

JAP FORCES LANDED ON WAKE ISLE

Mechanized Units To Bolster Island's Defense

Not Known If Marines Holding

47 JAP SHIPS CLAIMED SUNK

Unconfirmed but Persistent Reports List Japanese Transports Lost Off The Luzon Coast; Japs Bomb Refuge Center Near Manila With Heavy Losses; More Invaders Pouring to Scene

(By The Associated Press) U. S. Army mechanized forces were reported speeding to reinforce American tanks locked in battle with Japanese invasion columns 125 miles north of Manila today amid persistent but unconfirmed reports that 47 Japanese transports had been sunk off the Luzon coast.

Late dispatches from Manila said heavy casualties resulted when Japanese warplanes bombed a center reserved for persons removed from the Philippine capital and other towns.

First eye-witness accounts of the Lingayen invasion front north of Manila said "The Filipinos are plenty mad and morale is excellent among troops and civilians."

A long line of Japanese ships, faintly discernible through a low-lying mist, were reported off the coast and the thunder of heavy artillery fire rolled incessantly across the countryside.

An American observer said he saw U. S. mechanized units heading toward the tank battle, but the movements of both armies were so fast he could not size up the situation accurately.

A War Department communique said the Japanese invaders were still pouring in troops on the Lingayen gulf coast, where the main struggle is raging, and that the fighting was marked by "increasing intensity."

The communique said hostile landing operations were "being supported by increasing number of bombing and attack planes."

American and native Filipino troops, hidden in the green jungles, were reported taking a heavy toll of the Japanese on land while U. S. aviators hacked at them from the skies.

A U. S. Army bulletin indicated that American and Filipino defense fighters had fought to a standstill the vanguard of powerful sea-borne Japanese forces which landed at Santo Tomas, 125 miles north of Manila.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters, silent on the bitter fighting north of Manila, asserted that Japanese expeditionary forces had completely occupied the "Little Japan" city and province of Davao, on Mindanao island, 600 miles airline south of Manila.

"Enemy casualties revealed up to Sunday include 200 killed and 600 made prisoners," the Tokyo communique said.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said the situation in Mindanao was "obscure."

In northern Luzon, Japanese headquarters declared the Japanese invaders had been checked for the last 24 hours, with American forces holding a line north of Davao, four miles south of Santo Tomas, on the gulf of Lingayen, where 80 Japanese transports were reported having begun unloading between 80,000 and 100,000 troops for an all-out drive against Manila.

So-called War Council Summoned For Meeting By President Roosevelt

On The Move

Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 23. — (AP) — German troops were reported authoritatively tonight to be moving through western occupied France to the Spanish frontier.

The movement was noted after Hitler's Sunday proclamation, upon assuming command of the German land forces, to the effect that the German front from Norway to the Spanish border must be consolidated.

So far the number of troops moving southward is reported not large and it was not apparent whether they were equipped for shipment from Spain to North Africa, where the Axis armies are in dire straits.

It was, however, the first sizeable addition to German forces in the French-Spanish border area since the fall of France.

CROWN COLONY STILL HOLDING

Defenders Report Gain; Chinese Driving Closer

Singapore, Dec. 23. — (AP) — British defenders of Hongkong have made a slight gain from firmly held lines and the Malayan situation is unchanged aside from aerial action in which two Japanese planes were destroyed and two badly damaged, the British command said today.

While Chinese were reported to be striking at the Japanese rear at points from 14 to 40 miles away, a communique said fighting for Hongkong continued "all along the lines held yesterday, with a local success for us in the south of the island."

"Guerrilla fighting (by the Chinese) is reported to have broken out at a point only 14 miles from the island," the British announced.

The main British garrison was said to be in the western part of the island, "resisting Japanese attempts at further penetration."

The advanced guard of regular Chinese troops moving to the relief of Hongkong was said to have reached Tamsui and Shamuchung, respectively 40 and 27 miles away.

British Malayan troops were reported to have inflicted heavy casualties on the Japanese in a sharp jungle fight about 330 miles above Singapore, while nine of the invaders' planes were smashed by the RAF yesterday.

Minister Speaker For Rotary Meet

Rev. George W. Perry made an inspiring talk on "The Meaning of Christmas" at last night's dinner meeting of the Greenville Rotary club.

Dr. Perry said "We must keep in mind the true meaning of Christmas and should have more consideration of people and be less concerned about things."

Lebrum Spence, chairman of the Scholarship committee, had charge of the program and introduced the speaker.

"Salvage for Defense Campaign" is on, declared Rotarian J. B. Kiltrell, who advised Rotarians to conserve paper, rags, tires and all materials available for defense needs. The club voted to purchase Defense Savings Bonds with the view of co-operating in the defense program.

Jack Spain, honorary member of the club, was present for the occasion.

GRAVE DANGER FACED BY AXIS IN LIBYAN WAR

British Forces Reach Gulf South Of Bengasi

LINE OF RETREAT MAY BE SMASHED

Latest Swift Operations Follow On The Heels Of Yesterday's Victories Inside Tripolitania

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 23. — (AP) — British speed columns have reached the coastal plain south of the Gulf of Sirte, far behind Bengasi, and other such forces are slashing freely into the areas through which Germans and Italians must retreat if they are to reach Tripoli safely, the British said today.

One column carried out a destructive raid on an advanced Axis landing ground at Agedabia, 100 miles south of Bengasi, two nights ago and wiped out no fewer than 37 planes parked on the field, said a communique.

These swift operations threatening and nipping at the Axis line of retreat followed the announcement yesterday that another such column had swooped upon a newly established air field 150 miles inside Tripolitania, far to the west, and destroyed at least 24 planes.

Meanwhile, hurriedly reinforced troops were said in the communique to be steadily increasing their pressure on Bengasi. The Italian forces still east of that second most important Axis base in north Africa were said to be only rear guards.

The communique said the relentlessly grinding British pursuit of routed Germans and Italians had left in its wake a great mass of wrecked war material—tanks, planes, trucks, and guns—which was found scattered far and wide over the countryside all the way from the inland strong point of Mekeil to Bengasi.

Despite sand storms and other unfavorable weather British airmen attacking columns of troops and supplies were reported incessantly adding to the wreckage.

These attacks were reported especially severe to the south and west of Agedabia.

It was in this general area, south of Bengasi, that a flying column of tanks in Britain's offensive a year ago encountered and defeated large Italian tank forces. By that action the Italians in Bengasi were cut off and the port later was captured only to be lost to the subsequent Axis counter-offensive.

Many German and Italian troops have been over taken by the British, but so furious is the pursuit the communique said, that it is not yet possible to indicate the number of prisoners taken.

Banks To Be Closed Two Days Christmas

The three banks in Greenville, Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, its Dickinson avenue branch and the State Bank and Trust Company, will be closed two days for Christmas, Thursday and Friday.

In making the announcement, it was pointed out that Gov. Broughton had officially decreed December 26 a holiday and that the decision to keep the banks closed on the day after Christmas was in line with this policy.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE (World-wide News Analyst)

Typically Churchillian is the British Prime Minister's risky crossing of a war-time Atlantic in the interest of allied unity, for he always has been a direct actionist and has courted adventure ever since the days when he was graduated from Sandhurst, England's West Point, and started hunting trouble under gun-fire.

His devotion to duty has served the cause well, for this demonstration of solidarity and determination in Washington already is having its beneficial effect on the morale of the allied peoples at a highly critical moment. And let none doubt that the Axis isn't overlooking a

Plans To Meet Any Threat Among Problems Talked by Roosevelt And Churchill

Counter - Action To Meet Any Move By Hitler To Make Up For Axis Defeat In Russia Among Topics Before Chief Executive And British Prime Minister At Washington Conference

Washington, Dec. 23. — (AP) — Allied counter-plans against any sudden Hitler stab to compensate for Germany's winter defeat on the Russian front were among a long list of war problems claiming the attention today of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

Predictions in the Spanish press of "startling" military actions such as "defense of western Europe against Yankee attack" kept the European situation high on the list even though the Japanese threat to Far Eastern bastions was of immediate major importance.

For long-range consideration the President and Prime Minister had these problems:

1. Obtaining full Russian co-operation in the Pacific.

2. Preparing against any Axis attempt to seize the French fleet and French Atlantic bases through force or treachery.

3. Acting jointly in army Axis attempt to choke off the Mediterranean by drives through Turkey and Spain.

4. Maintaining a strong anti-Axis front in Africa to draw pressure from the Russian front.

5. Consolidating British Libyan gains as a threat to the Italian mainland.

6. Helping Russia prepare against a renewed German drive toward Moscow and the Caucasus oil fields next spring in case Hitler's forces recover quickly from the present debacle.

Possible establishment of a supreme command for the fighting forces of all anti-Axis countries and a joint ministry of supply for all the armies were among details which the two heads of government were expected to consider.

They also had to work on the ever-present problem of keeping the Atlantic supply route open and the ever-present danger of a sudden German attempt to invade the United Kingdom itself or to gain a foothold in South America.

As a part of the shipping question, the need of naval bases in the Pacific to strike at Germany was a subject for review despite repeated declarations of neutrality from Dublin.

From early last evening until 1 o'clock this morning, the President (Continued on Page Six)

Axis Ships Sunk

London, Dec. 23. — (AP) — The Admiralty announced today that British submarines had destroyed six more Axis transport or supply ships in the Mediterranean.

One of the ships was a large supply ship which had already been seriously damaged by a torpedo from a submarine, the Admiralty communique said.

The ship had been beached and Axis sailors were trying to carry out salvage operations when she was hit again by a torpedo and "this time destroyed," the Admiralty said.

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Named To Important Navy Posts



Admiral Ernest J. King (left) has been elevated to command of the United States Fleet, and will have supreme direction of the operating forces in the Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic waters, according to an announcement by Secretary of Navy Frank Knox. Rear Admiral Royal E. Engersoll (right) was named commander of the Atlantic Fleet, succeeding Admiral King.

U.S. Tanker Is Attacked Only 6 Miles Off Coast

No Communications Since Vessel Was Fired On

San Francisco, Dec. 23. — (AP) — The 440-foot tanker Montebello was attacked and sunk by an enemy submarine at 4 a. m., today off the California coast, headquarters of the 12th Navy District announced. Four lifeboats carrying survivors have landed.

Two American tankers were reported shelled off Estero Bay today by an enemy submarine which fired on fishing boats.

The tankers reported attacked were the Union Oil tanker Montebello and the Standard Oil tanker Larry Doherty. The Navy confirmed the attack on the Larry Doherty which subsequently was reported to have arrived in Estero Bay, on the central California coast.

Deputy Sheriff Paul Merrick of San Luis Obispo county said the Montebello was shelled at 6 a. m., off Estero Bay and six survivors were picked up off Cambria Pines.

San Francisco, Dec. 23. — (AP) — The Navy confirmed today that an enemy ship fired on the tanker Larry Doherty six miles off Estero Bay. There has since been no communication with the tanker.

The Larry Doherty, owned by Richfield Oil, was of 4,548 net tons. There were reports from residents of Estero Bay, that lifeboats bearing survivors were being landed on the coast.

Sounds of gunfire and of a shattering explosion were heard at Estero Bay and at Morro Bay, on the coast off San Luis Obispo, before dawn. Flashes from the guns could be seen on shore.

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Navy Department Announces Unspecified Number of Japanese Landed On Tiny Island Which Has Beaten Off Many Previous Attacks; Unsuccessful Raids On Pacific Shipping

Washington, Dec. 23. — (AP) — The Japanese have landed at last on Wake Island, at a cost known only to themselves and the sturdy Marines who fought off attack after attack in a style that has thrilled the nation.

In fact, since the Navy Department communique telling of the landing today gave no details, there was still hope that the tiny Pacific island was not lost entirely.

This hope was not inspired by Wake's importance, for it has little, but by the almost incredible exploits of men who battled against overwhelming strength and refused to give up.

In communique after communique the Navy has issued the familiar six word report: "The island was not lost entirely."

The line was missing today, and officials declined to answer questions as to whether this meant that the leather-neck garrison had finally been pounded to helplessness.

There was no mention of Midway in the communique.

Wake, one of Pan American Airlines' clipper bases, has been under repeated aerial assault and on occasion has been attacked by naval units as well.

Undaunted, the Marines fought back, and somehow managed to sink a Japanese light cruiser and a destroyer.

The small garrison underwent a strong air attack yesterday morning, the communique said, in which several enemy planes were shot down.

This attack was the 13th Japanese attack on Wake Island since the start of hostilities, and like the others apparently was beaten off by the Marine garrison assisted by laborers on the island, but there was no announcement as to whether the detachment of Devil Dogs was still resisting the landing force which set foot on the American possession today.

Also the Navy confirmed that two more unsuccessful attacks were made by enemy submarines on United States merchant vessels off the Pacific coast, bringing the total of such submarine attacks to six.

The communique declared that Japanese claims to seizure of a large number of American merchant vessels were "without foundation."

The only American vessel known to have been seized by the Japanese, the Navy said, was the liner President Harrison.

The Navy communique, based on reports received up on 9 a. m. EST, today, follows:

"Atlantic theater—There are no new developments to report.

"Eastern Pacific—Two U. S. merchant ships were attacked by enemy submarines off the Pacific coast. Both attacks were unsuccessful.

"Central Pacific—Wake Island sustained another strong air attack in the forenoon of the 22nd. Several enemy planes were shot down. An enemy force effected a landing on Wake the morning of the 23rd.

"Far East—Japanese claims of seizure of a large number of American merchant vessels are without foundation. The only U. S. merchant vessel known to have been seized by the Japanese is the S. S. President Harrison."

Joe Williams, O. K. Friends of Sgt. Joe Williams of this city will be glad to know that his mother, Mrs. J. C. Williams, received a letter from him yesterday saying he was O. K. Williams is in the 34th Engineers, stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He was transferred there from Ft. Belvoir, Va., in October.

Shopping Day till Christmas

WELCOME

Social and Personal

Mrs. F. A. Jacobs of Raleigh, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. R. T. Burnette.

Miss Clara Williams, who is teaching in the New London schools, is spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams.

Judson Blount, Jr., is at home from Chapel Hill for the holidays.

Billy Moore, a student at Duke University, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Selma Carson Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hinson and son, C. E., will arrive tomorrow from Philadelphia to spend Christmas with Mr. Hinson's mother, Mrs. Hinson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Linck of New York, spent the week-end with relatives, Mrs. Lizzie Crandall and Mrs. Bryan Gibbs. Mr. and Mrs. Linck left yesterday for Daytona Beach, Fla., to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tolson of Wilmington, are spending the holidays here with relatives.

Louis ReBarker, Jimmie Carr and Artis Hardee have returned from Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Frank are spending the holidays in Louisiana. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKegney and children, Pat and Tavia, of New York City.

Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Baughan and children, Louise and Sarah, are spending Christmas with Mrs. Baughan's parents in Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. John Grange Ashe of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jones.

Mrs. Annie Murrill Price of Jacksonville, N. C., was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. Hill Horne.

Mrs. George Lay of Chapel Hill, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles A. White.

Paul Green, Jr., who has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Charles A. White, has returned to his home in Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Moore and daughter, Ann, of Washington, D. C., are the guests of Mr. Charlie James.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Hinchshaw of High Point, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Hinchshaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Spain.

Captain Edmund Waldrop of Fort Jackson, S. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Waldrop.

Thornton Ryan, a student at Duke University, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ryan.

Jack Moye, Sr., is confined to his home with an attack of influenza.

Announces Engagement.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 23. — At cocktails on last Sunday afternoon Mrs. Phillip Reisweber of North Grant Boulevard, announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Betty Jane Schell, to Mr. Edwin Tucker of Milwaukee, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Tucker of Greenville, N. C. Miss Schell, who is in clinical training in the occupational therapy department of Milwaukee-Downer College, prepared at St. Clara's Academy, which is near Dubuque, Iowa. She will finish her college course in June. Plans are being made for a late summer wedding.

Christmas Party.

With rumors (some official) of Russian successes of the heroic work of the Marines, Navy and Aviation units in the Pacific, the Bell-Tyler Company staged one of the most enjoyable Christmas celebrations last night, after closing hours, that has been held this season.

Wagon load after wagon load of gifts were exchanged among the many employees—gifts that expressed the feelings of the giver, who was glad to be numbered among the employees of this organization.

Edw. W. Hearn, display manager, served as master of ceremonies, and emphasized the "witty" gifts, forcing the recipients to open them in public. The manager, Mr. C. A. Plyler, Sr., and his wife were presented with a silver service in their selected pattern by the employees.

Miss Carrie Simmerson, manager of the second floor, received a mahogany coffee table, given by the girls on her floor, and Mr. H. R. Simmerson, assistant manager, was presented a \$100 Defense Stamp album, containing enough dollar stamps to assure victory.

At the close of the party, Mrs. Plyler presented the "regulars" and some of the "extras" with a cash bonus in appreciation, as Mr. Plyler later explained, of their work in making this passing year the most successful the store has had since its opening. Other "extras" were remembered with useful gifts.

Mr. Plyler expressed a hope that one couple in the regular force would be married before next Christmas, if not to each other.

—Reported.

Ayden Man Commissioned. Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The War Department announced today that the following had accepted a commission as second lieutenant in the officers' reserve corps: Bruce Elwood Garra, Ayden.

Social Calendar

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m.—Witha Council, degree of Pocahontas will meet.

8:00 p. m.—Miss Rosemond VanDyke will entertain at bridge honoring Miss Julia Gaylord, bride-elect.

THURSDAY
8:30 p. m.—Rehearsal for the Painter-Gaylord wedding, at the Eighth Street Christian Church.

9:30 p. m.—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hannah, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Perkins and Lieut. and Mrs. Harry Hagerty will entertain the Painter-Gaylord wedding party and out-of-town guests, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hannah.

FRIDAY
10:00 a. m.—The wedding of Miss Julia Gaylord and Lieutenant Dean Edgar Painter will be solemnized in the Eighth Street Christian Church.

7:30 p. m.—Red Men will meet.

10:00 p. m.—German Club dance at the Country Club.

SATURDAY
4:00 p. m.—Mrs. Hortense Moye will entertain at tea honoring Mrs. R. G. Shackell of Tarboro.

Shuff-Gravely.
The following invitations have been issued:

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lee Gravely request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Lulu Carrington

to
Mr. Landon Earle Shuff
on Wednesday evening,
the thirty-first of December
at six o'clock
First Methodist Church
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

To Close For Christmas.

The local WPA Art Gallery will be closed for Christmas holidays from Wednesday on through Christmas week. On Monday, December 29, the regular schedule of activities will be resumed at the Gallery, with Tuesday night open gallery and workshop. The gallery will be open to visitors each afternoon, and the class for children on Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 o'clock.

To Spend Christmas in Charlotte.
Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Boyd and Miss Anna Belle Boyd left today for Charlotte to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. James A. Jones.

In Dr. Boyd's absence, Mr. Robert Lee Humber will speak at the Presbyterian Church at the morning service on Sunday.

CHRISTMAS POEM

(By Rev. C. J. Harris)
Holy! holy! wonderful, Christmas story!
Of Christ who came from glory.
Born in Bethlehem, among the beasts,

He chose to be the least;
King of Kings! Lord of all!
Low! the Monarch lay in a stall!
Holy God; meek and mild!
Humble! despised, Holy Child!

Angels bright, manger lowly!
Shepherds rapt and Baby holy!
Angels set steeples to swinging.
The spheres set ages to singing.
Incarnate Son! Baby divine!
The Saviour of all; He is mine!
Wonder of wonders, let it be!
Faith is clear, and I can see!

At the dawn of Christmas Day,
On a bed of common hay,
The Prince of Peace did lay!
He chose to come this way.
Amazing love! amazing grace!
Infinite condescension! for a sinful race!

Hosannah to the new born King!
Let heaven's eternal arches ring!

"Sing, O sing, ye heirs of glory!"
Chant aloud the Christmas story
"Holy! holy! silent night!"
Bethlehem's star shining bright;
Songs of joy echo in the sky.
"Good tidings" from on high!
Heaven's host they did sing.
"Glory to God!" the new born King!

Smith-Tripp.
Mr. E. A. Tripp announces the marriage of his daughter Rosa Lee

to
Mr. William T. Smith
on Saturday, December twentieth
Nineteen hundred and forty-one
Florence, South Carolina

Miss Gravely Honored.
In compliment to Miss Lulu Carrington Gravely of Rocky Mount, whose marriage to Mr. Landon Earle Shuff of Greenville, will take place on Wednesday, December thirty-first in the First Methodist Church in Rocky Mount, Mrs. Charles W. Shuff, Sr., and Miss Phyllis Shuff entertained at tea on Monday afternoon from four until five-thirty o'clock at their home on East Fifth street.

Callers were welcomed by Mrs. S. M. Crisp and introduced to the receiving line by Mrs. M. E. Blount. Receiving with the hostesses and Miss Gravely were: Mrs. J. O. W. Gravely, Mrs. Lulu Kenly McGee, Miss Nookie McGee and Miss Mary Mildred Lea of Rocky Mount, Mrs. P. G. Gravely and Miss Elizabeth Gravely of Richmond, Va., Mrs. S. J. Owens of Danville, Va., and Miss Julia Gaylord, bride-elect of Greenville.

White carnations and narcissi

Engagement Announced



Miss Betty Jane Schell, daughter of Mrs. Phillip Reisweber, of North Grant Boulevard, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will become the bride of Mr. Edwin Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Tucker of Greenville. The engagement was announced at a cocktail party on last Sunday afternoon at the Reisweber home in Milwaukee.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
Tuesday, December 23, 1901

There was some lightning early Monday night.

The change of weather to warmer was almost as sudden as the cold spell which struck us last week.

All the Sunday schools in town will have some kind of an entertainment during the holidays.

Jack Brown went to Kinston Monday evening to spend Christmas.

Mrs. E. B. Higgs and children left this morning to spend Christmas with relatives in Scotland Neck.

decorated the living room, with burning white candles giving illumination. The mantel was lovely with vases of white gladioli and a tracery of English ivy.

Greeting the guests at the dining room door were Mrs. Alwyn Darden and Mrs. Ed Batchelor. In the dining room, white candles in crystal candelabra, and white gladioli interspersed with fern, were beautifully arranged to form the centerpiece for the table, which was covered with a handsome cloth of Italian cutwork. All of the appointments were in green and white. Mrs. E. W. Harvey and Mrs. T. E. Hooker presided in the dining room to pour tea. Misses Kathryn Kyzer, Jayne Taylor, Marjorie Sugg, Mary Rose Crisp and Ione Hooker Bradsher served a variety of dainty sandwiches, decorated cakes, mints and nuts.

White flowers were used in all of the other rooms except the den. In this room, red gladioli and a small silvered Christmas tree formed the decorations.

Goodbyes were said to Mrs. Hunter B. Keck and Mrs. Berry Bostic. Approximately one hundred and fifty guests called during the tea hour.

Brownies Entertained.
The Brownie Scout troop No. 5 was entertained this morning at 11 o'clock at the lovely home of Mrs. J. B. James on Fifth street.

The James home was beautifully decorated and all through the house the Christmas spirit was evident. The little girls were asked into the drawing room and were seated around the Christmas tree. Mrs. James thanked the Brownies for their help to the Junior Red Cross.

The Brownies gave the money with which they had intended to have a Christmas party to the Junior Red Cross. They also decorated 160 napkins which were sent to the soldiers at Fort Bragg. They also sent Christmas greeting cards to the Veterans' hospital in Fayetteville.

Games were played and Christmas carols were sung. Mrs. James found a package for every Brownie on her Christmas tree.

The Brownies presented the Girl Scout leader, Miss Molly Lanning, with a gift.

Brownies present were: Suggie Sugg, Mary Ann Waldrop, Barbara White, Peggy Rose Nichols, Janet Watson, Nancy Proctor, Nancy Glass, Virginia Perkins, Ann Ray Waters, Janet Waters, Phyllis Johnson, Mary Ann Beatty, Leslie Jones, Margaret Fleming, Catherine Clark, Sue Mendelhall, Mary Ann Stark, Ann Sutton.

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find it. I will go everywhere, and see everything. I will meet all the people I can. I will think all the thoughts, feel all the emotions I am able, and I will write, I write.

That letter was written six years before "Look Homeward, Angel," Wolfe's first novel, and fifteen years before his last, "The Hills Beyond." Since he has been called the most autobiographical of the American writers, it is interesting to find that "The Hills Beyond" is a work of almost pure imagination with "only a few traces here and there of factuality identity with the history of his own family." In many respects the title piece of this volume (there are some short stories included), is one of the best things he has ever written. It is without a doubt his most objective work and contains the finest description of mountains found in literature.

There are many Wolfe fans who believe him to be a deeply religious man in the unconventional and truest sense of the word. One story in this book, "God's Lonely Man," is definite proof of this. He was himself always, intense and sensitive, and wrote himself into his books as no other writer has. And had he omitted from his books just a few descriptive passages of the more private phases of life he would have been read almost universally.

Besides "The Hills Beyond" the Sheppard Memorial Library has the following books written by Wolfe: "Look Homeward, Angel" (1925). The most literally autobiographical of all his novels, in which he wrote of the life he had known "in a manner of naked directness and reality that was rather rare in books."

"Of Time and the River" (1935). A lengthy love story intended as the sequel of "Look Homeward Angel." All of the characters are drawn from people he had known.

"The Web and the Rock" (1939). The story of "Look Homeward Angel" continued, only Eugene Gent, the main character becomes from now on George Webber.

"You Can't Go Home Again" (1940). Another lengthy novel in which the story of George Webber is carried forward, completing the picture started in "Look Homeward Angel."

—H. L. R.

The Christmas wreath on the library door was made in the Greenville WPA Art Gallery by Miss Lucy Cherry Crisp.

Yesterday the library received as gifts from Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kittrell two beautiful North Carolina pottery urns.

NEWCOMERS AND REMOVALS

Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan, Jr., have moved to Greenville from Wilson, and are living on East Second street, between Eastern and Library streets in Chatham Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pierce are living at 909 West Third street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Piver have moved from 1106 Dickinson avenue to 1105 Chestnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Forbes, Jr., have moved to East 14th street.

TROOPS LEAVE STRIKE PLANTS

Still Available, However, For Shipyard Duty

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Army troops were removed at least temporarily today from San Francisco Bay defense plants where metal trades unions have come to a showdown in their long-standing

extension in the house previously occupied by P. A. Williamson, from 303 Harding street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Johnson have moved to Greenville from Maine and have an apartment at 311 Greene street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Adams have moved from 809 West Third Street to 806 West Fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Smaw have moved from 806 West Fourth street to 503 West Fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Roy Cutler, who have been living on Reade street have moved to 300 East Ninth street.

jurisdictional controversy, but independent welders, striving for recognition as a bargaining agent, pressed on with their picketing.

At Todd-California, Richmond shipbuilding and two other East Bay shipyard picket lines were set out at 12:30 a. m., and again at 4 a. m. These were hours for changes of shift, and the United Welders Cutters and Helpers of America—the independent union—announced that henceforth its policy would be to picket only at such times.

The army announcement of the withdrawal stated that the troops "are available for duty at the plants if the need for them arises." Although army headquarters had no comment, some observers thought the soldiers might be returned to guard duty today.

A Welders' spokesman said picketing would go on "regardless of whether the army is there or not."

There has been no violence. There were conflicting reports as to the effectiveness of the picket lines. Employers maintained that work had been only slightly impeded at most.

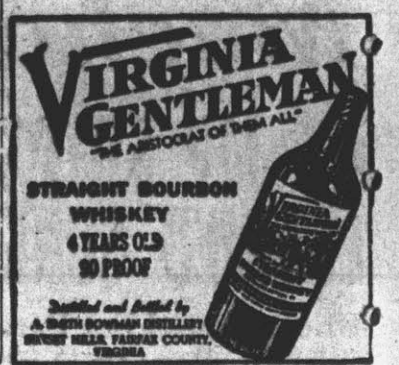
At Washington, Co-Director Sidney Hillman of the office of production management termed the welders' action a "shocking act of disloyalty to the nation."

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ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of C. P. Pierce, deceased, late of Greenville, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned, on or before the 23rd day of December, 1941, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of Dec., 1941.
MRS. C. P. PIERCE, Administratrix of the estate of C. P. Pierce.
Dec. 23-11w-6wk.



BANK HOLIDAYS

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by Phoebe Atwood Taylor

Chapter 31 Caught

It dawned on Asey, after a moment or two, that Lady Boop was really driving! She wasn't see-sawing or weaving or swaying as she had in the big sedan. She was driving like a human being, on her own side of the road, and her rate of speed was steadily increasing.

"If she should ever find out what that car can do!" Asey murmured unhappily. "Oh!"

The thought made him shudder, and his foot to jam down on the accelerator.

Like the other instruments on the dashboard, the speedometer didn't work, but Asey estimated that the car was going just a little slower than it had been. Like Syl's truck, the coupe's engine made a lot of noise and throbbed violently, but apparently nothing could impel it to pick up speed.

And meanwhile the Porter's tail-lights had decreased to mere pin points, barely visible in the thick fog.

Lady Boop, Asey decided, was finding out what the car could do, all right!

He practically stood on the accelerator, but the coupe continued to slow down, little by little.

At the North Quaiet fork, the coupe's engine gave a little cough and stopped entirely, just as the red light flashed off and Lady Boop started across the intersection.

Asey got out, raced for the roadster, grabbed at the top bracket and hung on, and at the same time kicked forward at the door button with his foot.

A moment later he swung himself inside the car and landed heavily on the leather seat beside Mrs. Clutterfield.

"Ooooh!" she said.

"What do you think you're doing!" Asey demanded breathlessly as he reached forward and snapped off the ignition. "What do you—"

"Did you see me?" Mrs. Clutterfield turned a beaming face toward him. "I drove!"

"You certainly did! You—"

"I hit eighty," Mrs. Clutterfield said with simple pride.

"I don't doubt it!" Asey said.

"What?"

"I never saw anything like it before in my life!" Mrs. Clutterfield told him. "No feet!"

"What?"

"No feet! You don't have to do anything at all with your feet! That's what the trouble was," Mrs. Clutterfield said. "I was always so worried about my feet, I couldn't think to watch the road! Did you see how wonderfully I steered? Did you see me—what kind of car is this?"

"It's a Porter Sixteen, and it belongs to me," Asey said. "I might add that it's a special custom-built job, that it don't grow on trees, and if you'd hurt it, the cost would have been something more than considerable," Mrs. Clutterfield. "What in time made you take—"

"What will you sell it for?"

"What'll I sell it for? I won't," Asey said. "With Bill Porter going into the tank and airplane engine business, the chances of my getting another car like this for some time is mighty slim. Now, why'd you take this? Where'd you get the nerve to—"

The Soldier

"Mr. Mayo—you see, I know who you are!" Mrs. Clutterfield wagged and arch finger at him. "I found out all about you! Mr. Mayo, I'll pay any price you ask for this car. I've got to have this car! I've got to!"

"Wa-el," Asey said. "I'll order you one like this. But you can't have this particular model. It's got sort of special innards. I can have Bill get you the streamlined model he's got, and have it dolled up any way that strikes your fancy. Plated with silver, if you want. But in return—don't you think you might fork out something to some worthy cause, maybe, and kind of show your gratitude in a nice, practical way?"

"Why, if I didn't have Alfred," Mrs. Clutterfield said, "I could afford to do lots of things! Alfred costs so much!"

"How much?"

She told him, and Asey whistled at the sum she named.

"I don't think," he said, "that you ever feel an ambulance a month! Golly, Mrs. Clutterfield, he's ben bleeding you! And to think I let him ease me out of that century note! Huh! Well, now we got this settled, you get over here and I'll drive back to the inn!"

Mrs. Clutterfield absolutely refused to move.

"You said I could have this until you got me another, and I'm going to have it, and I won't move! I won't stir from this wheel!"

Asey sighed.

"Well, I suppose if you got here, you can get back," he said. "Look, what impelled you to take this, anyway?"

"I saw someone outside," Mrs. Clutterfield said, "when I opened the living room window for a breath of air—it was so stuffy in there with all those policemen! I slipped out without saying a word to anyone, because I thought from his cap that it was—"

"Washy Doane," Asey said.

"Oh, no, not Mr. Doane! I thought it was Alfred. But it wasn't. It was a soldier!"

"A soldier?" Asey said. "You mean one of Hanson's troopers?"

"No, a soldier. A regular soldier. It rather surprised me, too," Mrs. Clutterfield said. "He didn't see me at first, and I followed him across the lawn to your car. He stood looking at it several minutes, and then he caught sight of me, and walked quite quickly away up the road. And it was such a beautiful-looking car, and so unusual, that I went over and looked at it. And then I got in—so easy to get into, isn't it? No steps to trip over. And I pressed this little button, and away it went. Just like a saucy little whiff of down!"

"That's the first time in my memory," Asey said, "that anyone ever called a Porter Sixteen a whiff of down! Huh. A soldier—now I wonder if it's humanly possible that Jennie and I got caught up with! Mrs. Clutterfield, where do you think we'd be likely to find the Hingham? Neither of 'em had come back to the Inn when you went out, had they?"

"Oh, they never get home from the theater till all hours! Perhaps, if you want to find them now," Mrs. Clutterfield said eagerly. "I could drive you over to the theater?"

Asey hesitated.

"Wa-el," he said, "a bargain's a bargain. I suppose. Drive me over there. Only, till you get the feel of this craft, don't let's hit eighty, huh? It's kind of foggy, you know."

Mrs. Hingham

En route to the South Pochet Barn Theater, Mrs. Clutterfield's driving was nothing less than masterly, and Asey told her so when he got out.

"I won't be long," he added.

"Mind waiting?"

"Ooooh!" Mrs. Clutterfield said. "I'm just so happy, I don't care how long you are, Mr. Mayo! I always knew I could drive, if I just kept on trying!"

Asey bent over and removed the ignition key.

He paused for a moment in the theater's little lobby and looked thoughtfully at two pictures of Ann Joyce tacked on a portion of the pine building.

Then he went on inside.

A pale, tired-looking young man in shorts and a striped blazer was coming wearily up the center aisle. He didn't notice Asey until the latter put out his hand and stopped him.

"Say, son, is Mrs. Hingham here?"

"Backstage," he ran a hand through his rather long blonde hair. "If it's more telegrams, don't wait for an answer. She's in a hideous mood."

"How do you get backstage?"

The fellow waved his hand vaguely toward the bare stage.

"There's a door. You can't miss it. You can't miss her, either."

He stumbled, on past Asey, and out of the theater, and Asey, with a shrug, walked down the inclined floor to the door the young man had apparently meant.

Mrs. Hingham swung open the door as Asey reached for the knob, and for a moment the two of them stood looking at each other.

She was in a hideous mood all right, Asey thought. There were

CITE NEED OF ARMING SHIPS

Crews Of Merchant-ships Anxious For Protection

Washington, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Undaunted masters and crew members of U. S. merchantmen harassed by submarine attacks in the Pacific looked to the navy today for redoubled speed in arming ships to fight off the Axis undersea raiders.

Apparently confident that there would be no armed resistance, submarines in three of the attacks surfaced and opened up with their deck guns. Shellfire sank the freighter Lahaina but failed to hit the tanker Agwiworld or the schooner Samoa.

Both torpedoes and deck guns were used in a successful attack on the tanker Emidio and a torpedo sank the freighter Cynthia Olson and in a sixth incident the tanker H. M. Storey outmaneuvered a torpedoing attempt.

Grim-faced sailors on the Agwiworld shook their heads and said "If we'd only had a gun." Their captain added that a rifleman on the Agwiworld's deck could have wiped out the submarine's gun crew, so short was the range.

The Navy announced November 15 that it would provide trained gun crews and 3, 4 and 5 inch weapons for cargo vessels coming into Atlantic ports. Secretary of the Navy Knox conceded there was a shortage of such armament at that moment and said the danger of routes traveled would determine which ships would be armed.

How many of Atlantic merchant ships have received guns has not been disclosed.

spots of dark color on her high cheekbones, and her eyes were flashing with anger.

She recognized him, too, and that seemed to add to her general state of bad temper.

Before she could explode a word of the speech she was obviously preparing to fire at him, Asey pointed his finger at her and wagged it in Hanson's best menacing manner.

"I want you!" he said sharply. "I'm Asey Mayo. Sent here by Lieutenant Hanson of the state police. He wants to see you about the murder of Ann Joyce this afternoon. Come along!"

If he had announced his firm determination to tar her, feather her, and ban her from the nearest tree, Asey thought, Mrs. Hingham couldn't have wilted any quicker than she did.

After taking a stumbling little step backwards, she put both hands against the wall as if to prop herself up, and stood there, wide-eyed and trembling.

In the glare of the unshaded overhead light she looked much older. Asey noticed, that he'd guessed at first. She wasn't any thirty-five. She was nearer fifty, and probably a lot more.

"You mean I'm—I'm under arrest?" she almost choked over the words.

"You will be, soon as you get to the barracks," Asey decided to lay it on thick. "Unless you can explain a lot of things Lieutenant Hanson wants to know about."

"I can explain anything! Anything! Anything at all! Anything!"

"Sit down!" Asey pointed to a crate on the floor.

Then, adopting Hanson's favorite prosecuting-attorney pose, he started in.

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By EARL L. DOUGLASS

SPIRITUAL SECURITY
We do a great deal of sighing over
our sins and too little repenting.
There is a vast difference between
remorse and repentance. Mere sor-
row for sin never gets us anywhere.
Sorrow must eventuate in action,
and when it does, that action is
known as repentance. It is as dif-
ferent from remorse as day is from
night.

We sigh over our bad tempers;
what we need to do is to conquer
them. We lament the fact that we
are disposed to be jealous; the cry-
ing need is that we uproot the ten-
dency which predisposes us to this
mood. We weakly regret many
things which, if we would only be-
lieve ourselves, we could master. If
we would only cultivate love for
others, there would be no room in
our heart for evil.

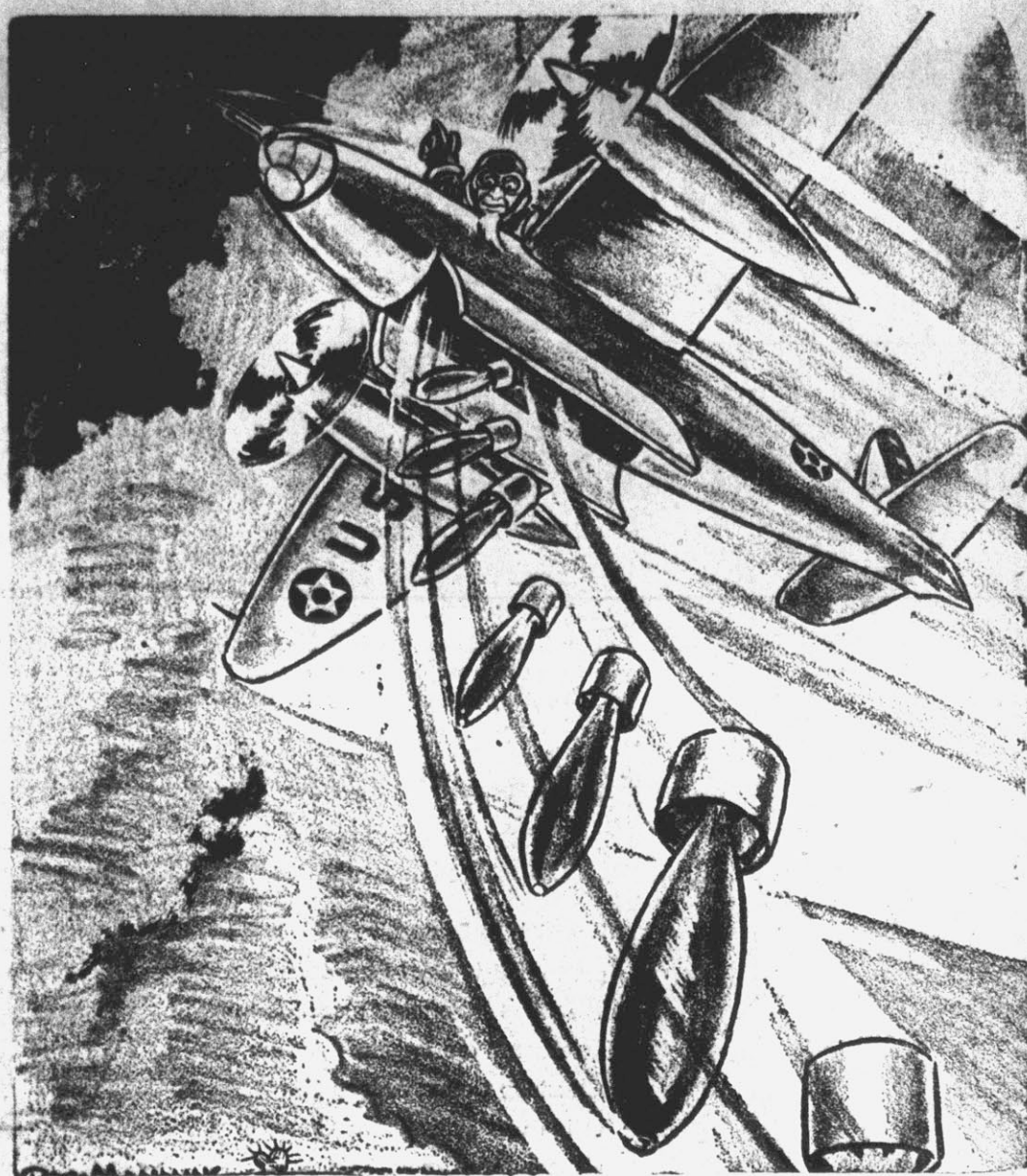
William E. Gladstone was once
asked how he kept calm under his
heavy burdens of state. He replied
that throughout his life he had con-
stantly reminded himself of this
text: "Thou wilt keep him in per-
fect peace whose mind is stayed on
thee, because he trusteth in thee."
We have no power within our-
selves to conquer sin, but what we
do have is the capacity to appropri-
ate power from on high by which
all sin may be conquered. He that
dwelleth in the secret place of the
Most High, abides indeed in the
shadow of the Almighty. The only
security we have is the security God
confers upon us, and the way we
get it is by living close to Him ev-
ery day.

A MOMENTOUS OCCASION

The presence at the White
House of Prime Minister
Winston Churchill can mean
but one thing and that is that
plans are being formulated
for prosecution of all-out war
against the world aggressors
in order that when final vic-
tory has been won and peace
again established the world
might be a decent place in
which to live without the
fear that such demons of
hate as Adolf Hitler and
his kind can ever again raise
their ugly heads to molest
the earth's freedom-loving
people. Naturally a lot that
is said in the conferences be-
tween President Roosevelt
and Mr. Churchill and other
officials will not be known,
at least until history records
it, but the people of the de-
mocracies throughout the
world can rest assured that
the complete understanding
that no doubt will be reach-
ed in Washington will in the
end mean victory for the Al-
lies. The present Washing-
ton conference is indeed a
momentous occasion.

WE, TOO, MUST SERVE
Our forces in the Far East
are giving a good account of
themselves in the face of
overwhelming odds against
them, which should be an
incentive to every American
at this time to leave nothing
undone to give every possible
aid to our government finan-
cially and otherwise, in its
effort to safeguard our fu-
ture freedom over the ag-
gressors. The fight may be

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long and it no doubt will be
hard, and will call for sacri-
fices on the part of every in-
dividual American, but in the
end we will preserve our
freedom without which we
would not be Americans. Our
boys on the firing line are
setting us an example of all-
out effort, which in turn de-
serves an all-out effort on
the part of each and every
one of us.

Washington Daybook

By Jack Stinson

Washington—Although much has
been written about the training
of Army and Navy pilots, few persons
realize the enormity of the growth
in civilian flying.

The other day, I heard a reason-
ably conservative aviation associa-
tion official estimate that within
the next few years one out of
every 100 persons certainly—possibly
one out of every 50—in the United
States would hold a pilot's license
of some kind.

That would mean a considerable
acceleration in the rate at which
the country now is turning out civil-
ian pilots (about 100,000 a year),
but when everything is considered,
it is not an impossibility. For in-
stance:

1. Under the inspiration and
guidance of the National Aeronautic
Association, the number of model
airplane builders in the U. S. has
crept up to 2,000,000. These young-

sters learn the element of aerody-
namics and plane construction. Al-
though youthful hobbies can't al-
ways be taken as an indication that
a youngster will choose a profession
in that direction, aviation is differ-
ent in that the rewards which it
holds out as a profession are likely
to appeal to the young man or wo-
man as much as model building did
to the juvenile.

2. The Civilian Pilot Training
program has come of age. Thou-
sands of youngsters every month
are rolling out of the cockpits in
hundreds of college and contract
schools to earn wings for their solos
and start the long trek through the
airways toward becoming aces of
private, commercial or wartime
aviation. The Army and Navy has
recognized the value of this pro-
gram and now is giving credit for
flying time when graduates enroll
in the armed services.

As an example of what this pro-
gram is accomplishing I want to
pass on a report from little Doane
College at Crete, Neb., which I saw
the other day. Out of 40 graduates
of the elementary CPTP course
there in the last year and a half,
six are in the Army aviation corps;
another six in the Navy; three more
are awaiting call; two are taking
advanced training to become flight
instructors; six others have com-
pleted secondary flight training in
the CPTP course. Out of 20 CPTP
students there now, 12 have applied
for the advanced course which opens
in January. Multiply Doane by
thousands and you have a picture of
what is going on all over young
America today.

3. The Civil Air Patrol, although
held up for months in the Office of
Civilian Defense, will get the "take-
off" sign any minute now and add
a patriotic stimulus to civilian flying
that will give not only women flyers,
but men who are unfitted for actual
military service an opportunity to

spread their wings for national de-
fense.

4. Parachute jumping and stunt
flying—both formerly frowned upon
for civilians and in some sections
even outlawed—are having a big re-
vival.

5. The discovery by the Army and
Navy that the air flivver, or "putt-
putt" is of vital importance in or-
ganization of a modern war ma-
chine. Some experts on war maneu-
vers this summer are predicting that
the part these little air "jeeps" played
in messenger, taxi and observa-
tion service will result eventually in
all the field services having their
own "grasshopper squadrons." That
means the "air flivver" at one time
believed threatened with extinction
by priorities, will have just as much
opportunity as the fighter, bomber
and scout plane to develop under
the existing program.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

M. R. Harris and Wife, Mary Bell
Harris; F. F. Harris and Wife, Sal-
lie Harris; Addie B. Hardee and
Husband, J. B. Hardee; Ashley Grif-
fin; Myrtle Griffin Waters and Hus-
band, John Waters; LeRoy Craft
and Wife, Mary Craft, and Richard
Craft

-VS-

Raymond Gray and Wife, Martha
Craft Gray; Helen Craft and Alfred
Craft, the last three being minors
and appearing herein by their
Guardian ad Litem, Jack Edwards.
Under and by virtue of the power
and authority vested in me by that
certain order signed by Hon. J. F.
Harrington, Clerk of the Superior
Court of Pitt County, in the above
entitled special proceeding, the un-
derigned Commissioner will offer
for sale, and sell, at public auction
to the highest bidder for cash, at
the Court House Door in Greenville,
N. C., on

Tuesday, January 6, 1942

at 12 o'clock noon

the following described real estate:
FIRST TRACT: Lying and being
on the North side of Tar River in
Greenville Township, Pitt County,
and being Lot No. 9 of the Old Wil-
son Farm, containing 13 acres, as
shown on map or plat of record in
Map Book 1, at page 122 of the Pitt
County Public Registry, bounded on
the West by Lot No. 8, on the North
and East by Eason Run, on the
South by the Munford Run, and be-
ing the same lot or tract of land
conveyed to E. L. Harris by Cain
Wimbush and Wife, Ferebee Wim-
bush, by deed dated December 12,
1921, of record in Book X-13 at page
508 of the Pitt County Public Reg-
istry.

SECOND TRACT: Lying and be-

ing in Greenville Township, near
the City of Greenville, on the north
side of Tar River, adjoining the
first tract above described, and be-
ing Farm Lots 15, 16 and 17 as shown
on plat of land formerly owned by
C. T. Munford and known as the
B. J. Wilson land as surveyed and
plotted by R. W. Brewer, C. E. plat
of which is of record in the office
of the Register of Deeds of Pitt
County in Map Book 1 at page 122,
to which reference is hereby made
for a more perfect description; said
Lot No. 15 containing 12.7 acres;
Lot No. 16, 13.5 acres, and Lot No.
17, 21.75 acres, aggregating 47.95
acres by actual survey, as shown
and plotted by map herein referred
to, and being the same land con-
veyed to E. L. Harris by M. R. Har-
ris and Wife, by deed dated Febru-
ary 25, 1936, of record in Book F-21
at page 319 of the Pitt County Pub-
lic Registry.
This the 6th day of Dec., 1941.
Wm. J. BUNDY, Commissioner.
Dec. 8-11w-4wk.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina—Pitt County.
Whereas on 1st day of March,
1940, Noah W. Vainright and wife,
Nina Vainright, executed to Ed-
ward E. Rhodes and Theo. M. Beal,
Trustees, a deed of trust which is
recorded in Book M-23, page 332,
Pitt County Registry; and whereas
thereafter the said Edward E.
Rhodes and Theo. M. Beal resigned
as trustees, and action under the
powers contained in said trust deed
being required, the holder of the in-
debtedness thereby secured, to-wit:
The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance
Company, appointed S. L. Arrington
as substituted trustee by a written
power of appointment which is
duly recorded in Pitt County Reg-
istry, which instrument confers upon
said substituted trustee the same
powers and authorities as were
granted to the original trustees in
said trust deed; and whereas de-
fault has been made in payment of
the indebtedness secured by said
trust deed and the holder thereof
has requested exercise of the power
of sale therein contained;
Public notice is hereby given that
on Monday, the

29th day of December, 1941
at 12:00 o'clock noon

at the front door of the Court-
house of Pitt County, in the town of
Greenville, N. C., the undersigned
will offer for sale at public auction
to the highest bidder for cash, the
following described real estate,
lying in Greenville Township, Pitt
County, N. C., to-wit:

Beginning at a gum stump on the
canal, corner of land of Dr. W. I.
Wooten, the late T. M. Moore heirs;
thence with the canal as follows:
S. 79-1-2° W. 404 feet; N. 81° 30'
W. 69 feet; N. 78-3-4° W. 758 feet;
S. 87° W. 166 feet; N. 78-3-4° W. 269
feet to another corner of Dr. W. I.
Wooten; thence S. 35-1-2° W. 970
feet to a corner of Dr. W. I. Wooten
with Smith and Sugg; thence N. 51°
W. 130 feet; thence N. 78-1-2° W. 240
feet; thence N. 89° W. 900 feet to a
corner of Smith and Sugg with
Rathel Tool, marked by a sweet
gum; thence N. 81° 30' E. 2075 feet;
thence S. 89-1-2° E. 950 feet; thence
with R. H. Pollard's line N. 67-1-2°
E. 555 feet to a stake on the south
side of public road leading from
House station toward Mount Pleas-
ant Church; thence with said road
as follows: S. 29-1-2° E. 491 feet;
S. 43° 20' E. 1385 feet; thence S.
73-1-2° E. 133 feet; thence leaving
the road S. 24° W. 200 feet; S. 80-1-2°
E. 4121-2 feet to the point of be-
ginning, containing 98.6 acres, ac-
cording to survey made by G. B.
Cooper, Surveyor, January, 1940,
excepting however a family grave-
yard said land containing, less
than 1-4 acre.

This 22nd day of November, 1941.
S. L. ARRINGTON,
Substituted Trustee.
F. M. Wooten, Atty.,
Greenville, N. C.
Dec. 1-8-15-22.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina—Pitt County.
In The Superior Court
Under and by virtue of the power
and authority vested in the under-
signed commissioner by that certain
Judgment of the Pitt County Su-
perior Court in the action entitled
"Pitt County Drainage District No.
2 vs. J. L. Perkins, et al.," and pur-
suant to the terms of said Judgment
and for the purpose of satisfying
the same, the undersigned commis-
sioner will offer at public auction
for sale to the highest bidder for
cash and will sell at public auction
to the highest bidder for cash be-
fore the Court House door in the City
of Greenville

At 12:00 o'clock noon on
Monday, December 29, 1941
the following described real estate:
These certain tracts or parcels of
land described as Lots No. 3, Lots
No. 4, Lots No. 5 and Lots No. 6
in the division of the woodland of
the late Emily S. Fleming, as shown
on the map of said division in the
Division of Lands Book No. 2 at
page 242, in the office of the Clerk
of the Superior Court of Pitt County
and being further described in that

certain Deed from J. B. Fleming,
et al., to V. C. Fleming and J. L.
Perkins, the same being duly of re-
cord in the Pitt County Registry in
Book N-15 at page 34 and contain-
ing 96 acres, more or less.

A deposit of 10 per cent in cash
will be required of the high bidder,
pending confirmation of the sale by
the Court.

Dated November 24, 1941.
SAM B. UNDERWOOD, Jr.,
Commissioner.
Dec. 1-8-15-22.

SALE OF VALUABLE FARM PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the au-
thority conferred upon us in a Deed
of Trust executed by Joseph A.
Forbes and wife, Mary Jane Forbes,
on the 16th day of March, 1923, and
recorded in Book U-14, page 359, we
will on Saturday, the

3rd day of January, 1942

12 o'clock noon

at the courthouse door in Pitt Coun-
ty, Greenville, N. C., sell at public
auction for cash to the highest bid-
der, the following land, to-wit:

Beginning at an iron stake on the
Greenville-Wilson Road, Wm. Smith
corner, and running S. 20-50 W. 892
ft.; thence S. 30-15 W. 336 ft.;
thence S. 24-35 W. 482 ft. to iron
stake, Joyner's corner; thence N.
56-30 W. 1299 ft. to stake; thence
S. 26-30 W. 1066 ft. to a stake cen-
tered by an ash and gum in Tyson's
Creek, Joyner's corner; thence N.
68-30 W. 530 ft.; thence N. 71 W.
470 ft.; H. S. Tyson's corner; thence
N. 28 E. 182 ft.; thence N. 6-10 E.
206 ft.; thence N. 2-20 W. 143 ft.;
thence N. 15 W. 115 ft.; thence N.
22 W. 171 ft.; thence N. 13-50 E.
149 ft.; thence N. 19-20 E. 168 ft.;
thence N. 30 E. 188 ft.; thence N.
31-40 E. 187 ft.; thence N. 6-10 E.
454 ft.; thence N. 5-45 E. 496 ft.;
thence N. 13-40 E. 465 ft.; thence
N. 22 E. 800 ft.; thence N. 20-30 E.
326 ft.; thence N. 21 E. 915 ft.;
thence N. 21 E. 30 ft., corner of Wm.
Smith and H. S. Tyson's; thence S.
8 E. 155 ft.; thence S. 7-15 E. 266
ft.; thence S. 7-15 E. 154 ft.; thence
S. 12-50 W. 97 ft.; thence S. 6 W.
253 ft.; thence S. 19-30 E. 440 ft.;
thence S. 74-45 E. 265 ft.; thence
S. 29-30 E. 650 ft.; thence S. 42-10
E. 63 ft.; thence S. 49 E. 142 feet;
thence S. 40-35 E. 181 ft.; thence
S. 45 E. 114 ft.; thence S. 54-30 E.
330 ft.; thence S. 37-10 E. 184 ft.;
thence 47 E. 174 ft.; S. 42-30 E. 204
ft.; N. 87-30 E. 145 ft.; thence S.
6-30 W. 174 ft.; S. 15 W. 226 ft. to
the beginning and containing 167.8
acres, more or less.

From the above description bound-
aries the following described lands
of A. A. Joyner is excepted: Begin-
ning at a stake on the Greenville
and Wilson Road 675 ft. from an
iron stake, Wm. Smith and J. A.
Forbes land and corner, and run-
ning with road N. 56-30 W. 507 ft. to
stake on road; thence S. 28-15 W.

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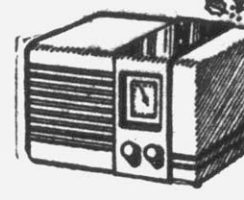


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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Cast off
2. Formerly
9. Male sheep
12. Entice
13. Polynesian chestnut
14. Self
15. Shield or protection
16. Scandinavian navigator
17. Tilt
18. Cries
19. Silkworm
20. Employ
21. Not at home
22. Begins
23. Flaga
24. Vase
25. Eager
26. Toward the left side of a vessel
27. Exile
28. Swamp
29. Dialect
30. Arabian garment
31. Article
32. Fragment of an earthen dish; variant
33. Blighting mark
34. Also
35. Rarity or thinness
36. Politics
37. Steal
38. Low monotonous sound
39. Pull
40. Swindled
41. Southern constellation
42. Opposite of a sweater
43. Meaningless repetition
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Tuesday, December 23, 1941

PRAISES PLAY IN THIS LOOP

Kitts Says Southern Football Equals Southwest

By BEN HARDY

Blacksburg, Va., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Southern Conference football is as good as the colorful brand played in the Southwest Conference, and the leading Virginia teams could hold their own with most Texas outfits, Coach Jimmy Kitts of Virginia Tech avers.

He ought to know; he tutored several potent Rice Institute squads before coming to V. P. I., where he has just completed his first season.

"And what an initiation to Virginia football the welcoming committee—Messrs. Murphy (University of Virginia), Voyles (William and Mary) Hubert (V. M. I.)—gave me!" Kitts comments wryly.

Tech's new coach said in an interview at his home here that he had tried to schedule a game for V. P. I. with a southwest team, but hadn't been able to find a suitable

Grid Series

Durham, Dec. 23.—(AP)—There's talk already of a football series between Oregon State and Duke University, which meet here January 1 in the transplanted Rose Bowl game. Percy Lacey, Oregon State's athletic director, said he would like to arrange for a regularly scheduled series. There's little likelihood that the idea can blossom before 1943, since Duke is booked for next season.

date yet. He is continuing the effort, and hopes to bring one of Texas' outstanding eleven to Virginia for a game in the next few years, possibly in Roanoke's new stadium.

Kitts believes that the University of Virginia, William and Mary and V. M. I. teams of the 1941 season could have played on, even terms with southwest aggregations. Although Texas and Texas A. and M. were exceptionally powerful. With his fingers crossed against the effects of war, Kitts thinks Tech should be stronger next year. Eight or nine recruits from the 1941 freshmen are expected to add considerable talent and reserve strength.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded during the past week in the offices of Register of Deeds Roy T. Cox:

H. R. Crawford, et al. to Reynolds May, Jr., lot, \$1,000.
F. L. Mount to Margaret L. Blount, lot, \$10.
F. L. and Margaret Blount to Margaret Little Blount, \$10.
Howell P. Rasberry and wife to First Citizens Bank and Trust Company, 110 acres.
E. W. McCowan, Jr. and wife, to Rufus L. White, 2 tracts, \$3,000.
R. T. Martin, Commr., to Mamie Smith, 250 acres, \$13,100.
D. M. Clark, et al., to Clarence Little and wife, 100 acres, \$10.
L. B. Kinlaw and wife to George Stokes and mother, tract, \$10.
R. B. Lee, trustee, to B. B. Sugg, et al., 2 tracts, \$900.
Maude Vines, et al., to Lucy Walker Baker, lot, \$150.
R. A. Joyner and wife to John Swinson, lot, \$175.

Santa and the WHITE ROSE

by Sigrid Arne

The Story So Far: Carl, a peasant's son, and King Harald, start out to find a witch who has caused a war with the neighboring kingdom. Santa, unknown to Carl, is ready to help.

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Chapter Twenty

How Third Witch Was Tricked
Twenty miles from the border Carl and King Harald saw great, rolling clouds of smoke on the horizon. Ten miles from the border they could hear guns roar. Two miles from the border they found Carl's old man friend sitting by the road.

"Ho, there," shouted Carl. "What good luck! How did you get over here?"

"I thought you'd be coming along," said the old man.

You and I know it was Santa, but Carl didn't know it yet. Santa had been taking with the people on the neighboring farms, so he had news.

"No one seems to know why the men are fighting," said Santa, "but I found a very wise old grandmother in the house with the blue chimney. Last night she saw a tiny witch asleep in one of her black poppies. Carl, this must be another witch that started the war."

"You're probably right. Let us go see the grandmother," said Carl.

So they went to the grandmother's farm. She gave them cold chicken and water-cress and milk for dinner and then they waited for nightfall.

The moon rose behind some cedar trees and Carl said to the grandmother, "Is there a river nearby?" "Yes, indeed," she said. "Down at the end of the garden. I'll show you." They walked through rows of flowers, down a hill, to the banks of a wide river.

"Fine," said Carl. "Now help me. I want to dig up that row of black poppies near the house, and replant them down the path we've walked. Do you think I can?"

"Why, yes," said the grandmother.

So they worked very hard in the moonlight. Santa, Carl, King Harald, and the grandmother. Carl dug great square chunks of earth around the roots of the poppies, and Santa and the King carried them carefully down the path to the river and re-set them.

When they had reached the last poppy, Carl said, "This will save." He went quickly down the path and snatched the head of each poppy so that it fell over but clung to the stem. The grandmother tittered as she watched. She said to Santa, "I see. No witch can sleep in a poppy that's hanging upside down."

Then Carl strode back to the pop-



He snapped the poppy's stem.

py he had saved. He dug that up very carefully and said, "Now follow me to the river." They did.

At the river bank Carl piled a dozen thick green lily pads together until they looked like a green floor. Then he said, "Please hide in the bushes and keep very quiet." He waded out into the water carrying the big black poppy he had saved. Then he ducked his head under water, until all Santa's and King Harald's and the grandmother could see was the big, black poppy sticking above the water, and the end of a big, yellow straw.

"Carl is breathing through that straw," whispered the King. "Now let's hide."

They hid that way for half an hour. Then there was a chattering sound in the garden. It was the little witch. She was very angry, and

Black Jack News.

(By Mildred Adams)

Miss Louise Buck has returned to her home in Clay Root, after spending a few days here with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Leslie Williams and Miss Marie Honeycutt have returned to their homes in Clinton after a short visit here with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Spencer.

Mr. Marvin Harper of Tennessee, is home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Earl Bright has returned to Washington, D. C., after a short visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baker.

Miss Betty Frances Riggs is spending a few days in Clay Root with Miss Frances Book.

Mr. John Dixon is spending a few days down on the coast, for his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dail and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Little of Winterville, spent Sunday here with friends and relatives.

Mr. Amos Hudson of Fort Jack-

son, is home for the Christmas holidays. Bernice Stokes of Norfolk, Va., is home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. C. C. Little of Ayden, was here yesterday on business. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Skittellhorpe of Greenville, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dixon.

Misses Rosalie and Edna Adams Mary Rose Dixon and Mr. Calvin Mills visited friends and relatives in Washington Sunday.

Mr. Floyd Nobles of Greenville, was here yesterday on business. Misses Juanita and Mavis Adams are spending the Christmas holidays in Norfolk with their aunt, Mrs. Clemmie Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buck and children, Joyce and Louise, spent Sunday in Washington with friends and relatives.

Mr. W. D. Johnson of Kinston, was here yesterday on business.

Mrs. Jasper Hudson has returned from Tayloe hospital in Washington, and is now recuperating.

Mrs. Roy Mills of Kinston, visited friends and relatives here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Riggs of Serville, Tenn., are spending the Christmas holidays here with friends and relatives.

Mr. F. L. Gaskins and son, Furney V., were in Pantego yesterday on business.

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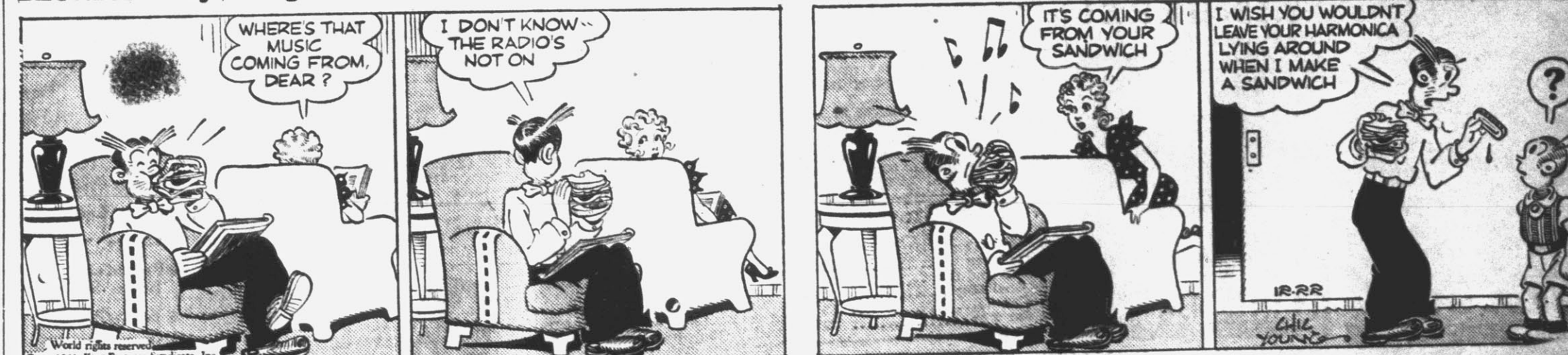
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A VELOCIPED WILL PLEASE that child. See ours. Home Furniture Store.

The WAR TODAY

(Continued from Page One)
that as Roosevelt and Churchill get down to cases in Washington the news from the Far East is not unfavorable.

The Yanks and Filipinos are reported to have fought the invading Japs to a standstill. The British are holding their own on the Malayan peninsula above Singapore. Even gallant Hongkong is hanging on by its teeth in the face of tremendous odds.

Still, we cannot blink the fact that the allied forces are in great danger. At any moment the defense may be called upon to decide whether American reserves shall be thrown to the support of the vital base of Singapore with the risk of losing the Philippines temporarily. Then, too, the question of whether Russia shall join the allies against Japan is likely to become a burning issue. All these problems must be pooled and settled in the interest of the common good, namely the winning of the war as a whole.

The Washington conference looking to the establishment of unified control is a notable step towards victory. Obviously it couldn't be held before, because America wasn't in the war, but it means much that the allies are acting promptly in concert at the earliest possible moment.

It would be worth a bit to know what emotion stirs the minds of the Japs as they view this Washington conference. It would be especially worth while to learn what they are thinking as they see the Germans doing a Napoleonic retreat from Moscow just after Nippon has come into the war with the idea (or so one supposes) that Herr Hitler was about to put his foot on the Muscovite neck.

It looks very much to me as though the Fuehrer sold the men of the island empire a bill of goods. There he was, poised in the stance of victory before a doomed Moscow. Certainly the Red capital would fall just as Japan launched her attack.

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tack against America and Britain, and then the Axis would romp on to victory.

Only Hitler could have held that stance long enough to entice Nippon into the war, for his weary and shattered troops even then were fighting on sheer nerve as they flung themselves against the enemy. But the Nazi chief hung on with that amazing aplomb which has marked all his leadership. He hung on until he had the Japs slung up and already steaming out across the Pacific to do what they did do—have him forgive them. Then, with the Japanese holding the sack for him, he allowed the retirement which the Russians hope to turn into a debacle.

Richmond Livestock

(Courtesy J. N. and J. L. Williams)
Richmond, Dec. 23.—Hogs, market steady, top \$10.10, good and choice 180-225 lbs. \$10.10, 100-120 lbs. \$8.60, 120-140 lbs. \$9.10, 140-160 lbs. \$9.60, 160-180 lbs. \$9.90, 225-250 lbs. \$10.00, 250-300 lbs. \$9.65, over 300 lbs. \$9.40, sows under 350 lbs. \$8.60, over 350 lbs. \$7.60, stags \$6.50.

Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Pre-holiday influences, uncertainties regarding the Far Eastern front and price control legislation and extremely small turnover held grain futures within narrowly lower limits today.

Wheat closed 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher than Monday's final prices, May \$1.25 1/2, July \$1.26 1/2, corn was 1/4 higher in a last minute rally, May 82 1/2, July 84 1/2; oats unchanged to 1/4 up; rye unchanged to 1/8 down; soybeans 1 to 1 1/4 lower; and lard unchanged at the ceiling limits.

Hog Markets

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—(AP)—(NCDA) Hog prices steady at Richmond and Rocky Mount, with tops of \$10.10 and \$9.85 respectively.

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 25 cents a bale higher. Midday prices were 15 to 35 cents a bale higher; January 16.65; March 17.07, and July 17.24.

January 16.67 16.65 Up 3
March 17.04 17.04 Up 3
May 17.17 17.19 Up 6
July 17.21 17.23 Up 6
Oct. 17.22 17.23 Up 3
Dec. 17.26 17.26 Up 6
Middling spot 18.31, up 3.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 23.—(AP)—It was another of those befuddled, befogged and bewitched stock markets today, with leaders following widely varying trails.

Numerous stocks remained in low ground for the past three years or so, offsetting to a certain extent a fair number of closing advances of fractions to a point or so. The turnover approximated 1,500,000 shares.

N. Y. Stocks

FINAL STOCK QUOTATIONS
Air reduction 36 1/2
Al Chem and Dye 136
Allis Chal Mfg 26 1/2
Am Can 59
Am Car Fdy 29 1/2

PITT

TODAY-WEDNESDAY
Badlands of Dakota
with Robt. Stack
Ann Rutherford
Richard Dix

COLONY

TODAY-WED.
Gary Cooper
Merle Oberon
The Cowboy
And The Lady

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"Penny To The Rescue"
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Dutch Naval Aircraft Effective Against Japs

Strike With Force At Philippine Landings

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dutch naval aircraft attacked Japanese ships in the Philippine harbor of Davao today, aiding United States forces battling against the invasion of Mindanao Island. A Netherlands East Indies communique announced.

One Japanese tanker of about 1,000 tons was hit squarely with a 400 pound bomb and burst instantly into flames, the communique said, and other enemy transports also were attacked.

The Japanese landed in considerable force at Davao, on the southern island of Mindanao, last Saturday. Tokyo claimed that the occupation of the city of Davao, at the head of the bay of the same name, had been completed. Manila

Am Rad and St S 4 1/2
Am Bell Mill 6 1/2
Am Smeit Ref 38 1/2
Am Sug Ref 38 1/2
At and T 121 1/2
Am Tob B 44 1/2
Anaconda 26 1/2
Arm III 3 1/2
A C L 19 1/2
Aviat Corp 3 1/2
Baldwin 13 1/2
Beth St 38 1/2
Boeing Airp 59 1/2
Borden 18 1/2
Briggs Mfg 18 1/2
Budd Mfg 25 1/2
Burl Mills 16 1/2
Bur Add Mach 5 1/2
Cannon Mills 30 1/2
Caterpill Trac 36 1/2
Champ P and F 13 1/2
Ches and Ohio 32 1/2
Chrysler 42 1/2
Coca Cola 82 1/2
Coml Credit 17 1/2
Coml Solv 7 1/2
Consol Edis 12 1/2
Con Oil 5 1/2
Cont Can 23 1/2
Curtiss Wright 49 1/2
Doug Airp 8 1/2
Dow Chem 65 1/2
Dupont 123 1/2
Eastman Kod 136 1/2
Elec Auto Li 19 1/2
Firestone 13 1/2
Freeprot Sul 36 1/2
Gen Elec 26 1/2
Gen Foods 37 1/2
Gen Mot 29 1/2
Goodrich 14 1/2
Goodyear 11 1/2
Int Harvest 45 1/2
Int Tel and Tel 13 1/2
Johns Man 51 1/2
Kennebott 34 1/2
Kroger Groc 26 1/2
Libby of Gl 20 1/2
Liggett and Myers B 65 1/2
Loewy 34 1/2
Lorillard 32 1/2
Louis and Nash 65 1/2
Mont Ward 25 1/2
Nash Kely 13 1/2
Nat Biscuit 13 1/2
Nat Cash Reg 12 1/2
Nat Dairy Prod 13 1/2
Nat Dist 23 1/2
NY Cent 7 1/2
Olin Aviat 11 1/2
Olin Elev 10 1/2
Pac Mills 13 1/2
Packard 75 1/2
Jenny J C 18 1/2
Penn RR 18 1/2
Pepsi Cola 19 1/2
Phillips Pet 45 1/2
Pullman 22 1/2
Pure Oil 10 1/2
Radio 2 1/2
Rad Ko 2 1/2
Rep St 16 1/2
Reynolds B 22 1/2
Sears 15 1/2
Soy Ry 25 1/2
Sperry 29 1/2
Std Brands 3 1/2
Std Oil N J 41 1/2
Stewart Warner 4 1/2
Tex Co 41 1/2
Tex Gulf Sul 30 1/2
Un Carb 68 1/2
Unit Air 34 1/2
Unit Corp 4 1/2
Unit Drug 29 1/2
US Ind Alco 16 1/2
US Rub 16 1/2
US Smeit and Ref 46 1/2
US Steel 50 1/2
Vanadium 17 1/2
Warner Pic 4 1/2
Western Union 24 1/2
West Elec and Mfg 75 1/2
Woodworth 24 1/2
Yell T and C 11 1/2

said little was known of the situation there, probably because communications with the American-Philippine defending force had been broken.

The communique said: "This morning our naval aircraft attacked enemy ships in the Bay of Davao. With one bomb of 200 kilograms (440 pounds) a direct hit was scored on the largest ship. This ship, a tanker of about 10,000 tons immediately caught fire.

"This morning a strong formation of Japanese aircraft carried out a strong attack on one of our airbases in the outer possessions (outlying islands off the Dutch East Indies). Damage was done.

"Furthermore an enemy bombing attack took place at Sorong on the west coast of New Guinea. Approaching aircraft of the Royal Netherlands navy drove off the enemy. No damage was done.

"Naval flying boat has not returned from a bombing raid."

City And County Get Long Holiday

City and county offices will close at noon tomorrow for the Christmas holidays and not open until Saturday morning and most grocery stores and some other establishments are planning to observe both Thursday and Friday; although only one day will be observed in general.

The Reflector will issue its Christmas eve edition early Wednesday morning and will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, but publication will be resumed as usual on Friday.

Negro Is Held Here For Larceny Of Auto

John Ivey Cooper, Nash county Negro, is being held in jail here after having been taken in custody by Richmond, Va., officers and returned to Pitt county to face a charge of larceny of an automobile. The Negro is alleged to have stolen one automobile in South Petersburg, Va., and to have driven it here. He was "flushed" by State highway patrolmen and abandoned the Virginia car at Farmville, later stealing one there.

Officers Investigate Meat Theft In Pitt

Members of the sheriff's office are investigating the theft last night of some meat from Floyd Hodges, who lives seven miles from Greenville on the Stantonsburg road.

Officers, however, said they had no clues upon which to base an investigation. When they arrived at the scene the neighbors had walked over the place, making it impossible to find any tracks. The door to the smoke house was left open last night, the officers stated. Reported stolen were six hams weighing eight or ten pounds each, one shoulder and 50 pounds of sausage.

Employees Of Efirds To Get Defense Bonds

Efird's department store here is giving each of its regular employees with a year or more of service defense bonds as Christmas bonuses. Other employees, with short-time service, including those put on for the holiday rush, will receive gifts.

O. W. Freeland is manager of the store.

More Bond Purchases Revealed by Chairm'n

Mrs. W. I. Wooten, chairman of the Greenville Christmas Bond and Seal Sale, announces the following additional bond buyers: Carolina Dairy, \$15; J. Nat Harrison, \$5; American Association of University Women, \$5.

Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Seal Sale publicity chairman, again urges all those who have not responded to the Christmas Seal Sale letter to do so as promptly as possible.

She states that the responses so far have been most gratifying.



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Seventy - Five More Towns Reported Recaptured

Moscow, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Advancing Red armies were reported in front line dispatches today to have won back about 75 more villages from retreating Germans now subjected to rear guard fire from emboldened guerilla bands which stand and fight.

Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, reported Soviet troops bursting from Leningrad had routed the Germans on that front. In one sector where the Germans sought to impede the Russian pursuit by a counter-offensive, Pravda said, 800 Germans were slain by the Russians and the remaining forces were scattered floundering through forests where Soviet ski troops were hunting them down.

Pravda's correspondent on the Tula front, south of Moscow, said General Boldin's troops had recaptured 25 populated places in a day and a night of fighting. He added, however, that the Germans were resisting stubbornly and counter-attacking.

From the southwestern front where the Red army has been driving the Germans back from the Caucasus gateway and out of the Donets iron and coal basin, came a Tass agency report telling of the capture of 46 villages and new positions.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—The German high command declared today that

TODAY AT THE MOVIES

PHI-BADLANDS OF DAKOTA—Robert Stack, Ann Rutherford.

State—SADDLE MOUNTAIN ROUNDUP—With the Range Busters.

Colony—COWBOY AND THE LADY—Gary Cooper, Merle Oberon.

heavy fighting continues on the central Russian front. "At several points our troops successfully repulsed heavy enemy attacks and destroyed 19 Soviet tanks," the high command said.

It asserted that the German air force had damaged a Soviet warship off the Crimean naval base of Sevastopol scoring direct hits on the vessel.

Negro Is Arrested At Whiskey Still

Pitt county ABC officers yesterday afternoon located a liquor still in operation and took Ben Wooten, colored man about 60 years old, in custody. The still was found in Greenville township, but Wooten gave his home as in the Pacolus section.

Ten gallons of liquor was found at the site, along with 350 gallons of spent mash, a 50-gallon steel drum boiler, a 50-gallon wooden cooker, a 50-gallon doubler, and a 50-gallon cooling barrel with coil. The defendant was given a hearing before Commissioner Gray at Washington last night and was bound over to the April term of Federal court under bond of \$300, which was provided.

Weather Report

J. A. CLARK
(Airways Observer)

TEMPERATURES
High yesterday 55
Low yesterday 40
At 1:30 p. m. today 63

PRECIPITATION
(In Inches)
For 24 hrs. ending 1:30 p. m. .04
Total for month 2.93

BAROMETER
(Pressure)
7:30 last night 30.30
7:30 this morning 30.06

Prevailing Winds and Velocity
7:30 last night SE-3
1:30 p. m. today SE-6

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- Taylor-Tots
- High Chairs
- Cribs
- Youth Beds
- Kiddie Koops
- Baby Carriages
- Mirrors
- Karpen Pil-o-Rest Mattresses
- Florence Oil Stoves
- Blankets
- Pictures
- Chairs
- Hooked Rugs
- Clothes Hampers
- Gov. Win. throw Desk
- Boudoir Chairs
- Pictures
- Lane Cedar Chests
- Maple Bed-room Suites
- Whatnots
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