

STURDY INDIES FIGHTERS ENGAGE JAP INVADERS

Reds Push Toward Nazi Winter Quarters

Now Within 100 Miles Of Smolensk

Last German Zone Of Positional Warfare Declared To Have Been Eliminated By Blow On Moscow-Mozhaisk Highway; Soviets Also Successful In Ukraine; British Advance In Africa

By The Associated Press Russian troops were reported advancing within 100 miles of Adolf Hitler's winter headquarters at Smolensk today, while in the South, Red Army forces were pictured as storming at the outer gates of Kharkov, Russia's "Pittsburgh" in the Ukraine.

Soviet military dispatches said collapse of a German wing defending a flank of the Moscow-Mozhaisk highway had knocked out the Germans' "last zone of positional warfare" before Moscow and that "the whole front is now in motion."

The Russians declared that Hitler's reeling armies had lost 200,000 killed between Nov. 16 and Jan. 6, with 20,000 slain in recent fighting in the Donets river industrial basin.

Soviet troops were described as now battering heavily against German defenses at Moshaisk itself 57 miles west of Moscow, where a Nazi garrison of 100,000 men still held on; despite the danger of being trapped by Russian pincers closing in from the north and south.

German military quarters acknowledged that the Russians had broken into Moshaisk lines Sunday, but asserted they were dislodged in a counter-attack which cost the Russians 300 dead.

Dispatches from Moscow, Vichy and London pieced out a picture of heavy thrusts against the Germans through which:

Red army men recaptured Kiev, a strategic rail junction 150 miles southwest of Moscow, in fighting which littered the streets with German dead.

Corporals in the vital Moshaisk sector 57 miles west of Moscow, was recaptured.

U. S. BOMBERS ATTACK ISLAND IN JAP HANDS

American Planes Aiding Dutch East Indies Forces CARRY OUT RAID ON RICH ISLAND Gen. MacArthur's Philippine Forces Meanwhile Reported To Have Beat Off Two Jap Thrusts

Washington, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The Army said today three American bombers, fighting with The Netherlands Indies forces, attacked a Japanese naval force near Tarakan, the vital oil island off northeast Borneo that has fallen to the enemy.

Full results of the attack are not known, a communique said, but two Japanese lighters were destroyed. The American planes returned to their undisclosed base undamaged.

Army advices indicated that the Japanese were establishing bases on the large island of Mindano, southeast of Luzon, and the island of Jolo, in the Sulu archipelago.

These bases would serve to support the drive on Malaya and The Netherlands East Indies. In the Philippine theatre, where General Douglas MacArthur is fighting to hold out as long as possible to keep the Japanese from diverting larger forces to the other areas, two attacks were thrown against the American and Filipino soldiers but both were repulsed.

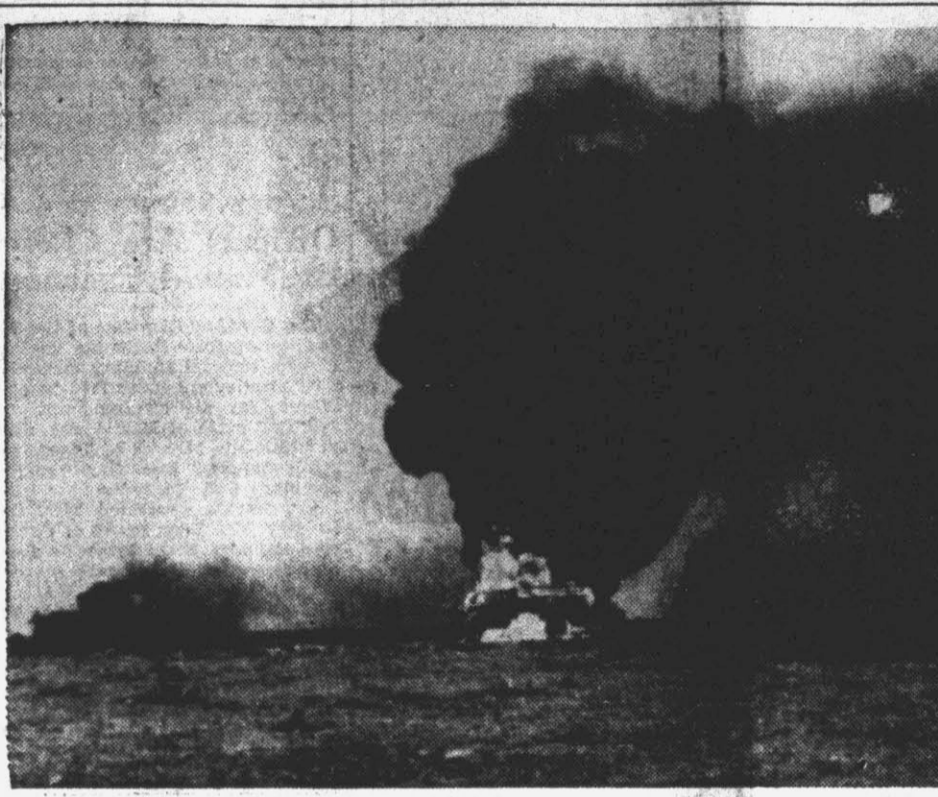
Hostile air operations were confined to support of ground troops. No attacks were made on our fortifications.

Reports received from Mindano and Jolo indicate that the Japanese are establishing advance bases in these islands from which to support attacks on Malaya and The Netherlands Indies.

Three American bombing planes, cooperating with the forces of The Netherlands Indies, attacked a Japanese naval force engaged in landing operations in the Tarakan area of Borneo. Unfavorable weather conditions made it difficult to determine the results of the attack.

There is nothing to report from other areas.

Captured Axis War Vehicles Burned In Libya



A captured truck goes up in flames on the Libyan battlefield after routed Axis forces, seized the latter's abandoned equipment and abandoned the torch. Surrounding the burning truck are captured Axis tanks and armored cars.

GUARANTY HAS BANNER YEAR

Annual Meeting Held Here Yesterday Afternoon

The officers and directors of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company with the board of managers of branches were entertained yesterday by the home office at a dinner at the Proctor hotel, immediately following which the forty-first annual meeting was held at the Sheppard Memorial Library of Greenville.

A large number of stockholders were present in person to hear and discuss the reports of the officers. The meeting was presided over by Colonel E. G. Flanagan, who has served the bank as president since 1912.

W. H. Woolard, executive vice president, commented on the bank's increase in resources, deposits, investments and profits. In his report he stated that the market value of the bonds owned by the bank was 10 per cent in excess of the book value, or cost, and that the bond market could suffer a 10 per cent drop in prices without loss to the bank.

A number of stockholders complimented the bank on its time tested service over a period of 41 years and commended the officers' and employees' progress throughout the years.

The entire Board of Directors was re-elected as follows: A. W. Anee J. S. Ficklen, E. G. Flanagan, A. M. Moseley, Dr. L. C. Skinner, R. L. Smith, J. A. Station, J. H. Waldron, N. O. Warren, J. J. White, W. H. Woolard, Dr. W. I. Wooten.

Immediately after the meeting the Board of Directors met and perfected the following organization: E. G. Flanagan, president; W. H. Woolard, executive vice president; Dr. L. C. Skinner, vice president; J. H. Waldron, cashier; A. J. Moore, assistant cashier; M. L. Cowell, assistant cashier; J. W. Overton, auditor; J. H. Moye, trust officer; R. H. Station, cashier; Dickinson Avenue, Greenville; S. C. Ives, cashier; Bethel; J. E. Edwards, cashier; Belhaven; A. G. Small, cashier; Elizabeth City; D. R. Everett, cashier; Robersonville; V. N. Whitehurst, cashier; Snow Hill; A. F. Whitley, cashier; Vanceboro; H. S. Gurganus, cashier; Washington; D. V. Clayton, cashier; Williamston.

Germany Resumes Attacks On Malta

Berlin, Jan. 14.—(Official broadcast recorded by AP)—The German high command reported today a new series of air attacks on the British Mediterranean base of Malta, which has become a daily target of Axis bombers of late.

German dive-bombers also were reported to have sharply attacked British troop concentrations, supply columns and air bases in North Africa.

MALAYA LINES FALLING BACK

British Acknowledge Withdrawal Toward Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 14.—(AP)—British troops slowly withdrawing toward the narrow part of the Malay peninsula left yesterday in confusion today in the path of Japanese forces pressing hard upon their heels.

Continuation of the British retreat was acknowledged last night in a communique which told of extensive demolition of facilities which might have been employed by the Japanese in their advance.

The bulletin failed to disclose the extent of the withdrawal from the positions which the British took up only two days ago north of Seremban in Negri Sembilan state, about 150 miles from Singapore.

MEET HONORS GEO. GARDNER

Local Fire Chief Named Eastern Carolina President

Chief George Gardner of the Greenville Fire Department was elevated to the presidency of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association at the closing session of the organization's annual meeting held in Farmville yesterday afternoon and last night.

The meeting was attended by approximately 400 firemen from cities east of Greensboro and was featured by several talks on the firemen's part in national defense and preparation.

Other officers named were Mark Lassiter of Snow Hill, vice president; Erwin Duffy of Morehead City secretary-treasurer, and W. H. Grey, statistician. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Plymouth, the meeting to be called in about three months.

One of the principal speakers on the program was State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell, who also is state coordinator of fire defense. Others included Mayor Jerome Flora of Elizabeth City, Durham Fire Chief Frank Bennett, State President R. A. Joyner of Farmville and State Vice President Charles L. Burkett of Salisbury and others.

Brockwell pointed out the necessity of well-trained regular and auxiliary firemen for the task he designated as "a whale of a job." He said firemen faced the possibility of coping with incendiaries and sabotage and added that they may even be called on to cope with poisonous gas. The fire marshal addressed both the afternoon and evening sessions.

Others appearing on the program also stressed the important task faced by firemen both regular and auxiliary, during the present emergency.

PAN-AMERICAN PARLEY FACED BY OBSTACLES

Argentina Reluctant to Accept Military Alliance BORDER DISPUTE OFFERS PROBLEM

Trouble Arises Even Before Opening Of Conference Designed To Consolidate Republics

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 14.—Twenty-four hours before its first official session, the Pan-American conference of foreign ministers appeared to have struck two obstacles today—Argentina's reluctance to commit herself to any military alliances or "acts of pre-belligerency," and Ecuador's determination to settle her 100-year-old boundary dispute with Peru before entering into any general discussions.

In the behind-the-scenes diplomacy aimed at creating a united western hemisphere front against the Axis, Argentina was considered the chief obstacle. Its policy was reaffirmed at Buenos Aires last night by President Ramon S. Castillo who said his government could not assent to any "measures of belligerency" which might come before the conference, and earlier had been laid down along the same lines by Foreign Minister Enrique Ruiz Guinazu.

Ruiz Guinazu arrived here this morning. From a most authoritative source it was learned that Tobas Donoso, foreign minister of Ecuador, had declared he would not take part in the conference sessions unless a basis of settlement was reached in the boundary dispute with Peru under which his country would be assured no further aggression, and which would outline a final agreement.

Rio De Janeiro, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Behind the scenes diplomacy aimed at welding the Western Hemisphere into a solid front against the Axis occupied the attention today of representatives of 18 American republics assembled here for the opening of the Pan-American conference tomorrow.

Chief center of interest was the assertion of Acting President Ramon S. Castillo of Argentina at Buenos Aires last night that his government could not give assent to any military alliances or other "measures of belligerency" which might be proposed at the conference.

Castillo thus endorsed the policy laid down last week by Argentine Foreign Minister Enrique Ruiz Guinazu—a policy which political observers believed might prove a stumbling block to unanimous approval of a proposed declaration severing all diplomatic, economic and financial ties between the 21 American nations and the Axis.

The Argentine executive made his statement in turning down a request by opposition leaders for a special session of Congress, which they asked because Ruiz Guinazu had said he could make no commitments without congressional approval.

General Wavell Arrives To Assume Command

Had Nine Wives?



This mild-appearing man, listed as John William Melville, was arrested in Los Angeles on a charge of violating his parole from a four-year bank robbery term at Leavenworth prison—and FBI agents said he had at least nine wives and 28 aliases. Melville said he had been married only twice.

Dutch Declared To Have Effectively Attacked Japanese On Sarawak Frontier And Also Near Lake Tondano While Allied Force Strikes at Jap Invasion Bases Including One In Philippine Islands

By HENRY HOGENDOORN Batavia, N. E. I., Jan. 14. (AP)—The hard-fighting little army of The Netherlands Indies hurled itself upon the Japanese today on the Sarawak frontier in Borneo in hand-to-hand fighting near Lake Tondano on the northeastern tip of the Celebes while bombers of the Allied air forces struck at the Japanese invasion bases.

It was announced at the same time, that Sir Archibald P. Wavell, allied generalissimo in the southwest Pacific, had arrived in The Netherlands Indies with his staff.

His second in command, Lieutenant General George H. Brett, former chief of the United States Army Air Corps, also has arrived.

A Netherlands communique indicated a broadened scope of the Japanese attacks, reporting that Japanese bombers had struck at the big oil port of Balikpapan on the east coast of Dutch Borneo some 300 miles south of the Japanese-captured island of Tarakan.

N. E. I. bombers, the Dutch said, hit back with attacks on Japanese vessels in the harbor at Tarakan and on a base in the southern Philippines from which the Japanese were springing their invasion forces.

The communique said a direct hit was scored on one ship at Tarakan. The attack on the southern Philippines, the war report said, was carried out by a flying boat of the N. E. I., navy which returned safely after dropping bombs on a barracks and runway of a Japanese-used airfield.

On land, the fighting was along the Sarawak-Dutch Borneo jungle frontier and in the Minahassa region of the northeastern arm of Celebes.

The communique said no details about the fight for Minahassa were available immediately, but other reports said the Dutch were battling hand-to-hand with the invaders near Lake Tondano, inland from the port of Menado where the Japanese gained a foothold.

Eighteen Japanese were killed in fighting on the Sarawak border with the loss of only one Dutch soldier, the communique said.

BRITAIN FACES WAR SHAKE-UP

Changes In Ministerial Assignments Foreseen

London, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A reshuffle of the British cabinet as a result of criticism over war management and changes in ministerial assignments were described as imminent today in parliamentary circles.

It was stated that announcements might even precede the return to London of Prime Minister Churchill from his conferences in Washington with President Roosevelt.

Some informants said the changes likely would involve appointment of a new minister of supply not because of dissatisfaction with Lord Beaverbrook, who now holds the post, but because he is expected to be kept in Washington to help coordinate allied supply problems.

Prominently mentioned as likely to succeed Lord Beaverbrook at least in temporary capacity while he is abroad was one of his right hand men—Col. John L. Llewellyn, former parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Supply and Aircraft Production.

Llewellyn generally is regarded by the British as an able man who deserves promotion.

There also were reports that Sir Stafford Cripps, ambassador to Russia, soon will return because he believes he has accomplished the job he was sent to do—establish better relations between Britain and the Soviet. Many believe he would like to appear in parliament.

Just Visiting

After police had searched throughout the night for nine-year-old Delores Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harper of the Hillsdale section of the city, the little girl was found at school today.

Mr. Harper, who operates the Park View service station on Dickinson avenue, spread the alarm when his daughter failed to return home from school yesterday. Officers began an intensive search which lasted throughout the night.

Just Propaganda

Washington, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox today said he believed stories of internal unrest in Germany were spurious and deliberately spread to take the edge off America's war effort.

"Almost every one of the stories about the terrible situation in Germany originates in territory controlled by Germany," Knox told a press conference. "This alone should raise suspicion."

Major Explosion At Plane Factory

East Hartford, Conn., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Eight persons were injured, several of them seriously, today in an explosion at the Pratt & Whitney division of the United Aircraft Corporation, manufacturers of engines for United States Army airplanes.

The blast occurred, officials said, classifying it as an "industrial accident," apparently while welders were installing a dust collecting system for a machine used to spray molten aluminum on engine cylinders.

Request Replies By Those Mailed Seals

Miss Tabitha DeVivanti, chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale for Farmville, and Miss Nell Owens, chairman for Fountain, request that all those that received seals by mail but have not responded, please do so in order to save the expense of an individual notice by mail.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE (World-wide News Analyst)

British military experts read in the concentration of Nazi warplanes and troops in Sicily the possibility of a full-dress attack on Britain's great aero-naval base at the neighboring island of Malta—an operation which might constitute part of a general Axis offensive to seize control of the Mediterranean.

That might well be, for any campaign which Hitler undertakes in the near future, while he has vast forces tied up in Russia, will be largely aerial. Also, if he could gain domination of the Mediterranean he would have inflicted a mighty stride towards winning the war.

Young Man Of City Enlists In Marines

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Recently enlisted in the Marine Corps from Greenville was Tom W. Skinner, son of Mrs. Laurine D. Skinner of 430 West Fifth street, Greenville.

The new Leatherneck left for Parris Island, S. C., where he will undergo the recruit training required of all new men enlisting in the Marine Corps. There he will be shown how to use the rifle and also the other weapons employed in modern warfare.

Whiskey Still Found Back of Airport Here

A small, 20-gallon capacity liquor still in operation was located just back of the city-county airport this morning by Pitt county ABO officers, but the operators heard the officers coming and fled before they arrived.

The officers had to cross a big ditch and the operators heard the ice-breaking up and got away. About two gallons of whiskey was found and destroyed along with the equipment, including a five-gallon double, 15-gallon cooling barrel and 50 gallons of mash.

Social and Personal

Miss Marjorie Sugg, a student at Chapel Hill, is recuperating nicely from an operation for appendicitis in Watts Hospital in Durham, yesterday.

Cary D. Warren has gone to Newport News, Va., to work in the shipyards.

Claude Ward of Winterville, Eli Bloom, Hicks Corey and W. J. Bundy attended the district Kiwanis convention at Chapel Hill today.

The friends of Mr. T. A. Person will be glad to know that he is convalescing from a serious illness in Pitt General Hospital.

Mr. J. Ludlow Williams is confined to his home because of illness.

J. A. Clark has returned to Duke Hospital for treatment.

To Speak Here Tonight.
Mr. John Lawrence, State Baptist student secretary, who is conducting a series of conferences on the campus of E. C. T. C., will have charge of the mid-week prayer service at Memorial Baptist Church tonight. Mr. Lawrence is one of the state's most dynamic young people's workers. The public is invited to hear the message tonight at 8 o'clock.

Methodist Prayer Service.
Mid-week prayer service will be held at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church tonight at 7:30.

Breaks Arm.
Friends of Cabell Powell will be glad to learn that he is getting along nicely following a broken arm which he received Tuesday while at school. It is thought he will be back to school in a few days.

Young People's Dept. Entertained.

On Friday night, January 9, from 7:30 to 10 o'clock, the Memorial Church entertained the Young People's Department at a New Year's party in the Educational Building.

As the guests arrived group singing was enjoyed by all, after which a number of New Year's games were played, being directed by Carol Leigh Humphries who was representing "The New Year—1942." "Last Wills and Testaments" were written and resolutions made as each joined in the games and gave one another advice for the New Year ahead.

Following an hour of fun together, a New Year's playlet in which various customs of New Year's Day were discussed, was presented under the direction of Evelyn Stewart. Misses Eugenia Gregory, Sara Cox, Lucille White, Clara Forehand, Wilma Dean, Henrietta Roy, and Frances Elliott participated in the discussion of New Year's Day customs of other countries.

After the playlet, a New Year's reading was rendered by Ovella Price, after which a duet was sung by Sylvia Burns and Dorothy Sasser, accompanied by Jennie Campbell.

The guests were then invited into the dining room where tea was served. The decorations for the centerpiece on the table beautifully carried out the New Year's idea.

Along with members of the Young People's Department, including most college students of E. C. T. C., the persons of the church present at the party included, Mrs. J. D. Simons, Miss Mary Lee Ernest, Mrs. C. C. Brooker, Miss Velma McConnell and Mrs. B. McK. Johnson.

Literature Department.
The Literature Department of the Woman's Club met Tuesday afternoon, January 13, at the home of Mrs. J. C. Galloway, with Miss Elizabeth Hymah assisting hostess. After the routine business, Miss Eunice McGee, department chairman, presented Mr. Richard Walser, teacher of English in the Greenville high school, who gave an informal and informative review of his new book "North Carolina Poetry." The wealth of material on this subject at first amazed Mr. Walser. Through a long process of "whittling down," he has given a representative group of native poets. He briefly sketched the historical background of North Carolina poetry which really began about 1750. In a later period, 1850-60, "Swananoa" is a beautiful example of poetry found in "Wood Notes," a compilation of North Carolina poetry by Mary Bayard Clark. Mr. Walser chose three of his favorite and most readable poets, giving brief biographical summaries and selections from each author.

John Charles McNeil, who took great joy in all he saw about him, gives us poems of local color and commonplace things of life. His poetry is full of sunlight and humor. "Nigger Demus" and "Punishment" were interpreted in perfect Negro dialect.

James Larkin Pearson of Guilford College, whom Mr. Walser has met personally, wrote an entirely different type of poetry. It is more somber and on the philosophical side of life. "Fifty Acres" is his outstanding poem. Mr. Walser also read "Choice."

Mrs. Olive Tilford Dargan of Asheville, whom Mr. Walser visited at her mountain home. Bluebonnet Lodge, writes of the plain mountain people. Mr. Walser gave amusing anecdotes of his visit to this unusual lady. He read "Released" and "Twilight," from Mrs. Dargan's book. Mr. Walser fittingly closed with John Charles McNeil's "Sundown" which he so vividly interpreted that he left his listeners speechless.

Visitors included Mesdames J. W. Williams and E. M. Gibbs and Miss Una Shindler. Refreshments were dispensed with, the hostesses putting that money in Defense Stamps for the Woman's Club.

Social Calendar

THURSDAY

3:15 p. m.—The P. T. A. of Third street school meets. Dr. L. R. Meadows will be guest speaker.

3:30 p. m.—The P. T. A. of the Training school will meet.

7:45 p. m.—The choir of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will meet for practice.

7:45 p. m.—Girl Scout Troop 2 meets in the Molly Brown room of the Methodist Church.

8:00 p. m.—The Ada Cherry class will meet at the home of Mrs. James Osborn, 404 Meade street. Mrs. Louis Herring and Mrs. Churchill will be assisting hostesses.

FRIDAY

3:30 p. m.—The Garden Club meets at the Woman's Club. Mrs. T. F. Wilkinson, Sr., of Cary, N. C., will talk on Planting and Harvesting of Gourds.

6:30 p. m.—The Kiwanis Club meets.

7:30 p. m.—Meeting of the Red Men.

College Assembly Program.

At the assembly hour at the college, yesterday, John Lawrence, State Baptist Student Secretary, spoke to the student body on the need for strengthening spiritual as well as physical defenses, and suggested certain ways of doing this. Mr. Lawrence was introduced by Miss Virginia Dixon of Leasburg, who spoke of his former visits to the E. C. T. C. campus and said that he would spend this entire week on the campus for meetings and individual conferences with students.

Speaking of the pressing need for physical defense in the present emergency, Mr. Lawrence drew a parallel between that and the need for similar strengthening against attack in the realm of the spirit. An even greater spiritual danger is threatening us, he declared, in the philosophy of life that says "Enjoy today without regard for tomorrow."

To help raise the defenses he was urging, the speaker suggested that we need to see clearly our objectives, keeping before us the vision of the finer world that is our goal; that we need to have the courage of our convictions; and that we need to guard against letting ourselves become discouraged because of the evil in the world. Bad times do not mean that there is no God. When we have made wrong choices we must pay for them. But even in the darkest days there is a source of strength to turn to.

These three things are necessary if America in the future is to be able to fulfill her destiny as a leader among nations.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR

Wednesday, January 14, 1902

On our usual walk out Dickinson avenue to the depot Tuesday evening, we came up near enough to him to hear him talking to himself as he ambled along, and at once became interested in his soliloquy. Suddenly the old man looked upward and began addressing the moon. "Dar yer is, hol' in yer water up dar. Nebber min' fus 'ting yer kno' yer'll be turmin' it down on us. Wen yer pint hang low den yer dun dreen yer water all out but wen yer pint rech way up high lak dat yer hol' in yer water back. Yer's got plenty water on bo'd'n now, spec' I sees sum snow up dar, too."

GREENVILLE HI-NEWS

By CORA REDDITT EVELYN SCHELLER

Principals' Meeting
Principal V. M. Mulholland left last night to attend a principals' meeting in Greensboro. He will return to Greenville Thursday morning.

Any Bonds Today?
Defense Stamps are on sale in the vestibule every day at the same time that the lunch tickets are on sale. Be sure and buy one at least once a week.

Outside Course
Bill Carr, versatile senior, is taking a special course in salesmanship, textiles, ready-to-wear and hosiery and lingerie, at the Sheppard Memorial Library. This class will meet for four weeks under Miss Katherine Sams, a graduate of Meredith College. Sponsored by the State Board of Education, Greenville Merchants' Association and the Greenville Board of Education, the course started Monday, January 12. Bill is the only high school student in a group of 100.

WANT ADS PAY



PRISONERS' SONG OF PENNIES.—Money saved from their weekly wages of from 10 to 40 cents earned in the penitentiary shops was used by these men at Pennsylvania's Eastern Penitentiary, to buy U.S. defense bonds from Joseph C. Lucke, penitentiary instructor. Warden Herbert Smith said that 43 prisoners bought \$9,518 worth of bonds in five days—and no coaxing!

Annual Meeting Is Held By Girl Scout Leaders

History Of Local Work Effectively Outlined

By CHESTER WALSH
Publicity Chairman
The story of Greenville Girl Scouting was told in impressive and enthusiastic manner at the annual meeting of Girl Scouts, Inc., at the Woman's club last evening. Nearly 100 parents and friends attended the banquet and heard the gratifying report of the year just ended. It was an unusually representative assemblage. The program, entertaining and informative, was admirably directed by Mrs. J. B. Kittrell, chairman of the Girl Scout Council.

Miss Lanning Lauded
In her annual report Mrs. Kittrell paid fine tribute to the wonderful organization and executive work done by Miss Mollie Lanning, Girl Scout director in 1941. The chairman reviewed the high spots of Girl Scout progress during the past year; complimented the teachers and others at the Fifth Street Negro school for organizing Girl Scout troops there; and gave an interesting description of the Girl Scout camp on the river below Washington.

Awards
Dorothy Nell Henderson, Susanne Kilgo, Eleanor James and Kathryn Van Nortwick were presented as Curved Bar Girl Scouts, a special honor.

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CHINESE PRESS VERY CRITICAL

Criticizes Conduct Of Allies In War In Pacific

Chungking, Jan. 14.—The Chinese press declared today that signs of British and American reinforcements in the Far East were lacking, that the situation allowed of no optimism, and turned severe criticism upon the conduct of the war in the Pacific.

"British authorities in Malaya have shown themselves wanting in both vision and determination," was the blunt assertion of the Chinese army organ, Sao Tang Pao. "The term 'Pacific war' appeared in publications 20 years ago and was the subject of constant discussion in Japan, yet Americans were caught off-guard at Pearl Harbor, and the Philippines are left to look

after themselves with a small force," it continued. "Signs of Anglo-American reinforcements are absent while British and American authorities continue to indulge in side-tracking remarks. Both Knox (United States secretary of the Navy) and A. V. Alexander (Britain's First Lord of the Admiralty) urged the allies to strike Hitler first. If Japan is allowed to take Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies it will be easier said than done for America and Britain to start the counter-offensive."

While other papers strongly supported demands for the speedy dispatch of land, naval and air reinforcements to the Far East, Sao Tang Pao took the gloomy view that if Japan gained control of Malaya and the Dutch Indies she would attain self-sufficiency and become free to use "against America and Britain the economic weapon they once employed against her."

Ta Kung Pao urged Russia to strike before Japan is ready to attack Vladivostok. "If Japan takes Vladivostok she may easily threaten Alaska, and make the entire Pacific a veritable Japanese lake," said this chief government newspaper.

The official Central Daily News urged the allies to crush Japan first.

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Officers Are Chosen By Mutual Exchange

The Board of Directors of the Pitt County Mutual Exchange met at the Agricultural Building in Greenville Monday night at 7:00 to elect officers for the coming year.

F. C. Martin of Bethel was elected president; Mrs. E. L. Tyson, vice president; and Mrs. Carl Langley, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Martin appointed Mrs. Carl Langley, Mrs. Leon Smith of Greenville and Mrs. E. L. Tyson as directors in charge of the curb marketing activities.

The Board of Directors of the Pitt County Mutual Exchange, as elected by the membership of farm men and women are F. C. Martin, Mrs. E. L. Tyson, Mrs. Leon Smith, representing the town's people, Mrs. Carl Langley, Mr. J. C. Parker, Mr. M. Speight and Mr. J. V. Taylor.

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NO TIME FOR LOVE

By WATKINS E. WRIGHT

Chapter 13

Friend In Need

Silence, and Lavinia wishing that she could come right out and ask the young man why he lived in the dilapidated cottage, why he avoided people, why he never dressed up and went places. But she had never been the sort of person who could immediately start quizzing people. So she went on thinking the questions.

"You don't know how grateful I am to you," Roderick said, "for not getting up and running away."

"Why should I do that?" Lavinia replied—although she knew perfectly well that to get up and run away had been her first impulse.

"Need you ask?" Roderick grinned. "After all, I do look like a beachcomber or something. And I've overheard some remarks, when calling for the mail at the village post office. That mysterious young man who never does anything but loaf in the sun. 'That disreputable person who lives in an equally disreputable cottage. He's probably an ex-gangster, hiding away from the law or his past.'"

He paused, glanced at Lavinia. "So, since you came from the Inn, I naturally thought you might have similar opinions about me."

Lavinia laughed softly. "Don't you know you're tempting me to flood you with questions?" she said.

"After all, I am a woman, and I have my share of curiosity."

"Well, since you were kind enough not to run from me," said Roderick. "I'll explain that I used to come here summers when I was a kid. And it seemed a nice place to come for a sort of vacation this summer. The cottage in which I'm living still belongs to a branch of the family."

"That explanation is completely plausible and satisfactory," said Lavinia. "And, I might add, you're taking just the sort of vacation I wanted to take."

"You mean you're not happy at the Inn?"

"Not especially happy—no." Lavinia replied. "I went there to please a relative. But it's a long, dull tale—so let's not go into it."

"Funny thing," said Roderick, "but when I saw you this afternoon I had an idea you'd be the sort of girl you are."

"Then I'm glad I came this far along the beach," said Lavinia gently.

"Will you come again sometime?" There was eagerness, urgency, in the young man's voice.

"If you'd really like me to, yes." "Oh, I would!"

"But I must be going now," Lavinia arose. She held out her hand. "You've cheered me up a lot—and I thank you for it. You may as well know that I was pretty well sunk."

Roderick Elliott took the outstretched hand, held it in a strong, friendly grasp. He looked deep into Lavinia's eyes.

"You've cheered me, too," he said. "More than I can tell you. I shall be looking forward to our next meeting."

"So shall I," Lavinia said. She withdrew her hand, and was puzzled at the odd manner in which her heart was acting. It was beating with unusual rapidity. From excitement, probably, she told herself. Or could it be Roderick Elliott's handshake had seemed strangely thrilling.

"Shall I walk you back to the Inn?" the young man asked.

"No, thank you," said Lavinia. "That won't be necessary. The moonlight's so bright it's almost like day time."

"Then—good-night," Lavinia Prentiss.

"Good-night—Roderick Elliott."

Lavinia moved off along the beach, seeming to melt into the brightness of the moonlight. Roderick stood where she had left him, watching, until she reached the path that led over the rocks to the Inn. Then he turned and walked slowly and thoughtfully toward his cottage.

Freezing Pat
When Lavinia reached the Inn she went around to a side entrance. She wanted to get to her room without meeting Margot Linden or anyone else she knew.

But luck was against her. She ran smack into Pat, the man who taught dancing.

"Oh, Miss Prentiss," he said. "I've been looking for you!"

"Why?" asked Lavinia. "Did you want to collect damages?"

"I don't understand," said Pat, not looking especially bright.

"For injury to your dancing shoes and your shins."

Pat laughed, loud but somewhat hollowly.

"Oh, that!" he said.

"Yes, that. Or perhaps you use protectors—you know, like in hockey or football."

"Really, now, Miss Prentiss, it's not as bad as all that."

"No? Well, I'm afraid it is," Lavinia looked at the man straight in the eye, just as she looked at men back in Armworth's when she was annoyed with them. "You said you had been looking for me. Well, here I am."

"I wanted to say that I'm quite sure you could become a very good dancer with a little help." Pat said.

"And I'd be glad to offer you my services."

"I see. At so much per hour, I suppose."

"Oh, no—not that."

"Then what?"

"I often help guests—especially important ones, and—"

"What's important about me?" "I've been talking with Miss Linden, and she told me that—"

"So you and the hostess have been discussing me. How nice!" "Miss Linden told me that you are the niece of Miss Dorcas Prentiss."

"Yes, go on."

"And so, since you are, I—that is, we—"

"You mean my being Miss Dorcas Prentiss's niece makes a difference?"

"Well, not exactly. Only Miss Prentiss is quite famous, and she'd naturally want her niece to enjoy her stay with us."

"Good-night," said Lavinia. And she hurried to the elevator and up to her room.

She was angry. Men, she thought. Fools. Idiots. Every one of them—always having a motive. And then she remembered Roderick Elliott, and thought: "Maybe not all of them either." Certainly Roderick Elliott hadn't made himself the least bit obnoxious. And he wanted to see her again! The mysterious young man asking the working girl from Armworth's to join him again upon the hull of the wrecked boat.

She began to undress, and as she did so she smiled to herself. Aunt Dorcas and Zoe would be tickled pink if they knew they would be no end excited to hear about the "handsome stranger." They would want to hear all the details—no matter how insignificant. They would insist that it was just the sort of thing she needed to have happen to her. They would goat-look sentimental—build a silly fiction around the incident.

It was utterly fantastic for her to go on with it. The man was nothing in the world to her, and she wanted to be alone. Sooner or later he would bore her to tears talking about his cousin in England. All he wanted probably was an attentive ear—someone to sit on the beach and listen to him talk on and on—endlessly—about himself.

"I'll forget the whole incident," she said half aloud, just before she went to bed. "I'll go to another part of the beach, and read my book."

But she did no such thing.

Fast Friends
The next morning she walked toward the half-buried hull, and Roderick Elliott joined her there. She went the next day, and the next. They began calling each other by their first names. It was almost as though they had known each other for ages.

"Hello, there, Lavinia, how's the world treating you?"

"Oh, a little better, thank you. Rod. How's it with you?"

"Brighter—oh, infinitely brighter!"

Lavinia looked forward to the meetings. She enjoyed them. She forgot the hurt of a few nights before, when she had proven herself to be such a dud at bridge and dancing. She and Rod talked, or sat in friendly silence—understanding—two people who seemed strangely in need of each other.

It was beautiful. It was like something out of a book.

Fredwy Rand, the store, the Zoological Park, the Brooklyn Museum—all faded from her memory. There was a new-born eagerness about her—a new look in her eye.

"What's happening to you?" Margot Linden asked one day. "You look like a girl in love."

"Nonsense," said Lavinia. "I'm getting rested. The salt air is doing wonderful things to me."

"That," said Margot, "is something you should take up with our press agent."

Lavinia wrote a long letter to her aunt, and one to Zoe. She wanted to pour out a lot that she felt, but restrained herself. She casually referred to Rod as a man she had recently met, a man who seemed to like being with her even if she wasn't a shining social light. That's all she said about him; just that and nothing more. She devoted the remainder of the two letters to descriptions of the scenery—and to detailed reports of her bridge experience with Mr. and Mrs. Masters, as well as to what had happened when the men at the Inn tried to dance with her.

She felt gay at times—at frequently increasing times.

At other times she felt downright reckless. And she would ask herself what on earth had gotten into her.

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Japs Claim Success On Numerous Fronts



Japanese forces claimed success throughout the Far East January 12 with a major reverse, however, at Changsha, China. Arrows point to captured Hongkong, Manila and Guam. In the Philippines, the Japs claimed the capture of Olonga, a major naval station. Nippon's troops also stormed closer to Singapore in the Malay peninsula and their bombers pounded positions close to that fortress. The Japs landed forces on Celebes Island in the Dutch East Indies in the face of bitter resistance by the Dutch, who are carrying out their "scorched earth" policy. Previously the Japanese had made landings on Borneo Island.

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GETTING ENCORES AND GIVING THEM

A young singer stepped forward at an impromptu recital recently to announce the two pieces she would sing. I happened to be sitting near her when she made the announcement, and I was not unaware of the fact that although she announced two musical numbers, she held in her hand the copy of four musical numbers. She was expecting to be encored.

And why not? We may well distrust that person who appears never to get any satisfaction out of praise. We can be pretty certain that such a person is a deeply suppressed egotist. The person who is always pushing himself forward, getting into the limelight, talking about himself and his accomplishments is very much of a buffoon, but he is also comparatively harmless. We need not fear an egotist who advertises the fact all over the place. But beware the man who rudely thrusts his praise aside, assures you he works only for the purpose of doing a task well, and that he scorns either the praise or the criticism of his fellows.

This is all a pose. Everybody likes a certain amount of praise, and should. Like the blushing ingenu, they expect encores.

To which need only be added that if we expect to get encores in life, we should be willing to give a few. (All Rights Reserved—Babson Newspaper Syndicate)

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

President Roosevelt took wise action last night when he announced that he had made Donald Nelson responsible for the country's production of war materials. The experience of the last war when Bernard Baruch was head of production, showed that the power to act vested in one capable person was the best and surest way to keep the country's industries moving during the emergency. Under the present plan there will be an elimination of the red tape that has been causing delays and bottlenecks in our very necessary production.

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Washington Daybook

By Jack Stimpert

Washington—The capital in wartime: They are taking a page from the big convention cities here and asking that every house-owner with an extra room take a boarder "for the duration."

It's estimated that 47,000 new government workers have rolled into Washington in the last year. Figure out for yourself what that means to a city that already was population-jammed before the big defense wave started.

If you are down around the waterfront these days and you are lucky, you might catch a glimpse of one of the trimmest yachts afloat and a graceful four-masted bark. It does not mean, however, that the multimillionaires are visiting Washington. It's just that the U. S. has come into possession of two more luxury boats.

The yacht is the Nemerosna, a floating palace, which Mrs. Jessie Ball DuPont has turned over to the Maritime Commission. It will be converted into a training ship for

maritime cadets. The clipper is one-time Ambassador to Russia Joseph E. Davies' "Sea Cloud." The navy has leased it for \$1 a year for use in the coastal patrol. The "Sea Cloud" is known on the seven seas as one of the most beautiful yachts afloat. There is an ironic twist about the "Sea Cloud's" going to war. Just ten years ago it slipped down the ways at Kiel Garden, Germany.

Out of all the statistical skyrocketing in Washington in the last year, the two smallest increases were noted in bank loans and life insurance sales. As one wit put it, the first shows that nobody's poor, and the second that nobody cares.

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau gave his press conference an explanation the other day, and he also may have given himself a nickname. For weeks, the boys have been trying to get something out of the secretary on the new tax program. When the old questions started popping again, Mr. Morgenthau asked, "How many of you boys saw 'Dumbo'?"

A number of the press corps signified that they had. "Then," said the secretary, "maybe you know Dumbo couldn't talk."

Undoubtedly what inspired Mr. Morgenthau's comment was that he had just come from a session with Walt Disney who created "Dumbo." There are several ace Hollywood directors and producers in Washington these days so grace yourself for some propaganda films from some of the best talent the movies have to offer. Just what Disney is doing at the Treasury is strictly hush-hush, but you can almost bet that it has to do with an animated movie on defense bonds and stamps.

The appearance of Prime Minister Churchill at the White House was the signal for the most intensive guarding that ever has been done

around here. The details are a closely guarded military secret and rightly so. The Senate office building has taken on a definitely wartime air. Signs in the halls point huge arrows to the "Air raid shelter area" and at several convenient places there are great boxes of sand with long-handled shovels and hoes for use against incendiary bombs. The capital never has forgotten that it was burned out once in the War of 1812.

The WAR TODAY

(Continued from Page One) commands the narrow passage—about ninety miles wide—between Sicily and Cape Bon, in French Tunisia on the African coast.

Please do get out your maps. You will then see that virtually all shipping must sail through that little gap, and dip its ensign respectfully to the boss.

Naturally Malta long has been a key position for the British, though its strength as a naval base has been weakened because of the striking power developed by the airforces of this war. The harbor of Valetta is one of the finest in the world and is equipped with everything a naval base requires, but concentration of ships there is a risky business, since there are several air-bases on Italian soil only a few moments flight from the island.

Malta has one of those so-called impregnable fortresses, such as boasted by Singapore and Gibraltar, but like all citadels these days is susceptible to air attack and may be rendered useless as a base for ships. However, it has at least two airdromes from which bombing raids can be returned, and from which shipping can be bombed. Thus Malta still remains to a considerable degree the open sesame for vessels passing through the Mediterranean.

The loss of this base to the Axis would have several grave effects on the British position. For instance, if the Germans could capture the island and utilize its airdromes in conjunction with the Italian air-bases in nearby Sicily, it might enable the Axis to cut the Mediterranean in two.

This would sever connection between the eastern and western portions of the British fleet. That would force the British to go round Africa to move supplies through the Suez canal to the eastern Mediterranean, and to reach the Far East. Such a development would be a mighty assistance to Japan, and may represent a contribution which Hitler has in mind for his ally.

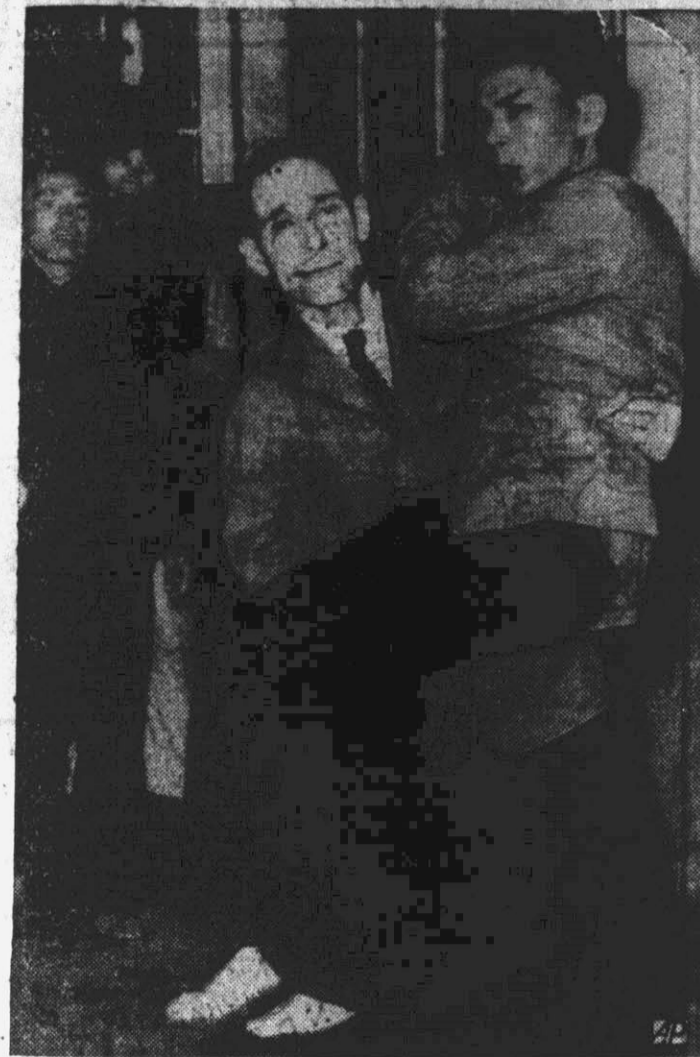
Possession of Malta also would facilitate passage of Axis transports and supply ships to Tripoli—unavailable if the Germans should be able to take over the French colonies in northern Africa. But while many benefits would accrue to Herr Hitler if he possessed Malta, to my mind one of his chief objects in trying to capture it would be to hamper the British by countering any German offensive through Turkey into the Middle East in the spring.

Farmers Urged Save Tobacco Bed Covers

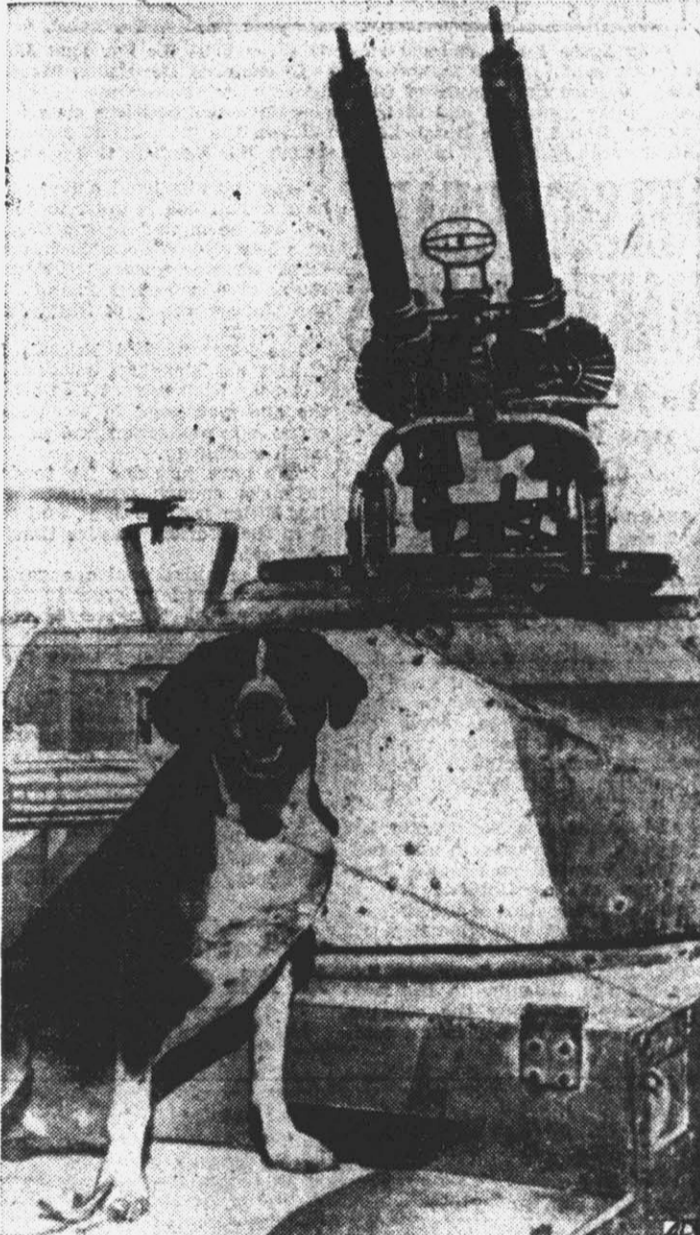
Since there is a shortage of new tobacco canvas this year, farmers are urged to use old canvas whenever possible. Old canvas can be used fairly well where a thin layer of wheat straw (oat or rye straw is less effective) is placed on the plant bed and the canvas placed directly on top of the straw and fastened by using pegs or wire around the edge of the plant bed. Where old canvas is used it is advisable to boil it in order to prevent spread of tobacco diseases, mosaic.

The straw should be thin and evenly distributed. A light application so you can see the ground every place is better than a heavy application.

Survivor Of U-Boat Attack

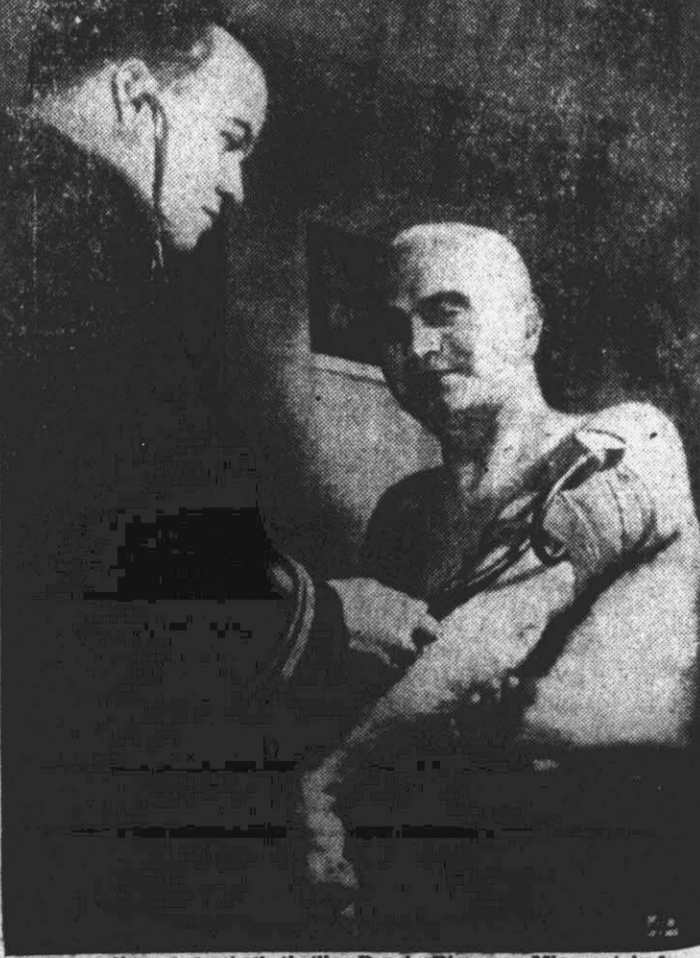


His feet frozen, a survivor of a submarine attack on a large merchant vessel 100 miles off Nova Scotia, is carried ashore at an East Canadian port. Ninety persons were lost in the torpedoing and 89 others were saved.



IT'S HIS WAR, TOO—Toughest campaigner of them all, with British forces battling the Axis in the current Libyan campaign is Butch, above four-legged fighter on an R.A.F. armored car. He went through the spring reverses, defied shelling.

Bernie Bierman With Marines



After a life of football thrills, Bernie Bierman, Minnesota's famous coach, had no blood pressure trouble nor other physical ailments when doctors examined him in Minneapolis after he was called to active duty with the Marine Corps. He had been a major in the Marine reserves.

BANK OFFICIAL CHOICE FACED BY LAGUARDIA

W. H. Woolard Predicts Good Business For 1942

To Decide Between Civilian Job And N.Y. Mayor

Washington, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Senate and House conferees agreed today on legislation to vest control of the Civilian Defense program in Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York City and to give him \$100,000,000 for the work.

Washington, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Fiorello H. LaGuardia said today he soon would have to decide whether he would continue as mayor of New York or as civilian defense director.

LaGuardia told a House committee that he wanted to stay on as a defense chief until Congress finally passed a bill authorizing appropriations for the work and another bill, still in the making, to provide for compensation for civilian defense workers injured at their tasks.

"Then," he said, "I will either have to give up the job of mayor of the city of New York and take the civilian defense job, or I can give up the OCD and go back to New York and mind my own business and criticize what is going on in Washington, or I can do what I did in the last war, if I could get by."

The Mayor was an air corps major in the last war. The committee is considering how best to protect health and to maintain morale in the country.

LaGuardia, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, his assistant in the defense job, James M. Landis, new OCD director, and Paul V. McNutt, director of defense health, were asked to present their views.

to pick up the paper, it was revealed today by Mrs. J. B. James, who has charge of the Junior Red Cross work of rathering up the scrap.

Meanwhile all persons are urged to save the old paper until the collections are resumed.

The truck will make a canvass of the city every two weeks. Mrs. James expressed her appreciation for the cooperation shown by the many people calling to say that they had scrap paper to turn over to the Junior Red Cross and asked that they continue gathering up the paper and save it until collections can be resumed, notice of which will be given through the press.

Two months ago List was reported in command of Nazi troops in southeastern Europe with headquarters in Athens. A month ago Russian sources said he had replaced Field Marshal Fedor von Bock German commander on the Central front in Russia.

Meanwhile new reports arriving here from conquered Greece said approximately 70,000 German troops and seven Italian divisions of perhaps 105,000 men were stationed in Greece. British military quarters regarded this information as reliable. Most of the Germans were said to be in the Salonika area some 160 miles from the Turkish border.

Deaths from starvation in the Athens area now total nearly 1,000 daily, this report said.

Balkan Conqueror Reported Missing

Istanbul, Turkey, Jan. 13.—(AP) (Delayed)—Information of a semi-diplomatic nature reaching here tonight said that Field Marshal Sigmund Wilhelm List, the German conqueror of the Balkans, had disappeared, and that his friends in Berlin were concerned for his safety.

Paper Collection Halted For Awhile

The collection of scrap paper for defense purposes has been temporarily discontinued to give Moore's Metal yard time to bale and dispose of its present supply, but beginning in the near future a city truck, with the help of boys from the high school, will canvass the city

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Notice To List Taxes

All persons having real or personal property, or who should pay poll taxes are urged to list promptly.

List your 1942 taxes during January. Avoid being penalized for late listing.

PITT COUNTY TAX DEPARTMENT

Phantoms Coast To Easy Victory Over Elizabeth City

GET 48-14 WIN IN LOOP GAME

Three Previous Tilts Had Been Lost By Close Margins

By PERCY WELLS

Last night the Green Phantoms hit the beam in their second conference game of the season and floated to a 48-14 win over the Yellow Jackets of Elizabeth City in the high school gym. After dropping three close contests this season—two to the Prexies of Portsmouth, Va., and one conference tilt to Goldsboro—the Phantoms got tired of playing close games and Coach Farley used every man on the squad to bag the victory.

The local hardwooders started their offensive early in the first quarter with Troy Riddle and Larry Brown sparking the attack and at the half whistle the score board showed 22-9. At no time during the game were the Jackets catching up with the victory-hungry locals.

Greenville	G	F	T
Brown, f	4	1	9
Merritt, f	2	0	4
Turner, f	1	0	2
Spearman, f	1	0	2
Riddle, c	4	2	10
Andrews, c	2	0	4
J. Briley, g	1	0	2
Johnson, g	1	3	5
L. Briley, g	0	0	0
Musselwhite, g	0	0	0
Dunn, f	1	0	2
Harrison, g	0	1	1
Register, g	1	0	2
Moye, g	0	1	1
Horne, f	0	0	0
Sugg, f	0	0	0
Hunter, c	2	0	4
Saled, c	0	0	0
Crawford, f	0	0	0
Total	20	8	48

Elizabeth City	G	F	T
Brinson, f	1	1	3
McMullan, f	0	1	1
Webster, f	0	0	0
Long, f	0	0	0
Weatherly, c	3	3	9
Seymour, c	0	0	0
Gard, c	0	0	0
Thompson, g	0	0	0
Dawson, g	0	0	0
Total	4	6	14

Navy's Door Open For Jack Dempsey

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 14 (AP)—Jack Dempsey may be too old for the Army, but he's got an invitation to join the Navy.

Recruiting officer A. T. Husted wired the former heavyweight champion:

"Recent news reports say Army



WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A TIRE SHORTAGE?—With the wartime tire ban, two nags tethered on the main street at Middlefield, Ohio, can give the horse laugh to that auto. They belong to two of Middlefield township's 900 buggy-riding Amish residents.

Carolina Trims Wake; State Defeats Clemson

rejected your attempt to enlist. Navy welcomes fighting men from 17 to 50 years and this office invites you to join the Navy and free the world."

Japs Again Claim U.S. Carrier Hit

Tokyo, Jan. 14.—(Official Broadcast) Recorded by AP)—Japanese Imperial headquarters declared today that a Japanese submarine had scored two torpedo hits on a United States aircraft carrier of the Lexington type in waters west of Hawaii.

(The Japanese repeatedly have reported the sinking or damaging of U. S. aircraft carriers but the claims have been put down by Washington officials as "fishing expeditions" for information.)

A communique issued by Imperial headquarters said the submarine commander was not able to state whether the aircraft carrier had sunk, because he had to dive his craft immediately to evade a counter-attack by destroyers.

Nevertheless, the announcement said, he expressed belief the vessel had sunk because two formidable explosions were heard immediately after the torpedoes were launched.

Wake Forest showed fight in the second half, running score to 29 to 20, but the Phantoms pulled away.

Nazis Claim Toll On Allied Vessels

Berlin, Jan. 14.—(Official broadcast recorded by AP)—The German High Command reported today the sinking of four merchant vessels totaling 21,000 tons in an Atlantic convoy.

It said the sinkings occurred in a bitter fight by a lone submarine with the convoy which, the daily high command communique said, was strongly escorted.

In the Northern Arctic, the bulletin added, bombers sank a 5,000-ton merchantman.

In the air war against Britain, the high command said an 8,000-ton merchantman was sunk yesterday during the day and another vessel of the same size was severely damaged. Harbor installations and industrial plants also were bombed, it added.

Local Boy Candidate For Virginia Squad

Waynesboro, Va., Jan. 13.—Wally Scales, of Greenville, N. C., is among the candidates for the 1942 basketball squad at Fishburne Military school. The squad, under Captain Bob Gray, opens a 14-game schedule with Staunton Military Academy team at Staunton January 14.

23,000 Dead Japs Counted In China

Chungking, China, Jan. 14 (AP)—Twenty-three thousand Japanese corpses have been counted on the battlefields of North Hunan province since the abortive campaign against Changsha began, a Chinese high command communique said today.

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WAR WILL NOT KILL BASEBALL

Nation's Leading Sport Expected to Be Continued

By JUDSON BAILEY

New York, Jan. 14 (AP)—In the critical days of 1918, when the famous work or fight edict came out of Washington, the baseball season was smothered out on Labor day. Yet a few weeks later, records show, the government informed major league leaders that this had not been intended and that normal baseball should be made for the sport in 1919.

Unless some confusion of this sort crops up during this second world war, baseball men hope to continue the nation's leading sport with as little disruption as possible.

Baseball, they point out, is entertainment for millions of Americans and it is a livelihood for the many thousands of persons who participate—either as players or as club owners, managers, stenographers, grounds keepers and ticket takers.

Major league players who have gone into the armed forces include Hank Greenberg, Bob Feller, Cecil Travis, Buddy Lewis, Hugh Mulcahy and Sam Chapman. Others will be called before the season starts.

During the last war attendance continued good, and the leaders of both leagues expect the interest of fans to remain high in spite of the new hostilities.

Both the National and American leagues will hold meetings in New York early next month to consider problems resulting from the war, but in the meantime all club owners are going ahead with arrangements for their usual spring training programs and for the season to follow.

The minor leagues, of course, are going to bear the brunt of war's blow. Since the first draft in the fall of 1940 approximately 300 minor league players have joined the Army and Navy. Most of the players in the majors are married, but the boys in the class B and C leagues for the most part are younger and single.

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America must be strong. Every man and woman must contribute their strength to the strength of America at war.

Some are carrying guns—some are flying planes—some are giving their blood on ships at sea.

YOU on the home front must buy those guns—those planes—those ships. That must be your contribution to freedom under fire!

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS TODAY—buy them with every penny you have to spare!

"We are going to have to give up all manner of things which we would like to have and strip down for a struggle which will take everything we can give it. Hitler is going to win this war unless we deny ourselves everything that we can possibly deny ourselves.

"We can overtake Hitler. The man who says we can't is either blindly ignorant or believes that Democracy and freedom are played out and helpless."

These are the words Nelson has been preaching to industrialists and politicians alike in speeches and conferences for more than a year. To fellow defense officials content with the rising curve of weapon production he has been dimming that the program was not half big enough.

In a capital crammed with men seeking contracts, priorities and loans, Nelson has insisted on one measuring stick alone for all decisions—what will help most to win the war.

His associates believe President Roosevelt picked him to head the war production board because he was one of the few men who had his sights set on a program as large as the President envisaged ever before the two-year schedule of 120,000 tanks, 185,000 planes and 18 million tons of shipping began to take shape.

Nelson is a natural advocate of hard work and self-denial as the solution of the nation's problems. He fought his way up from the other side of the tracks to a \$75,000-a-year job as vice-president of Sears Roebuck in charge of merchandise before he was called to Washington June 30, 1940, as coordinator of defense purchasing.

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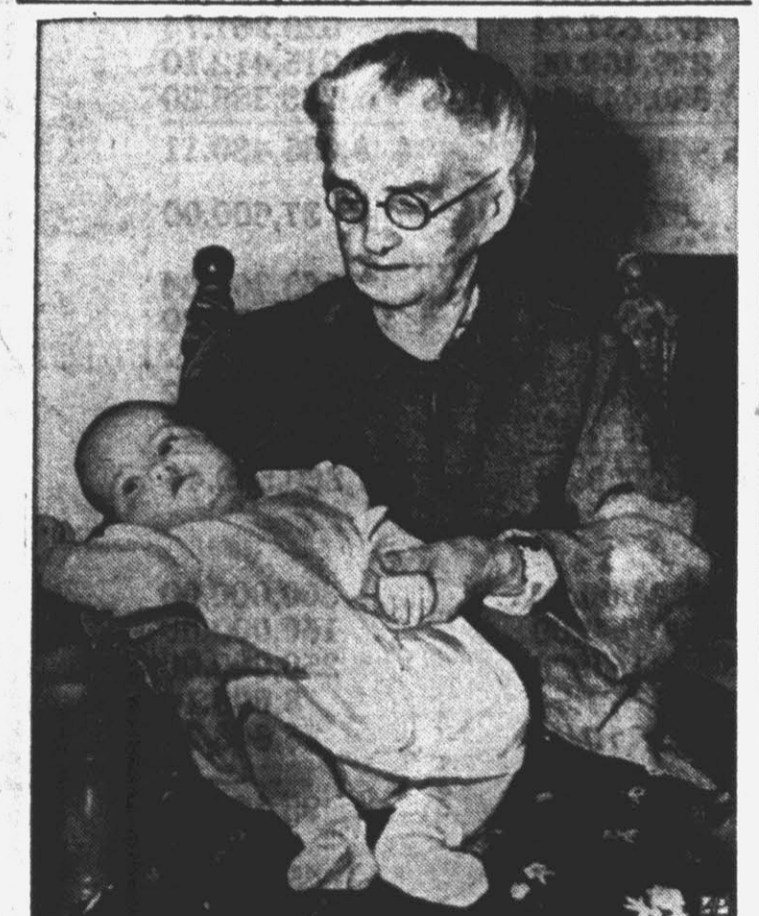
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95 PLUS 92—The 100 mark is but five years away for Mrs. Margaret Bonewitz of New Orleans, who celebrated her 95th birthday Christmas by posing with her newest descendant—the 92nd—Marsh Ann Zweifel, 3 months. The baby is her ninth great-great-grandchild. She has 11 children, 46 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; and doesn't offer any special recipe for longevity.

Everybody raves about your salads, Peg. What's the secret?

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YES, DAN, JUST HOW ARE YOU GOING TO DO THAT?

I'VE RECORDED CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE MAYOR, JUDGES, AND OTHERS OF THE GANG, MAKING PLANS FOR THEIR DIFFERENT RACKETES.

YES, YES GO ON??

I INTEND TO SHOW THEM WE HAVE ALL THIS EVIDENCE, AND HOW HOPELESS THEIR SITUATION IS—UNDERSTAND?

I FOLLOW YOU—GET CONFESSIONS FROM ALL AND SAVE THE GOVERNMENT THE EXPENSE OF A LONG CRIMINAL TRIAL!

THAT'S RIGHT! AND YOU'RE READY TO BEGIN?

THIMBLE THEATRE—STARING POPEYE

Now Showing: Sit Down, Ya Rocin' The Boat!

SO—YER THE WHOLE SPINACHOVA NAVY—I HAFTA HAND IT TO YA, BECAUSE YER A NAVY 'AT'S READY TO FIGHT

SURE—I'LL FIGHT ANYBODY ANYTIME!

POPEYE FORGOT HIS SPINACH AGAIN

HERE, EAT THIS SPINACH

OH, SO YA WANNA START SUMPIN'?

BLONDIE — by Young

SH-H-QUIET! I GOT HER TO SLEEP AT LAST—PUT HER UPSTAIRS IN HER CRIB—SH-H

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SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY—Nut Cookies, Individual Raisin Pies, Vitamin B-1 Bread, Cream-filled Doughnuts. People's Bakery.

LET ME DO YOUR HEMSTITCHING, alterations, repairing, cloth covered buttons and buckles. Also make skirts. Mrs. Annie Pittman. 12-cod-31

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WANTED—3-ROOM UNFURNISHED apartment, close in. Call 2177—or after 6 p. m., call 2940. 14-31

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FOR SALE—AN ATTRACTIVE 5-room bungalow, apply to B. W. Moseley, Realtor. 14-31

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED OUR new garden seed. A complete line. Also onion sets and cabbage plants. White's Stores, Inc. 14-2 wk.

Richmond Livestock
(Courtesy J. N. and J. L. Williams)
Richmond, Jan. 14.—Hogs, market steady, top \$10.60, good and choice 100-225 lbs. \$10.50, 100-120 lbs. \$9.90, 140-160 lbs. \$10.10, 160-180 lbs. \$10.40, 225-250 lbs. \$10.50, 250-300 lbs. \$10.15, over 300 lbs. \$9.90, sows under 250 lbs. \$9.10, over 250 lbs. \$8.10, stags \$7.10.

DEFENSE MEETING
There will be a meeting of the Pitt County Council of Civilian Defense in the City Hall of Greenville Friday night, January 16, at eight o'clock. The meeting will be held on the second floor in the City Council Room.

Hog Markets
Raleigh, Jan. 14.—(AP)—(NCDA) Hog prices were steady today with tops as follows: Rocky Mount 10.35; Richmond, Va., \$10.60.

New York Cotton
New York, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 25 cents a bale lower.
Midday prices were 30 to 45 cents a bale lower, March 18.06; May 18.25, July 18.36.
Futures closed unchanged to 10 cents a bale higher.

	Open	Close	Prv. Cl.
Jan.	18.10	18.14	17.85
Mar.	18.10	18.33	18.13
May	18.28	18.45	18.31
July	18.40	18.45	18.45
Oct.	18.50	18.55	18.63
Dec.	18.49	18.58	18.56

Middling spot 18.62, up 1.

Grain Market
Chicago, Jan. 14.—(AP)—After declining fractions early in the session, the grain market rallied, led by rye which advanced as much as a cent a bushel at one time.
Wheat closed 1/4 cent higher than yesterday, May \$1.31 1/2, July \$1.32 1/2; corn 1/4 cent higher, May 86 1/2, July 87 1/2; oats 1/4 cent up; rye 1-1/4 higher; soybeans unchanged to 1/4 higher.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A little profit selling today threw the stock market off the forward pace followed in the previous session.
Showing fairly good form at the opening the list shifted into irregular terrain in the later proceedings but managed to retain to the finish a number of modest gains chiefly in aircraft and industrial specialties. Dealings totaled approximately 600,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Air reduction	35 1/2
Allis Chal Mfg	29 1/2
Am Can	64
Am Car Pdy	32 1/2
Am Rad and St S	4 1/2
Am Roll Mill	11 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	42 1/2
Am Sug Ref	20 1/2
At and T	128 1/2
Am Tob B	49 1/2
Anacosta	28 1/2
Arm III	3 1/2
A C L	24 1/2
All Ref	21 1/2
Aviat Corp	4
Baldwin	14 1/2
Bendix Aviat	38
Beth Stl	69 1/2
Boeing Airpl	19 1/2
Borden	20 1/2
Briggs Mfg	17
Budd Mfg	3 1/2
Burl Mills	18 1/2
Cannon Mills	33 1/2
Case J I	65 1/2
Caterpill Trac	39 1/2
Champ P and F	16 1/2
Ches and O	36 1/2
Chrysler	48 1/2
Coca Cola	76
Com'l Credit	17 1/2
Consol Solv	9 1/2
Consol Edis	13 1/2
Con Oil	5 1/2
Cont Can	25 1/2
Corn Prod	55
Curtiss Wright	8 1/2
Doug Airo	68 1/2
Dow Chem	120
Dupont	135 1/2
Eastman Kod	137 1/2
Elec Auto La	23 1/2
Firestone	14 1/2
Freeport Sul	38
Gen Elec	28 1/2
Gen Foods	39
Gen Mot	32 1/2
Goodrich	14 1/2
Goodyear	12 1/2
Int Harvest	48 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	2 1/2
Johns Man	56 1/2
Kennecott	36 1/2
Kroger Groc	28 1/2
Libby O P G I	22
Ligg and Myers B	73
Loews	39
Lorillard	14 1/2
Louis and Nash	71
Mont Ward	28 1/2
Nash Kely	15 1/2
Nat Biscuit	15 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	12 1/2
Nat Dairy Prod	14 1/2
Nat Dist	21 1/2
NY Cent	9 1/2
No Am Aviat	13 1/2
Otis Elev	12 1/2
Pac Mills	19 1/2
Packard	15 1/2
Param Pix	14 1/2
Penny J C	72 1/2
Penn RR	22 1/2
Pepsi Cola	13 1/2
Phillips Pet	40 1/2
Pullman	25
Pure Oil	9 1/2
Radio	3
Rep Stl	18 1/2
Reynolds B	26 1/2
Seab A L	5 1/2
Sears	54
Sou Ry	17 1/2
Sperry	30
Std Brands	4 1/2
Std Oil N J	40 1/2
Stewart Warner	5 1/2
Texas Co	30 1/2
Tex Gulf Sul	34 1/2
Un Carb	71 1/2
Unit Airc	34 1/2
Unit Corp	5 1/2
Unit Drug	5 1/2
US Ind Alco	32 1/2
US Rub	17 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	51 1/2
US Steel	54 1/2
Vanadium	20 1/2
Warner Pic	8 1/2
Western Union	26
West Elec and Mfg	79 1/2
Woolworth	27 1/2
Yell T and C	13 1/2
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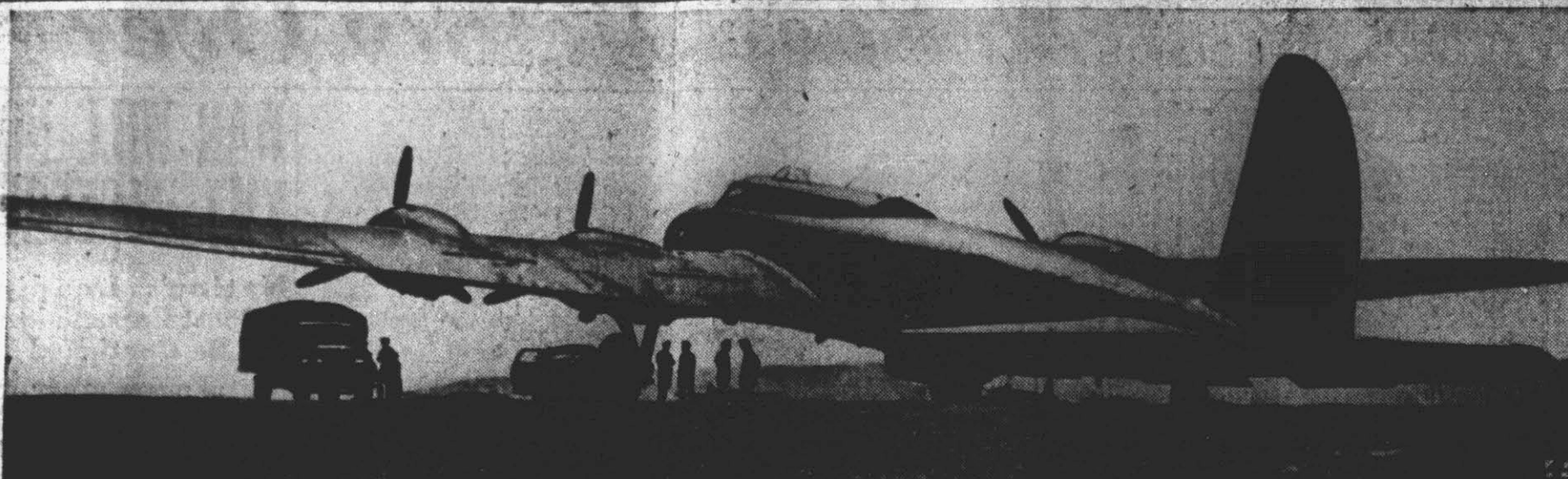
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UNITE EFFORTS TO SAVE IRON

Plans Are Mapped At Meet Of Agricultural Committee
The Over-all Agricultural Program Planning Committee, composed of farm men and women from all neighborhoods in the county, met in the agricultural building Monday night to plan for united efforts on the part of all farmers of the county in the scrap iron collection program and the program to get farm machinery repaired and new parts ordered.

More than 100 farm men and women who were elected by the farmers of the county to represent the different neighborhoods on the agricultural program planning committee, attended this meeting.
In addition to the scrap iron collection program and the repair of farm machinery program, consideration was given to the opening of the new curb market on January 17, the Seed Exposition in Greenville January 30 and 31, the truck crop diseases and insect meeting scheduled for the agricultural building at 2:30 p. m. January 23.

Consideration was given to the proposed referendum to give farmers an opportunity to decide if they want Pitt county to be brought into a soil conservation district with Edgecombe county. Mr. Earl Mercham of State College, was present to explain the Soil Conservation Service program. He used pictures to illustrate his talk.
Announcements were made regarding the poultry short course, plant bed canvas shortage and the use of straw on plant beds where old canvas has to be used.

Agricultural Program Planning committeemen are taking the information regarding these programs back to the farmers in their community and plan to make personal contact in order to put over the programs in an effective way.



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