in special cases Shuford can suspend the limitation of 55 hours a week for a man working in a North Carolina industry—and is willing to do so in the interest of national defense—such a workman putting in eight hours a day for seven days a week must, under the federal law, be paid at the regular rate for 40 hours and also get time and a half for the extra 16. That means he would be paid for 64 hours.

In the case of women, Shuford has no authority to stretch the weekly work hours beyond 48.

Recently the commissioner has received several letters of which the following is typical:

"We are very anxious to find out what the ruling of the N. C. Department of Labor is going to be in regard to the proposed seven day operation for all industries operating on government contracts. We know that the N. C. labor laws prohibit women from working more than 48 hours in one week and then from working more than 55 hours in a week without giving any authority to extend these hours for any purpose. I cannot see, however any justification for an extension of hours of work for women. (At this point Shuford cited studies made of

women war workers in England to the effect that the greatest production from women workers is achieved where the work week is not longer than 48 hours. It has been found that men can work longer hours before attaining maximum production.

"The state law provides that men may work 10 hours a day and 55 hours a week, and 12 days out of 14 consecutive days. There is a provision in the law which will allow overtime hours to be worked by male employees 18 years of age or even, upon the issuance of a special permit by the Commissioner of Labor, if it is found that there is a definite need for the overtime work. It is provided that where overtime hours are worked the employees must receive one and one-half the regular rate of pay.

"I assure you that where it is demonstrated that overtime work is necessary in order to produce additional (war) materials, there will be no difficulty in securing such a permit.

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Richard Weaver, the fighting col-
miner whose mighty preaching pre-
pared England for the message of
Dwight L. Moody, grew up amid de-
grading social and industrial con-
ditions which drove him to seek his
solace in drink. His mother was a
goody woman who prayed for his
conversion through the years. Dick
became a well-known prize fighter,
and a character whose dissolute
conduct was known far and wide.

While he was still a young man,
he went to live with a brother who
was quite religious. One night as
Dick was lying in bed awake, he
heard his brother come in from a
church meeting. His wife asked her
husband what text the preacher had
used, and he replied, "What then
shall I do?" Richard thought to
himself, "What a strange text!"
The more he thought of it the more
did the text frame itself into the
question, "What then shall I do?"
When God rises in judgment against
me?" Much as he tried to drive
these thoughts out of his mind with
drinking and fighting, the conviction
held him fast until he was at
last soundly converted.

Years later when he was preach-
ing one night to a great throng, a
man in the audience arose and said:
"The last time I saw Richard Weav-
er he broke my jaw. Tonight he
has spoken the words which have
used, and he replied, "What then
shall I do?" Richard thought to
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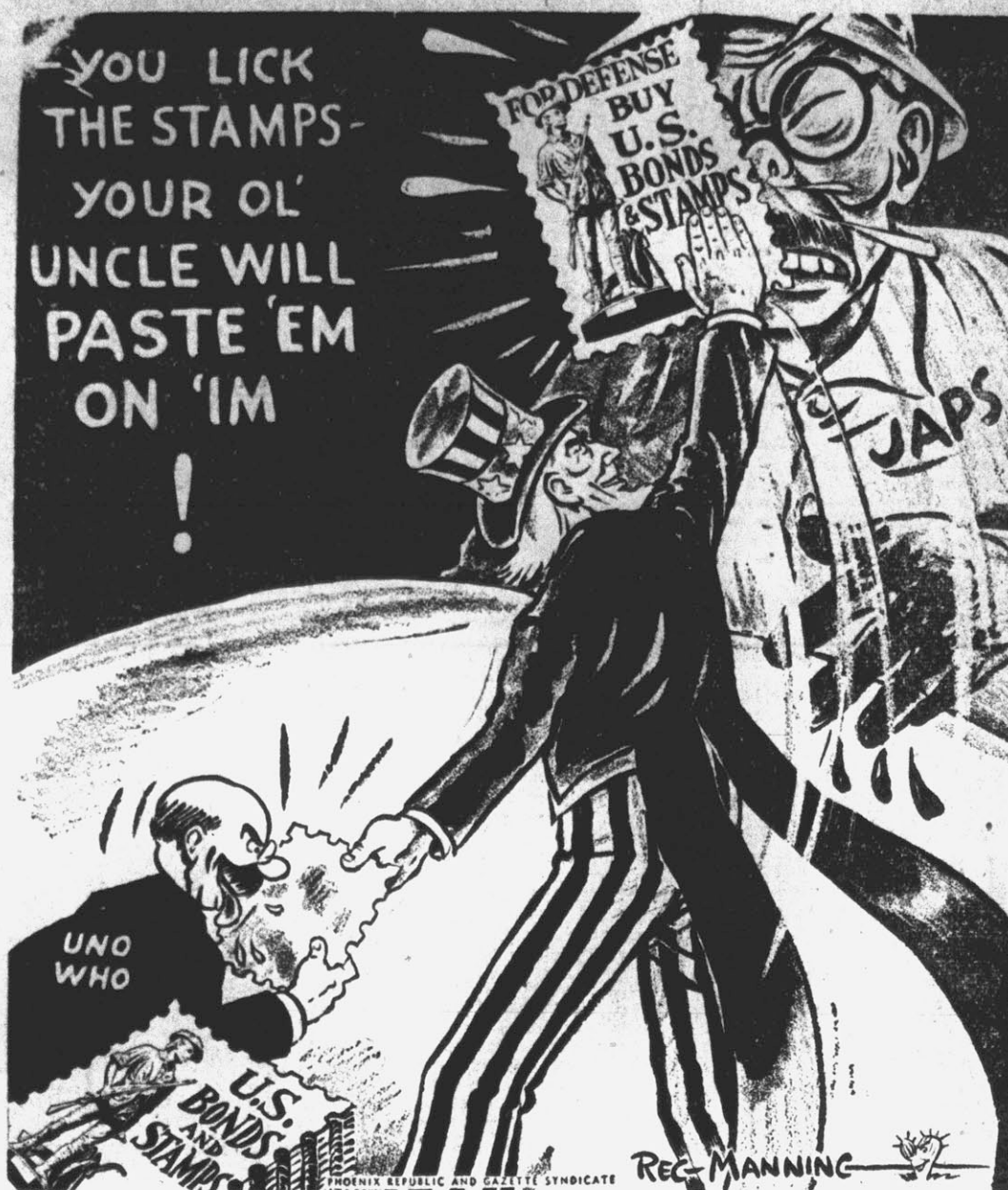
PITT COUNTY! WAKE UP!

Listen, folks! A little more
than a week ago our Pacific
outposts were attacked and we
were drawn, against our
will and desire, into the
world war. At that time our
folks were loud in their de-
nunciation of the aggressors
and expressed their desire
and willingness to do their
part to help bring about the
destruction of our foes in or-
der that the world of the
future might be a decent and
safe place in which to live.

This is the attitude that
every American should take
toward our present emer-
gency but it must be remem-
bered that lip service alone
will not defeat our enemies.
Since the first shock of
knowing that we were ac-
tually in the war, the reac-
tions on the part of our citi-
zens have apparently turned
to an attitude of "Let George
Do It" while they go about
their own affairs. Some of
the air raid wardens in our
county who went on duty as
soon as war was declared
have reported that for the
first few days they had little
trouble in getting citizens of
their communities to aid in
the work, but since that
time, now that it has settled
down to a day in and day
out business, many of the
volunteers are dropping out
and it is hard to find persons
willing to serve in their
places. The same is true right
here in Greenville, where it
has been hard to get per-
sons to volunteer to remain
at the registration places
where people could fill out
registration blanks for de-

To Lick The Japs --

YOU LICK
THE STAMPS--
YOUR OL'
UNCLE WILL
PASTE 'EM
ON 'IM!



fense services of various
kinds.

Folks, it is time for us to
wake up to the fact that we
are engaged in a war. The
danger to America and
American ideals is greater
than ever before in our his-
tory and it is going to be a
long, hard fight to attain
final victory. The first glam-
our of the beginning of the
war has passed but the dan-
ger has not passed and it
must be a truly all-out effort
on our part, day in and day
out until the war is ended.
We repeat what we have
previously said in this col-
umn, that there is a job
everyone can do and must do
in this our hour of need.
Don't delay any longer in
volunteering for whatever
kind of service you are fitted
to perform. This is the fight
of every individual Ameri-
can and is not a time to "Let
George Do It."

Washington Daybook

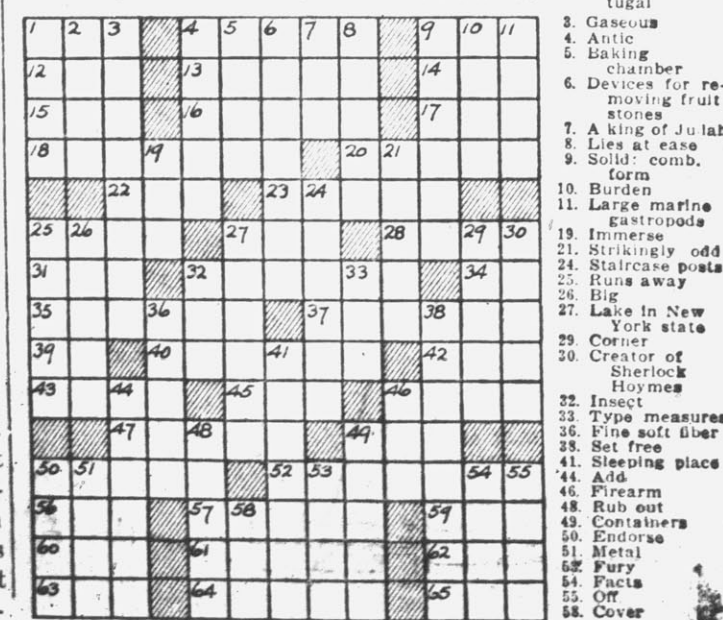
By Jack Stinson
Washington.—It would be incon-
ceivable in this war for the United
States not to have sabotage and

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Neck piece
2. Tropical resin
3. Crazy
12. First woman
13. Dispatch boat
14. Front of the
15. Part of corn
16. Part of a flower
17. Devour
18. Three pronged
19. Spear
20. Nobility
21. Brilliant stick
22. Follow
23. Dismissal failure
24. Anger
25. Metalliferous
26. Jumping
27. Animal
28. Human house-
hold god

DOWN
22. Respond
23. Negative
24. Kind of fur
25. Force
26. For example:
abbr.
40. Quilts
41. Addition to a
building
42. Location
43. Dowsy
44. College song
45. Entreat
46. Brilliant stick
47. Serpent
48. City in Spain
49. Anger
50. Assumed name
51. Carpenter's
tool
52. Male child
53. Burn super-
latively

Solution Of Yesterday's Puzzle



espionage, for those are twin activi-
ties considered vital to the effective
operation of any war effort.
But the spy and saboteur are go-
ing to be up against something new
with which they never had to cope
in World War I—the most complete
scientific crime laboratory in the
world.

Over at the Federal Bureau of In-
vestigation, a group of 65 scientists,
every one of them specialists in
some particular field, will be work-
ing day and night if necessary to
make life hard for the saboteurs
and spies. J. Edgar Hoover, direc-
tor, started the FBI crime detection
laboratory in 1932, not without a lit-
tle derisive sniffing from some
government officials, lawmakers,
and particularly the police of the
land.

In nine years, the sniffers have
quit it and the police of the land
now send about 2,000 specimens a
month to the laboratory for analy-
sis and report.

Spectrography, petrography, sero-
logy and such may just send the
reader to the dictionary, but it al-
ready has been proved that they
can send the saboteur to the pen.
Petrography, for example, is the
business of analyzing and classifying
soils, minerals, dirt and debris.
Into this classification too falls the
microscopic study of oils and greas-
es to determine if any foreign sub-
stance has been introduced to dam-
age the machinery it is supposed to
lubricate.

One case where petrography played
its part recently was the identifi-
cation of iron filings in a big tractor
that was shipped to Australia. Af-
ter that, locating the source of the
filings was up to other FBI investi-
gators, but knowing what it was
narrowed the search.

Not long ago, a Navy experimen-
tal plane was discovered to have
certain aluminum alloy fittings
which had been partially sawed
through. Into the laboratory came

Around... Capital Square

By BOB THOMPSON
"DEAR SANTA" What with
the war going on and everything,
state officials are pretty busy these
days — so busy, in fact, that many
of them may not have time to com-
pose their letters to Santa Claus.
For that reason "Around Capital
Square" is offering its services with
the following suggested letters:

GOVERNOR — Dear Santa: You
need not bother about sliding down
the mansion chimney this Christ-
mas. We got our in silver gifts at
our silver anniversary reception the
other day. On second thought, how-
ever, you might bring along a cou-
ple of safes to store it in. Busy
yours, Melville.

LT. GOV. — Dear Mr. Claus:
Please bring me a crystal ball, a
book on astrology and a pack of
fortune telling cards. Sooner or
later somebody is going to break the
jinx which keeps Lieutenant Gov-
ernors from getting elected. Gov-
ernor and I want to know if I'm that
one before going through another
campaign. Sincerely, Reggie Harris.

SPEAKER — Brother Santa: I'm
not asking this only for me, it's for
all of Shelby. Can't we have the
governorship back again next time?
East one time and Shelby the next
seems like a right good arrange-
ment, don't you think. If you agree
I'll be willing to make the sacri-
fice. Yours in brotherly love, Odus
Mull.

COUNCIL OF STATE — Dear
Santa: Us boys ain't selfish. We
ain't asking you for nothing new
this year. Just let us keep what
we got — these jobs, we mean —
and we'll be satisfied. Devotedly
and politically yours, Thad. George,
Charles, Harry and Clyde.
SR. SENATOR — Dear Santa:
Please keep the people's minds on
the war instead of the New Deal
until the end of next May. Sena-

torially yours, Josiah.

JR. SENATOR — Dear Old Pal:
It's me that ought to be giving to
you this Christmas. Later I might
call on you for a couple of holiday
votes but at the moment it looks
like I got enough inlaws to take
care of the situation. Your friend,
Robert R. "Hope Diamond" Rey-
nolds.

SUPREME COURT — Your Hon-
or: We want our pictures. We want
a place to hang them. And we want
a place for us to be hung some-
time, too. Haven't you ever heard
of the bill of rights? You know
it's the right of every judge to
be hung — if his family wants it?
Consider this a mandamus or some-
thing. Judicially, C.J., J., J., J.,
and J.

MINOR STATE OFFICIALS —
Dear Santa: Now that they have
passed a new law or something
making it unethical for us to re-
ceive Christmas presents from our
employers — although it's OK for us
to shell out for the big boss' silver —
it's up to you to do right by us this
year. Loyally yours, the Patronage
Gang.

THE PHONE BOOTH MURDER

by Phoebe Atwood Taylor

Chapter 28
No Motive
This case, thought Asey, is noth-
ing but possibilities. If Ann Joyce
had been pretending to be Miss
Olive all day, she ought to have
had Miss Olive's car, and the car
should be around, now. Perhaps,
Asey thought, it might have been
parked out behind the Inn some-
where when he and Jennie came.
He hadn't seen any trace of it when
he chased the prowler who knocked
over the clams, but that didn't
mean that the car couldn't have
been there. And still might be. If
the fog cleared, or if Miss Olive
didn't return by daylight, Hanson's
men would have to scour around.

But if Ann Joyce had Miss Olive's
car, then where was Miss Olive
now, and where had she been all
day? And where was she keeping
herself?
And why?
Asey sat up straight on the
bench.

Offhand, he never remembered a
case where there was so little ap-
parent reason to do away with the
two people most involved.

And if there was a dearth of mo-
tives, Asey thought, there was a
positive desert of clues. No shreds
of tweed, no cigarette butts smear-
ed with lipstick, no quaint cameo
pins, no gobs of chewing gum, or
anything else. There weren't even
any obviously false clues that you
could dangle in anyone's face and
demand explanations for.

That, at least, was the way it
seemed.

But, of course, there was a mo-
tive. Asey told himself. There al-
ways was. There had to be.

"What I want," he murmured
aloud, "is a few roots!"

He had thought, once that even-
ing, that he had actually landed
on a root, until Freddy mentioned
that cleaning woman and nipped
the root in mid-air.

It was such a simple, logical, sen-
sible root that it appealed to Asey,
and neither Cummings nor Han-
son nor anyone else had given it a
thought. At least, they hadn't men-
tioned it.

They had all simply taken it for
granted that Ann Joyce must have
been killed inside that telephone
booth.

It never seemed to have occurred
to any of them that if it had been
so easy for Mrs. Doane to have
moved that body from the booth to
the porch, it must have been just
as easy for someone else to have
placed the body there in the first
place!

The back door of the booth, that
led into the narrow hall, could
just as well have been used for an
entrance as it had been used by
Mrs. Doane for an exit. While
Freddy and Rankin and Lady Boop
and everyone else moved around in
the living room, the body could
have been inserted in the booth
from the other side, without any of
them being a whit the wiser.

But the presence of the cleaning
woman in the dining room knocked
all that conjectured pantomime in-
to a couple of cocked hats.

At it even more. It also put an
abrupt stop to another thought
Asey had been toying with, that
Ann Joyce might just possibly have
been shot upstairs in the Inn and
brought down in one of the two
elevators Rankin had mentioned.
What with so many people wander-
ing around the living room, the ele-
vator in the alcove couldn't under
any circumstances have been used.

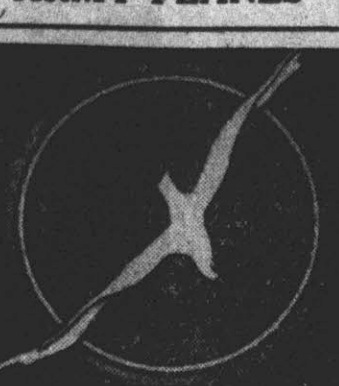
Quiet Exit
Asey knocked out his pipe.
The possibility that Alfred him-
self might have carried a body in-
to the Inn was, on the one hand,
too absurd to consider seriously
and, on the other hand, not quite
absurd enough to ignore entirely.
Alfred was fat. Alfred possessed, as
Wasby put it, a broad beam. From
a distance, any addition to Alfred's
broad beam would not be as obvi-
ous as it might be in the case of a
narrower person. In the dusk of
evening, Alfred with a body might
not appear visibly encumbered to
Wasby, in the woods.

Asey couldn't bring himself to
consider Lady Boop and Alfred as
a pair of murderers, but it might
not do any harm to seek out
Wasby and have a talk with him
about Alfred, just in case. Even
though Lady Boop was as rich as
Croesus, there had been something
fishy in her giving Alfred a cool
thousand dollars in cash to keep in
his wallet for little ventures like
deers' goats.

And, although Asey hadn't con-
sidered this particular angle of the
situation before, he couldn't stake
his oath that the goat was the on-
ly thing Alfred had buried. And
after all, Miss Olive was still miss-
ing.

"If that goat was a red herring,"
Asey murmured to himself, "I'm
going to look one plumb dumb fool!"
He strode over toward the kit-
chen ell.

HOW TO TELL ARMY PLANES



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unit. The blue "circle" symbolizes
Boston harbor, and the wheeling
seagull, one of the canniest of air
observers, denotes the function of
the 101st.

us talk about the old days—"Wait
up." Asey disengaged him-
self warily. He still didn't trust
Wasby even in this mood of benign
good humor. "What's all this about
papers?"

"Oh, they're in the box. Come on
out of this damp and fog and—"
"Hold on, Wasby! Come back
here! What are these papers and
what's the idea of burying them?"
"I told you!" Wasby said impa-
tiently. "I don't want them cussed
cops to take them to my wife and
ask her any questions about them
because then I'd be a goner! So I
thought I'd just bury 'em out of
the way till Miss Olive comes back,
because then people'd believe me—
say, Asey, you don't think nothing
happened to her, do you?"

"I hope not. Wasby, stop dancing
around, and tell me what these pa-
pers are!"

"They're just the notes," Wasby
took Asey's arm again. "She wouldn't
never take 'em, you see. She
said she trusted me. But I said,
'Miss Olive, with a sum of money
like that, you got to have a note.'
I told her that ten years ago. So
I makes out a note. Then as I paid
her back, I made out other notes.
She gives me a receipt every time I
pay her back. The receipts are in
that box, too."

"Do I understand," Asey was
honestly bewildered, "that you owe
her money?"

"Only two thousand now," Wasby
said with pride. "I paid back the
other five."

"Wasby," Asey said, "come over
here and sit down on these bath-
house steps and let me get this
straightened out. Miss Olive once
lent you seven thousand dollars?
What for?" Asey asked.

Wasby understood his question.
"You see, ten years ago the bank
foreclosed. Kind of hard times was
then. And the cussedest part was
Asey. I had the money to pay 'em
with, only it was all tied up in this
schooner. Ever know Sim Smith?"
To Be Continued

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AN INSTITUTION
Congratulations to The Reflector,
the editor and all who help to make
The Reflector REFLECT the life of
Greenville and Pitt county.
As a reader since its first issue as
the "Express," I have followed its
progress, its struggles and its suc-
cesses.

When the late David Jordan
Whitchard became assistant editor
of the "Express" at the age of six-
teen he was the youngest editor of
a real newspaper in all the country.
Previous efforts to establish a news-
paper in Greenville had failed; the
people were slow to recognize the
need of such a medium. The "Tar
River Beacon" had failed; I can
not recall the editor of the "Bea-
con" but it must have been suspen-
ded for lack of patronage.

When the Whitchard brothers
undertook the task of publishing a
paper in Greenville the outlook was
not very bright, but supported by
the indomitable will of their gift-
ed and cultured mother, Mrs. Violetta
Jordan Whitchard, The Reflector has
become not just a newspaper, but
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MENTHO-MULSION
SHOES

Greenville High Opens Cage Season Here Saturday Nite

TO ENTERTAIN VIRGINIA FOE

Phantoms To Meet Portsmouth High School Team

Greenville High School opens its basketball season here Saturday night when the Phantoms meet Woodrow Wilson High School of Portsmouth, Va. The game is slated to get under way at 8 o'clock in the high school gym.

Portsmouth is always up in the running in school circles in Virginia and will probably show one of the best teams to perform here this season. Incidentally, Woodrow Wilson High is the Alma Mater of the famous Ace Parker.

The locals have been working out daily since the end of the football season. Coach Boley Farley has been trying to find the best combination among the holdovers from last season and the newcomers. Three of the five starters of last year's team graduated, and their places will be hard to fill, but the squad as a whole looks better than it has for the last few years. Three teams of about equal strength are now battling for starting berths. In this particular game it is well that Coach Farley has a big squad, since seven players will be absent during Saturday due to the Christmas rush employment.

Greenville will meet Portsmouth in that city after the holidays.

First Parachute Factory
New Delhi, India.—(AP)—The Indian government has decided to construct its first factory for the manufacture of parachutes. Operations will begin early in 1942.

Some 20,700,000 books were borrowed from public libraries in Canada in 1939.

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Santa and the WHITE ROSE

by Sigrid Arne

The story so far: Carl, a peasant's son, has caught a witch who was burning the crops in neighboring kingdom. He is helped by Santa, but Carl does not know who his friend is.

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Chapter Fifteen THE SECOND WITCH CLAIMS A WISH

There was great excitement at the castle when Carl returned. He galloped his horse into the courtyard and swung down from the saddle. He took the witch from his pocket and handed her to the King, who shouted "Hurrah."

The King stood the little witch up on his hand, but she didn't say anything. She just hung her head. He said to her, "How would you like to take care of the clocks here? Do you think you could do it?"

"Oh, yes, indeed," she said. And that's what she's doing to this day for all I know.

Carl had chuckled at the conversation but suddenly he became very solemn and quiet. He had seen the Princess Hildur standing behind her father. She wore a pretty blue velvet robe bordered with dark brown fur. She, too, was silent, and she looked at Carl.

Before either of them could say anything the King put his arm about Carl's shoulders and took him into the throne room. There the King made a fine speech and gave Carl a blue leather purse filled with gold pieces.

Carl looked all about him, but he didn't see the girl in the blue dress. Finally he said he must return home.

He took Santa with him, and for hours he didn't say a word. Santa wondered. Then Carl said, "Live with kind King Harald and until today I was happy. Now I want to live here. But that will make King Harald, at home, unhappy. What shall I do?"

"Son, each day brings its own work. Just wait," said Santa. Santa suddenly swung around in his saddle and looked at his companion.



He said, "Sire, you are not an ordinary man. I would never have caught the witch without your help. Tell me what to do."

Santa's pink face beamed. "Oh," he said, "I'm a toy-maker." Carl quickly pulled out the purse of gold coins which the King had given him. "Here," he said, "You deserve this. Sometimes toy-makers are much loved but they don't make a very good living."

Santa had a smile and took the purse. He certainly didn't need it. But he was glad to see Carl was generous. Santa said, "Carl, you are going back home, and I shall stop at the next village."

They parted at the tavern. Carl headed his horse home, and Santa sat in the tavern till nightfall when he slipped out into the garden and whistled for his reindeer. When they came he hurried home to Toyland.

Back in Princess Hildur's Castle there was a celebration because the witch had been caught. Only the Princess slipped away from the party. She was thinking of how brave Carl looked, and she whispered to herself, "Oh, I wish—"

Before she said another word she heard the voice of the second witch saying, "That wish is mine, and I wish to be free."

Hildur jumped up, lit a candle, and looked all about, but she saw nothing. So she put on a white fur robe and prepared to sit up all night to watch.

When the clock struck two she heard frightened twittering from the canary cage on the balcony. She ran to it, and there she saw the second little witch slipping out between the bars of the cage. The canaries lay dead.

"Oh, please don't do that," begged Hildur. The witch laughed and flew away. So for a second time Hildur ran to tell her father, and again he hurried down to the great hall to send out his guards on a search.

Tomorrow: Carl Again To The Rescue.

Post No Bills
Charleston, W. Va.—(AP)—Bears roaming through West Virginia woodlands have little regard for signs relating to fire prevention fishing and hunting.

Conservation commission officials report that in the Little River section at least 60 posters had been chewed or clawed by the bears. Chief Game Protector H. Prentiss Farley explains that after destroying the signs, the animals "generally use the tree for a rubbing post."

REVENUE DEPT. BEING PROBED

Embezzlement And Laxity In Supervision Alleged

By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The State Department of Revenue is in the first throes of an investigation of embezzlement and alleged laxity of supervision which may result in an unprecedented shake-up.

One man, Deputy Commissioner of Revenue Clarence Sneed, already has been arrested and is under bond awaiting trial on charges of embezzling several thousand dollars.

Another arrest may be expected in a day or two, according to Commissioner A. J. Maxwell.

Governor Broughton, who is pushing the investigation, has heard that both Sneed and the man scheduled for indictment have reported that others were equally as guilty. He "will not be surprised" if similar action is not taken with regard to other employees of the department.

The Governor has instructed Commissioner Maxwell to prosecute all cases of embezzlement, not to be content with collecting the money taken from the state and firing those responsible.

He wanted all those who "knew, or ought to have known" about the shortages to be discharged, or allowed to resign, even though they did not share in the thefts from the state.

An order has been issued to increase the bonds of those who collect state tax money from a minimum of \$2,000 to a minimum of \$5,000 with larger bonds placed on those who collect larger amounts.

The governor has consulted with both Mr. Maxwell and R. G. Deyton, head of the Budget Bureau, on the matter. Both the governor and the Commissioner said that a "thorough check" or audit is in progress and that no stone will be left unturned to get to the bottom of what they fear might be an even more serious situation than so far has appeared.

"There is no cause for the public to lose confidence in the department," said Governor Broughton.

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ton, pointing out that so far the alleged embezzlements discovered have been very small when compared to the many millions the state collects. He said that every case and every dollar embezzled, if there are any, will become known to the public because all cases would be carried to the courts.

Mr. Maxwell yesterday announced the resignation of Bob Ward, head of the department's accounting office, who is going to enter private employment. He did not connect Ward's resignation with the present investigation. "There is a great demand for accountants," said the commissioner.

G. H. Brooks of Person county who has been with the department since 1933, has been promoted to Ward's place.

That's Really Lousy
Warsaw, N. Y.—Ernest D. Olin will wash dishes for 75 guests at a luncheon. He was captain of a team which lost an Agricultural Conservation Service attendance contest.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
Having this day qualified as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Dr. J. E. Nobles, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned duly itemized and verified on or before the 16th day of December, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th day of Dec., 1941.
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WANTED - ONE MAN TO CALL on farmers in surrounding counties. No selling experience required. Must have car and be free to travel. See B. M. Floyd, 319 East 8th St., 6:30 to 8 p. m., Wednesday and Thursday.

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WANTED - SERVICE STATION operator for downtown station in Kinston. Write "Service Station," Box 613, Kinston, N. C. 12-61

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FOR RENT - THREE ROOM furnished apartment. Private front and back entrances. Private bath. Electric refrigerator, gas stove. Mrs. J. C. Tyson, 902 W. 4th St., Dial 3301. 16-37

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N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 17. (AP) - Stocks declined fractions to around two points today under a moderate selling movement which was given some impetus by further weakness in motors, rubbers and mail order shares.

It was an entirely orderly retreat and to financial observers it appeared that the markets internal condition was a factor in the downswing along with war reports.

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 17. (AP) - Cotton futures opened 45 to 50 cents a bale lower. Midday values were 30 to 40 cents a bale lower. January 16.50, March 16.83 and July 17.02.

Hog Markets

Rocky Mount 10.25
Richmond 10.60

Ballards To Present Drama Friday Night

Following a custom of several years, Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Greenville will present again this year an original Christmas drama. This year their offering will be presented on Friday evening of this week at the Winterville Free Will Baptist church, of which the Rev. Mr. Ballard is pastor. Characters for the pageant-drama have been chosen from the members of the recently organized Young People's league of the church, who are sponsoring the production.

The subject of the presentation is "The Road to Bethlehem," and all the action takes place on one scene - a section of the little road leading from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. In the introductory act, or prologue, seven Old Testament prophets come along the road bearing candles and reciting their prophecies of the Christ. They place their candles to light the way to Bethlehem. Then along the road comes Joseph and Mary, going to Bethlehem to be taxed. They pause to rest, and to talk of the wonder in their hearts. Being warned by a passing man of Bethlehem that the inn is fast filling, they hasten on. Then the shepherds come and talk of the strangeness of the night. Reclining to rest beside the road, their rest is broken by the angels who bring them the glad tidings that cause them to hasten on toward Bethlehem. In music and readings the scene they witnessed in Bethlehem is vividly described, then they return in the next act, praising God and telling to those they meet the story of the new born babe. Time is marked with other music and readings, then the wise men come along, telling of the star seen in the east. Again time is marked, until the "days are accomplished" and Joseph and Mary bear the Baby Jesus up to Jerusalem.

Greenville people are invited to go to Winterville Friday night and see the drama.

J. H. Waldrop Speaks To Economics Class

J. H. Waldrop of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company presented a talk this morning to the second period economics and sociology class of the high school. The speaker's organization in general was discussed with special emphasis on the functions of deposits and loans. Recently the class has been studying the banking system of the United States, and according to Instructor H. H. Cunningham, the talk this morning was significant in clearing up details.

Immediately following the talk an open forum was held in which Mr. Waldrop answered student questions relative to banking.

To Stage Christmas Program In Spanish

A Christmas program in Spanish has been arranged for Thursday at third period by the two Spanish classes taught by Mrs. Howard Mims. The program will be presented in the high school auditorium.

Spanish and French students, library students and any other students who can arrange to attend the program will be welcome.

The entertainment will consist of a play, a dance and Spanish songs. Since the program will be given in Spanish Larry Brown will act as translator.

Participating in the play are Kirby Allen, as Joseph, Connor Merritt and Tom Rowlette as innkeepers. Myrtle Gray Pollard or Margie Bullock will take the role of Mary.

The feature of the program will be a Spanish dance by Nell Etheridge, Virginia Simpson, Jane Rogers and Betty Lou Turnage.

NEW SMASHING VICTORIES REPORTED BY REDS

(Continued from Page One)
The German high command gave this terse summary of the fighting which clearly appeared to be turning into an Axis debacle:

"A heavy defensive battle west of Tobruk continued yesterday. Strong enemy attacks near Bardia were repulsed with considerable losses to the enemy."

A hint that the Italians may already be pulling out of North Africa cropped up in a British Admiralty communiqué reporting that a Fascist submarine carrying an Italian general and 19 other military officers from Libya to Italy had been sunk in the central Mediterranean.

Accept Younger Men In U.S. Marine Corps

Raleigh, Dec. 17. - For the first time since the present emergency has come into effect the United States Marine Corps is now enlisting men between the ages of 17 and 35. Prior to this the Marine Corps was only enlisting men who had reached their 30th birthday.

This five year difference in age is expected to bring many men into the ranks of the Marine Corps.

Weather Report

J. A. CLARK
(Airways Observer)

TEMPERATURES
High yesterday 50
Low yesterday 30
At 1:30 p. m. today 57

PRECIPITATION
(In Inches)
For 24 hrs. ending 1:30 p. m. 00
Total for month 2.89

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Engaged to Hughes



Faith Dorn (above), 17-year-old screen actress from New Orleans, let out the word in Hollywood that she's been engaged to Howard Hughes, wealthy movie maker and aviator, since October. She said they don't plan to wed for some time.

Banquet Is Held By Blount-Harvey

The annual Blount-Harvey employees' banquet was held last night at the Woman's club building with J. H. Blount, president, as host. James Ray Pittman served as toastmaster and first called on Mr. Blount for a few remarks. The store president extended greetings and thanked the employees for their loyal service and cooperation. He warned that there were trying times ahead and pledged the support of the firm in any and all defense efforts, saying that he felt certain he was expressing the feelings of the entire personnel.

Mayor B. B. Sugg, a special guest then spoke briefly, paying tribute to the part Blount-Harvey plays in the life of Greenville. He recalled that he and Mr. Blount visited Marshall Fields while in Chicago recently and said that Blount-Harvey was to this community what Marshall Fields was to Chicago and the metropolitan area. He likewise called attention to the present emergency and said he was certain Blount-Harvey and other institutions could be counted on for full cooperation.

D. W. Mosier and D. J. Whichard Jr., publishers of the News Leader and Daily Reflector, respectively, were special guests and made brief remarks.

Ell Bloom was in charge of the entertainment program, reciting "Levin's at the Wedding" and conducting a quiz program and other contests in which everyone present participated.

Gifts were exchanged by employees and following a few concluding remarks by O. P. Matthews the banquet was brought to an end with all singing God Bless America.

Since the outbreak of hostilities many men between the ages of 30 and 35 were told that they were too old for the Marine Corps and were turned down. All of these men are now urged to come back to the Marine Corps Recruiting Stations and enlist.

The Marine Corps is also now enlisting all former Marines who have not reached their 35th birthday and are not married.

MAPS DEFENSE TO CURB FIRES

Progress Made In Preparation For Incendiaries

Reflector Bureau.
By BOB THOMPSON
Raleigh, Dec. 17. - Probably more progress has been made in preparing for incendiary fires than in any other phase of North Carolina civilian defense. The reason is that State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell got started on it immediately after the tragic English evacuation at Dunkirk.

Brockwell, however, would be the last to say that the preparation was by any means complete. Because there is no such to be done is the reason he is keeping at it day and night. But progress has been made and the tempo of preparation has been speeded up immeasurably since war was declared.

To train firemen in defense against chemical warfare, such as fighting fires resulting from incendiary bombs from airplanes or from any other source, Brockwell is conducting two schools next month. Eastern firemen meet in Farmville on January 12 and westerners in Charlotte on January 15. In the meantime he has arranged with State College for a short course in fighting war fires to be given representatives of major industries. Already he has met with the fire chiefs here in Raleigh.

The right arm of Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell in this campaign is Fire Marshal Kenlon Brockwell of Fort Bragg, his son and lieutenant in the army. Young Brockwell graduated from State in '38 and until last March had been working with a large fire fighting equipment company in several states as an industrial engineer specializing in fire prevention. Being a reserve officer, he was called into service and soon put in charge of the big department at Bragg. As fire fighting and prevention in war is a joint military and civilian responsibility, the two are working together and the "old man," as he admits it or not, is whetted as a peacock.

When Brockwell began preaching preparedness for war in June, 1940, he was accused of being a "fatic," "hellfire!" he exclaimed, "I always have been a fanatic about fires," and kept on hammering. He said city fathers all over the state that there was not a department in North Carolina able to cope with two major fires in its business district at the same time. "And in war God knows how many you'll have," he stated. The campaign was not altogether successful but in the last 18 months there has been a good deal of equipment purchased.

Special training of firemen - and through them the training of emergency assistants - is the main job now, says Brockwell. There is not much chance of getting new equipment now. Last month he attended the school which the federal government conducted at Edgewood Arsenal. There he heard Englishmen tell what experience had taught them in fighting fires which start from incendiary bombs and passing on the lessons learned in actual air raids. This is the thing he in turn is passing on to firemen all over the state.

"I don't know that North Carolina will ever see an enemy airplane," he said, "Neither does anybody else. But I do know that this state is crossed by three main, north-south railroads. I know there are millions of gallons of gasoline stored at Wilmington. I know there is a gasoline pipeline which terminates in the middle of the state. And I know that the only sensible thing to do is to get ready for any emergency."

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Man About Manhattan

New York. - The pianist with the longest name in the world is Jesus Maria Del Carmen Jose Y Joaquin Sanroma Y Torra de la Ribera Por a Ripoll Y Ramos Vleider Casanova Y Gay.

You would think that he might choose the last three and call himself simply Casanova the Gay. But not he. You will find his name listed high among modern pianists - specialists as Jesus Sanroma.

He calls it "hey-zus," which is Spanish, but his pals call him "Chu-chu."

When you hear this fine young pianist in the Carnegie Halls of the nation or on Victor records you can take pride in the thought that he like yourself, is a fellow American. He was born in Puerto Rico. One day he married one of his pupils and now they have two daughters. One is named Mariol, which is his abbreviation of "Mary of the Solitude."

I heard Sanroma as the soloist in a series of recordings known as "The heart of the piano concerto." That's why I went out and dug up this information about him. He's a man who'll interest anybody, because he loves baseball, and is an ex-piccolo player. Once he had ambitions to become a great violinist but gave it up after three lessons because the sour notes he struck were too much for his own sensitive ears. Then he turned to piano and studied under the great Cortot. You can understand how fast he sped upward when you learn that he gave his recital debut at the age of 21.

Jesus Sanroma de la Chu-chu etc., is a Boston man and spends most of his time there. He is a small man, thin, with black flashing eyes. But in his racket weight doesn't count for very much. When his fingers touch the keyboard they carry enough authority for ten men his size.

So this is a man's world, is it? I am beginning to believe that the ladies are slowly but surely coming into their own in the orchestra world, and a glimpse at Woody Herman's band convinces me this is true. He and Joe Venuti both employ girl specialists - not just vocalists. The hot trumpet player with the Woody Herman outfit is a Montana lass whose name is Billie Rogers. Herman heard her jiving in a Hollywood club and hired her on the spot. Now that the war is taking men from orchestras as from everything else, I think you soon will see most of the major name orchestras plentifully sprinkled with feminine faces.

This little incident deserved a fiddle solo, at least, for it proves that fame is not always what you think it is. It concerns Alan Reed, an actor who enjoys an active career on Broadway and on the air.

When he opened with Frederic March in "Hope for a Harvest" he was pleasantly surprised to be stopped by autograph seekers as he left the theater. Casually he scrawled his signature across a few pads. This new role must have more to it than he thought, he reflected. But not for long. The last kid whose pad he signed, a kid with ten thousand and four freckles on his face.

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