

AUSTRALIANS MAY TRY COUNTER BLOW

WEDGE DRIVEN IN NAZI LINES BY RED FORCES

Soviets Seeking To Weaken German Spring Drive

HITLER DRAWING ON RESERVE MEN

Berlin Acknowledges Loss Of 1,500,000 Men In Russia; Fuehrer Reported To Be In Kiev

Moscow, March 9.—(AP) Russian soldiers fighting unceasingly in the snow to weaken the expected German spring offensive were reported today to have captured the city of Sychevka, driving a wedge midway between the Nazi strongholds of Rzhev and Vyazma on the central front.

Dispatches from the wintry battle line told of the sweep of the Red army into the city 125 miles due west of Moscow after a two-day battle in which it was stated virtually all of the 15,000 men of the German 48th division were wiped out.

Sychevka is on the 70-mile north-south rail line connecting Rzhev and Vyazma.

The Russians were said to be meeting more and more German reserves on the central front, with Adolf Hitler drawing heavily on his strength in the "deep rear."

On the Leningrad front, where the Russians have been battling at the Nazi siege line, the Soviet Information Bureau said 2,500 enemy soldiers and officers had been wiped out in three days of fighting.

(The staggering cost Germany is paying in Russia was told in a Berlin dispatch to the Bern, Switzerland, newspaper Der Bund. It reported official Berlin circles acknowledged total German losses of 500,000 soldiers since the invasion began last June 22 but said the Germans insisted these losses were "absolutely bearable.")

Before that the last German word on losses in Russia was a statement by Adolf Hitler on December 11 when he declared war against the United States, that all German losses for the Russian war were 162,314 dead, 751,767 wounded, 324 missing.

On December 9, the Communist party organ, Pravda, said in Moscow that the Germans had lost approximately 6,000,000 men killed, wounded and missing.

(These figures were given when the great Russian winter offensive was just beginning to get under way. Since then there have been regular Russian reports of heavy German losses.)

Big steps appeared in the making. Joseph Stalin, Premier and Defense Commissar, who has been devoting considerable attention to the central front, was reported personally planning counter measures along the entire line to meet the expected German drive.

(Stockholm dispatches to London newspapers said Hitler had arrived in Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, to supervise preparations for a spring drive against the Caucasus.)

(It was reported that the Fuehrer had with him Col.-Gen. Franz Halder, chief of the German general staff, and General Alfred Jodl, artillery expert and one of Hitler's most intimate co-workers.)

(A London Sunday Express story from Stockholm said Hitler would have 250 divisions totaling nearly 5,000,000 men for the spring offensive but that the Russians had 500 divisions amounting to 10,000,000 men "waiting to be attacked and then themselves to attack.")

(A special correspondent of the Stockholm Dagens Nyheter reported from Berlin that the great German move was not calculated there to begin earlier than the end of April or May or the beginning of June.)

The Russian communists said last night Red Army ski forces enveloping the 16th German army at Staraya Russa, on the front south of Leningrad, had captured two more villages while nine other places were liberated on the Kalinin front.

Joint Anglo-American Caribbean Commission

"First Casualty"



Private Archie R. Gurkin (above) of Pinetown, N. C., was named the "first casualty" of the war with Japan, by military authorities in Honolulu. Private Gurkin was admitted to Tripler hospital there 20 minutes after the December 7 attack began. He had been shot through the chest and back. He now has returned to duty.

TOLL OF BLAST LISTED AT SIX

Workmen Searching Wreckage For Other Victims

Smithfield, N. C., March 9 (AP)—With the known dead now listed officially at 6, workmen today continued to sift through ruins near here at the scene of a munitions truck explosion which also injured scores, demolished a hotel, and wrecked a row of filling stations and a tavern.

Sheriff Kirby L. Rose of Smithfield said he "wouldn't be at all surprised if some additional human remains are found."

Workmen yesterday discovered some bones which were accepted by Edward E. Howell of Goldsboro as the remains of his son, Willie Howell, 33-year-old Goldsboro taxi driver.

Sheriff Rose said that other fragments were believed to be the remains of Jessie Holloway, 30, missing Goldsboro cafe worker. The other identified dead were Mrs. Minnie Lewis of Raleigh, driver of a sedan which collided with the truck causing a fire which resulted in the explosion; Claude (Buck) Mitchell, Dunn cafe worker; Cecil E. Propst of Lawndale, a game and fish warden; and George Stroupe of Gastonia, commander of a CCC camp at New Holland.

Coroner E. N. Booker of Selma said he had impounded a jury, but that no verdict would be returned until a thorough investigation had been made. This may require a month or two, he added.

He officially listed the death toll at six, but admitted the possibility that additional remains might be found. Booker said he intended to investigate all state laws regarding the transportation of explosives. The accident here, he said, might result in a request for new legislation.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
Wide-World News Analyst

With the Japanese defeat of Java an accomplished fact for all practical purposes, the battle of the Pacific enters a second phase — the effort of the Mikado's forces to consolidate their great gains before retribution overtakes them, and the development of an allied initiative which will operate from Australia and in due course will grow into a counter-offensive.

Unless the signs are all set wrong, the foundations of a powerful base already have been laid in Australia,

Principal Objective to be Encouragement Of Social And Economic Cooperation by United States and Britain; Lease Of Bases By This Country Adds To Importance Of Caribbean Area

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—The creation of an Anglo-American Caribbean Commission, which will seek to encourage and strengthen social and economic cooperation between American and British outposts in the Caribbean, was announced today in a joint communique of the British and American governments.

The commission, which will make studies pertaining to economic and social problems, will have authority only to formulate recommendations for submission to the respective governments.

There will be three American and three British members. With Charles W. Taussig, president of the American molasses company of New York, as one co-chairman, and Sir Frank Stockdale as the other.

President Roosevelt also placed on the commission Rexford G. Tugwell, governor of Puerto Rico, and Coert D. Bos, chief of the state department's Caribbean office.

President Roosevelt also created a Caribbean advisory committee which will make studies "intended to improve the standards of living" in the Caribbean islands. This committee also will have only the power to make recommendations.

Taussig will also serve as chairman of the committee and named to it, along with Tugwell, were: Martin Travieso, justice of the Puerto Rican supreme court; Judge William H. Haste, civilian aide to the secretary of war; and Carl Robinson of California, former president of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

The President had forecast today's action weeks ago when he said that the question of improving economic and social conditions in the Caribbean area through joint studies with Great Britain was under consideration.

The economic and social aspects in the Caribbean islands took on greater importance, from the point of view of British-American cooperation, when Britain, in exchange for 50 destroyers, granted the United States the right to establish naval and air bases at strategic points in the area.

In a statement attached to the joint communique, President Roosevelt took occasion to say that reports had been brought to his attention that the government of the United States was considering asking Britain for "an indefinite prolongation of the 99-year lease for the bases." These reports were branded "entirely untrue."

The President asserted that the United States had "no intention of requesting any modification of the agreements already reached; that the acquisition of the bases granted to the United States would be for the term of 99 years as fixed in those agreements; and that the United States does not seek sovereignty over the islands or colonies on which the bases are located."

The joint communique, released here and in London at noon, did not definitely define the region in which the Caribbean commission will operate.

Hostages Executed
Vichy, Unoccupied France, March 9.—(AP)—The execution of 20 hostages in Paris in reprisal for the slaying of a German sentinel March 1 was announced today.

lia, and further United States reinforcements may be expected in the immediate future. The main forces, of course, will be American and Australian, and that's a happy combination—one to inspire confidence.

The Aussie-Yankee brotherhood in arms was born under a lucky star. The first Anglo-American attack of history was during the first world war when our 33rd division and Australians went over the top

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CONQUEOR OF MALAYA TAKES HOMMA'S POST

General Yamashita Given Command in Philippines

QUIET REPORTED ON BATAAN LINE

Shift In Command May Presage Renewal Of Full-Scale Jap Attempt To Crush MacArthur's Forces

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—The War Department announced today that the Japanese conqueror of Malaya, General Tomoyuki Yamashita, had been transferred to command of the invaders in the Philippines.

General Yamashita succeeds Lieutenant General Masaharu Homma, who is reported to have committed suicide because of chagrin over his failure to destroy General Douglas MacArthur's outnumbered defending force.

The shift of commanders was reported in a communique which said for the past 24 hours, fighting had ceased altogether on the Bataan peninsula front.

Some 600 miles to the south, however, brisk skirmishes were reported in the vicinity of Digos on Davao gulf, on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao.

The nature of developments on Mindanao, where the Japanese have extended their occupation from the area around the city of Zamboanga to the city of Zamboanga was not disclosed.

General Yamashita, the new commander in chief, has established field headquarters at San Fernando, in Pampanga province some 40 miles from the Bataan front lines.

Whether the shift portended a renewal of full-scale attempt to crush General MacArthur's little army was said by a war department spokesman to be a matter of speculation.

The text of the communique number 140, based on reports received up to 9:30 a. m. E. W. T.:

"1. The Philippine theater: 'There was no fighting in Bataan during the past 24 hours.'

In Mindanao there were some brisk skirmishes in the vicinity of Digos, on Davao gulf.

"The new commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in the Philippines is General Tomoyuki Yamashita, who was in command of the successful Japanese drive in Malaya which resulted in the capture of Singapore. General Yamashita succeeds General Homma, who is reported to have committed suicide because of his failure to destroy General MacArthur's troops. The new Japanese commander has established his field headquarters at San Fernando.

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

The reports of the switch in Japanese commanders was eloquent testimony to the extent that General MacArthur has upset the Japanese timetable for the conquest of the island.

General MacArthur, who relayed the information about Homma to the war department yesterday, emphasized that the reports were not yet completely verified but emanated from sources "hitherto regarded as reliable."

Because the undercover system whereby MacArthur obtains information from behind the enemy lines has been uncanny in its efficiency in the past, the capital was inclined to place considerable faith in the reports that General Homma had committed Hari Kar.

"According to these reports," the war department communique said, "the Japanese general's suicide was motivated by the fact that his numerically superior forces had been unable to destroy the American and Philippine defenders of Bataan and Corregidor."

Lost Over North Carolina.
Langley Field Va., March 9 (AP)—The Army disclosed yesterday that one of its bombers had been missing since Thursday on a routine flight over North Carolina and its crew of eight men was believed to have been lost.

On the other side of the continent, a Catalina flying boat bomber crashed into the Columbia river near Tongue Point, Ore., in an attempted takeoff, killing a naval lieutenant and seven enlisted men.

Debris Scattered Widely After Explosion



This debris resulted when a truck and trailer loaded with 30,000 pounds of munitions exploded near Smithfield killing six and injuring approximately 100. At left is the wreckage of a roadside hotel which was demolished. Virtually all windows in Selma, a small town about a mile away, were broken by the blast.

FINISH COURSE IN FIRST AID

Three Classes Just Completed In Pitt County

Classes in Red Cross First Aid have just been completed here and at Ayden and members who successfully completed the courses will be presented with first aid certificates for the standard 20-hour study.

Instructors for the classes here were J. O. Barber and George Wilkerson, while S. P. Peterson conducted the Ayden course.

The courses were sponsored by the Pitt County Red Cross Chapter and were under the direction of C. W. Willard, chapter first aid chairman.

Those completing the local course were F. J. Koonce, Jr., Bethel; Miss Celia Abernathy, Bethel; Mrs. J. O. Edwards, Winterville; Mrs. J. T. Gaylord, Winterville; Paul Hunsucker, Winterville; Miss Lottie Ellis, Winterville; Nelson Hunsucker, Winterville; Mrs. F. McCoy Tripp, Winterville; Mrs. J. D. Mellon, Winterville; and the following from Greenville: Miss Copper Bell, Miss Minnie Lou Blair, Moya Dail, Miss Katherine Davenport, Miss Thelma Exum, Miss Bessie Lee Gray, Mrs. Hunter B. Keck, Miss Almata Mallison, Mrs. T. I. Moore, Miss Josephine Saad, Miss Edna Earle Sexton, Miss Joyce Stokes, Mrs. E. C. Williams, Miss Laura M. Bell, Miss Evelyn Buchanan, Miss Louise Dalton, Miss Virginia Epps, Miss Martha Forrest, Miss Jane Harrison, Mrs. James T. Little, Mrs. Mary S. Moore, Vester Mulchland, Miss Katherine Scott, Mrs. C. W. Schuff, Miss Lucile Turner.

Those completing the course in Ayden were: Mrs. A. R. Cannon, Mrs. Blanche Sumrell, Eugene T. Smith, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Miss Betty Summersell, Mrs. Eugene T. Smith, Mrs. Carrie M. Holmway, Mrs. P. R. Taylor, Mrs. Max McGlothin, Mrs. Burrus S. Pierce, Mrs. Victoria Hart, Miss Mabel Crisp, Mrs. Alma Riddick, Mrs. Luma Crisp, Mrs. Lillie Loftin, Mrs. Mae Harper, Miss Helen M. Dixon and Miss Melba Gaylor of Ayden.

Mrs. J. Ed Cockman of Ayden route Three; Mrs. Martha J. Keel, Mrs. Ella Harrington and Mrs. Nina M. McGlothin of Winterville; Mrs. Willey Gaskins, Miss Bertha Johnson and Miss Nannie L. Ippock of Grifton.

A class for colored also has just been completed here under the direction of Sudie Rasbury. Those completing the study were: Belle M. Atkinson, Howard Clinton Barnhill, Robert Lee Bellomy, Mavis Blow, Violet Dupree, Ethel Ford, Lillian Harv, Sinia King, Lucile Rich, Zenobia Turnage, Martha Thompson, Merle Jenkins, Zelpia Williams.

New Local Firm.
Raleigh, March 9.—(AP)—Appliance Sales and Service Corporation of Greenville received a charter from Secretary of State Thad Eure today to deal in electrical equipment.

A stock of \$10,000 was authorized and \$500 was subscribed by J. T. Little and E. E. Rawl of Greenville and J. B. Smith of Farmville.

During the siege of Boston, the American army used the Harvard buildings as barracks and the college moved to Concord, returning to Cambridge June 21, 1776.

Brazilian Loss

Rio De Janeiro, March 9.—(AP)—The 7,878-ton Brazilian freighter Arbutan was sunk Saturday night 70 miles off Newport News, Va., but all aboard were saved. Permission to publish the news was given today.

The Arbutan, the third Brazilian vessel sunk off the east coast of the United States, was operated by the Lloyd Nacional Line.

Besides her 51 crew members it was reported here that she also had aboard some members of a Brazilian tanker which is being repaired in the United States.

The Arbutan, formerly the Italian ship Capera, was built at San Francisco, Calif., in 1917. She ran aground at Rio De Janeiro in 1926 and was taken over and remodeled by the Brazilian company.

PUTS LIMIT ON FARM BENEFIT

Would Limit Soil Conservation Payment To \$1,000.00

Washington, March 9.—(AP)—House tentatively wrote into the agriculture appropriation bill today a limitation of \$1,000 per person or soil conservation payments.

The present limit is \$10,000. Rep. Johnson (D-Okla.) sponsor of the amendment reducing the amount said it would result in savings of approximately \$50,000,000 annually which would "build a lot of bombs."

Johnson asserted that "drug store farmers" such as insurance companies and banks, were now receiving payments far in excess of \$1,000. The Oklahoma said he knew of cases of families who have "divided up" so each could receive the \$10,000 maximum to circumvent the existing limitation.

Opponents of the amendment said it would discourage land conservation practices.

An amendment offered by Rep. Rees (R-Kas.) to limit the payments to \$500 was defeated.

The administration was marshaling opposition to a rider barring sales of surplus crops at below parity prices as the House debated for the sixth day on the \$695,000,000 agriculture appropriations bill.

FIRST HAND ACCOUNT NAVAL ENGAGEMENT

(Editor's Note:—The following is an eyewitness account of the recent thunderous engagement between United States naval and air arms and Japanese bombers in the "Hornet's Nest" of Japanese mandarin islands. The battle came several weeks after the U. S. fleet's successful raid on the Marshall and Gilbert Islands. It was after that raid that Tokyo sarcastically invited a task force to return to the "Hornet's Nest" in the mandates.)

By TOM YARBOROUGH
With the U. S. Fleet in the Pa-

SINGLE CHIEF IS SUGGESTED

Hill Proposes One Commander For Army, Navy

By JACK BELL
Washington, March 9 (AP)—A proposal that President Roosevelt set up a super war strategy board, headed by a single commander-in-chief for both army and navy was made today by Senator Hill of Alabama, the democratic whip.

Speaking as a veteran member of the Senate Military Affairs committee, Hill told reporters that he had become convinced that immediate unification of command here over land, sea and air forces was necessary if the United States was to develop its maximum military striking power.

Although the Alabama senator professed to be expressing only his personal viewpoint, the fact that the suggestion came from an important administration supporter in Congress was regarded as significant.

Applauding the recent reorganization of the Army which gave the air force equal rank with the ground and supply branches, Hill said he felt the appointment of one supreme commander for army, navy and air, operating under the President, would carry this principle to its logical conclusion.

"We must concentrate all of our forces and resources in one great striking machine and if we are going to have this machine working at maximum efficiency, the three main components of our military forces must be co-ordinated and integrated to the greatest possible extent," he declared.

"That can not be done," he continued, "unless there is a super staff, headed by a supreme commander, working here in Washington to make strategy decisions and to assume the responsibility of co-ordinating our military efforts."

The same sort of co-ordination ought to be carried out in the field, he declared, with one commander charged with the employment of army, navy and air branches in the accomplishment of any assigned military task. He said he was informed progress toward this goal had been made in the fighting theaters.

Hill pointed out, however, that in Washington only the busy President had actual authority to co-ordinate the work of the Army and Navy, since both branches operated as individual units, each having its own air force.

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Is Seriously Threatened By Japanese

Fall of Bandoeng Acknowledged, but Reports That Java Surrendered are Denied Emphatically; British War Office Says Contact Maintained though Capital is Being Abandoned

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH
Associated Press War Editor
While a new tentacle of the Japanese offensive curled closer to Australia along the Coral Sea, with two footholds gained in easternmost New Guinea and a third threatened, the Australian war cabinet struggled today with the problem of delivering a counter-stroke.

Japan appeared to have reached a cross-roads in her far-spread operations—whether to attempt a mop-up of Burma for a drive into India or to tackle the Australian continent. The possibility that she would try both at once was slim. Glib claims that the Netherlands East Indies had been totally conquered and that Rangoon, gateway to the Burma road, was occupied were fiercely challenged by the Dutch and British.

The British war office insisted as late as 12:30 p. m. EWT, that it was still in communication with Rangoon, but a British announcement at New Delhi said that the defenders were withdrawing after dynamiting facilities of value to the enemy in that great port city.

The Japanese declared that Rangoon had been occupied since Sunday.

The Dutch had not yet confirmed the Japanese account of general capitulation and unconditional surrender in Java. Tokyo said that 98,000 soldiers gave up at the last two strong points, Bandoeng and Soerabaya, and that besides the main Dutch force the captives included 5,000 British and American soldiers.

If true, the loss in manpower was greater than in Malaya and Singapore.

"Whatever the outcome of military operations in The Netherlands East Indies," said a Dutch government statement, "the power of The Netherlands East Indies authorities there, whether military or civil, do not extend beyond arrangements regarding cessation of local military operations."

"The Dutch said that, although the island was overrun by the Japanese, the defenders, the central force of Dutch troops with Australian, British and American allies, would 'defend the Indies until the death.' There had been no evacuation of troops from Java, they insisted.

A report by the Berlin radio said that Japanese shock troops and armored units had occupied the Java naval base, Soerabaya.

A British military commentator for a second day insisted there was no confirmation of the Japanese claim to have occupied Rangoon. Although he explained that the garrison there had started yesterday to blow up the last permanent military installations in the city.

Reports so far indicated that the right flank of the Japanese, centered on the Pegu district, 40 miles north of Rangoon, where British tanks shouldered the burden of the defensive stand ordered by Lieutenant General Sir H. R. L. G. Alexander.

It was announced in New Delhi only today that Alexander had succeeded in the Burma command in a March 5 displacement of Lieut. Gen. T. Hutton as commanding general officer.

The Japanese were admitted to have cut the Rangoon-Mandalay railway, first leg of the now abandoned supply route to free China, but the attacking forces were described as patrols.

The Japanese, however, told the story of a general attack launched on Rangoon at 9 p. m. Saturday when the Japanese right wing surprised a defense encampment near Mingaladon which resulted in encirclement of the city.

Japanese Imperial headquarters said occupation of Rangoon was completed yesterday.

"With the fall of Rangoon the main objective of Japanese operations on the Burma front has been attained," the announcement said.

A British dispatch from Adelaide, Australia, said that the Australian governor-general of the N. E. I., Dr. Hubertus J. Van Mook, and 14 members of the islands' governing council arrived there yesterday.

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Social and Personal

Captain Ed Waldrop and Captain Howard Mays of Fort Jackson, spent the week-end at their homes in Greenville.

Mr. Jack Spain of Washington, D. C., spent the week-end at his home in Greenville.

Mrs. D. H. Gower of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver of Wilmington, were Greenville visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ola Ray Stubbs and children, former residents of Greenville, were here today en route to their home in Charlotte from Washington.

Mrs. Earl Forbes has gone to Bowling Green, Ky., to visit relatives. Mrs. W. W. Phelps has gone to Morehead City to spend several days.

Lieutenant Charles King of Norfolk, spent Friday and Saturday at his home in Greenville.

Richard Gaylord was at home from Fort Jackson yesterday.

Miss Elizabeth Suggs, a student at St. Mary's Junior College in Raleigh, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Suggs.

Herbert White Lee was at home from Chapel Hill for the week-end.

Jeter Oakley of Newport News, Va., is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Oakley, on Washington street.

Mrs. Harvey Turnage has returned to Washington, D. C., after spending the week-end in Greenville with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Galloway.

Mr. Lew E. Sumner of Fayetteville, was here today.

Harvey Turnage, Jr., and W. M. Scales, Jr., students at Fishburne Military School, are spending their spring vacations in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Long and little son, Jimmie, have returned from a trip to Florida.

The P. T. A. of the Third street school will meet Wednesday, March 11, at 8:15 o'clock.

This is to be a program dealing with the health of our children. Dr. M. B. Massey and Dr. J. B. Hawes will be guest speakers. All parents and friends interested in the welfare of children are cordially invited to be there.

Training School P. T. A. The P. T. A. of the Training school will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. D. M. Clark will talk on "A Mother's Care of Her Children in a World at War," which will be followed by an open forum.

Immanuel Baptist Y. W. A. The Y. W. A. of the Immanuel Baptist Church will meet on Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock with Miss Lela Higgs.

Nurses Association To Meet. The regular meeting of the District No. 4 of the N. C. Nurses Association will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Woman's Club.

King's Daughters To Meet. The Patient Circle of the King's Daughters will meet on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Richard Williams.

Lyceum Program At Winterville. The last of the series of Lyceum courses sponsored by the Winterville P. T. A. will be given Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock in the elementary auditorium.

Georgina Ballina presents an authentic program of Spanish and Mexican folk songs and dances. Senorita Ballina's accompanying artist, Carmen Silva, is an excellent pianist who has concurred in the United States as well as in Mexico.

School men endorse Senorita Ballina's program as being not only delightfully entertaining, but also definitely instructive. The public is invited to attend.

Contest Play. The cast of characters for the contest play which the Chi Pi Players of East Carolina Teachers College will enter in the district preliminary for the North Carolina dramatics festival at Raleigh on March 27 has been selected. For the chief roles the selections are as follows: Russell Rogers of Greensville, Bernice Freeman of Hickory, Lois Sessions of Asheville, Jack Young of Burnsville, Janie Eakes of Greenville, and Fenly Spear of Chapel Hill.

Extras include Donald Perry of Washington; Billy Gower of Crossnore; Hazel Harris of Asheville; Alice Perrebe of Errol; Jina White of Scotland Neck; Mary Sue Moore of Greenville; Helen Flynn of Washington; Gretchen Webster of Leesburg; Dorothy Wyckoff of Castle Haynes; Osborne Lewis of Marshallburg; and Dave Owens of Pineyons.

The play will be directed by Clifton Britton, with Ruth Bray as assistant director and Christine Helten as prompter. Ophelia Brooks, president of the Chi Pi Players, will act as stage manager.

The E. C. T. C. dramatics club now has 47 members, practically all of whom have taken part in some production of the year.

The vice-president, Margie Dudley, the secretary, Janie Eakes, and the treasurer, Christine Helten, are all Greenville students.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
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The Monday-morning-before-day (usually caught Sunday) were in evidence this morning.

The frogs are now playing the game of croquet.

Garden seed will soon be wanting the earth—and they'll get it.

To Speak At A. A. U. W. Meet. At a special meeting to which the public is invited, Miss Velma McConnell, educational director of the Memorial Baptist Church, will speak tonight at 8 o'clock in Sheppard Memorial Library on the topic "Things Chinese."

The lecture is being given at the request of the International Relations Committee of the A. A. U. W., of which Mrs. Robert Lee Humber is chairman.

Miss McConnell spent some time in China teaching music and doing religious work among the students of the University of Shanghai and one of the high schools of the city. And her work brought her in contact with people of all classes in China. Those interested in a better understanding of the people of China are invited to hear the speaker.

Recovering. The friends of Mr. Ben Harris of this city will be glad to know that he is recovering nicely from an operation in Elizabeth Burton Hospital, Newport News, Va.

Guided To Meet. The Guild of the Eighth Street Christian Church will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Larry Tighman, 301 East Ninth street.

Christian Science Service. "Man" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science Churches and Societies on Sunday, March 8.

The golden text was from Mal. 2:16. "Have we not one father? hath not one God created us?"

Among the citations which comprised the lesson-sermon was the following from the Bible: "And God said, Let us make man in our image after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

So God created man in his own image; male and female created he them." (Gen. 1:26-27)

The lesson-sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God. Man is idea, the image, of Love; he is not physique. He is the compound idea of God, including all right ideas; the generic term for all that reflects God's image and likeness; the conscious identity of being as found in Science, in which man is the reflection of God, or Mind, and therefore is eternal; that which has no separate mind from God; that which has not a single quality undervived from Deity; that which possesses no life, intelligence, nor creative power of his own, but reflects spiritually all that belongs to his Maker."

Jane Austen Book Club Meets. Stokes, March 9.—On last Thursday afternoon, March 5, Mrs. J. B. Congleton was hostess to the members of the Jane Austen Book Club.

The lower floor of the lovely home was thrown in suite and was tastefully decorated with spring flowers.

The club president, Mrs. W. E. Cherry, conducted the business session, during which time the chairman of the defense committee announced that the members of her committee and several members of other local organizations had decided to meet with the local Home Demonstration club members and co-operate with them in any defense work being conducted in the community.

The program of the afternoon was presented by Mrs. W. F. Stokes, very ably assisted by Miss Katherine McCles at the piano. Mrs. Stokes portrayed the use of a little Russian Jewish immigrant lad from his start as a paper-carrier in East Side

New York to the now nationally famed popular song writer whose song "God Bless America" is being sung not only in our own America, but in the islands of the Pacific, in Iceland, Ireland and London, and in any other part of this world wherever our American soldiers are stationed. We were also treated to the music of others of Irving Berlin's compositions, which included "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "Angels of Mercy," "The President's Birthday Ball," and a medley of other compositions.

The hostess, assisted by Mesdames J. A. Tyson and J. L. Mooring, served a delectable salad course expressing the Saint Patrick's Day motif. Invited guests for the meeting were Mesdames Katherine McCles, Edna Melton; Antoinette Charles, and Mesdames J. L. Mooring and J. A. Tyson.

WE'VE DONE OUR HITCH IN HELL

(The following poem has been received from Cadet James C. Page of this county who is stationed at Sheppard Field, Tex.)

I am sitting here and thinking of the things I left behind, And I have to put on paper what is running through my mind. We've dug a million ditches and cleaned ten miles of ground. A meaner place this side of Hell is waiting to be found.

But there's one small consolation—gather closely while I tell. When we die we'll go to Heaven, for we've done our hitch in Hell.

We've killed a million rats that crawled out of our food, We've pulled a million centipedes out of our dirty boots, We've marched a million miles, and made a million camps;

The grub we've had to eat, at times, has given us the cramps. But when our work on earth is done, our friends behind will tell, They surely went to Heaven, for they done their hitch in Hell.

We've built a million kitchens for the cooks to stew our beans, We've stood a million guard mounts and we never acted mean, We've washed a million mess kits, and peeled a million spuds,

We've rolled a million blanket rolls, and washed the Captain's duds. The parades we've stood is very hard to tell, But we'll parade in Heaven, for we've done our hitch in Hell.

When final taps are sounded and we've laid aside life's cares, We'll do our last parade upon the golden stairs. The Angels all will welcome us, and harps will start to play,

We'll draw a million canteen checks, and spend them all one day. The great Commanding General will smile on us and tell, Take a front seat, soldiers—you've done your hitch in Hell.

—Author—Some Soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The leaders' association will meet Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Girl Scout office. This announcement was made by Mrs. J. T. Cheatham, Jr., president of the association. All leaders are urged to attend.

The radio program Tuesday afternoon will be an interview between Mrs. E. L. Henderson, treasurer of the Girl Scout Council, and Mr. Walsh. The subject is "Girl Scouting is Defense."

There will be a radio program over WGTC Thursday night in celebration of the 30th birthday of Girl Scouting in the United States. The program is being directed by Mrs. Ed Anthony and Girl Scouts and council members will take part. Be sure to tune in for this.

There will be a meeting of the camp committee in the Girl Scout office Friday morning at 11:30. Dr. S. M. Crisp, chairman of the committee, made the announcement.

Library News

Satisfying That Literary Urge. Ever so often some of us have an urge toward some reading that is a bit literary. It may be just a desire to know more about our favorite author, or how critics rate the writings of those whom we appreciate.

This is anticipated with little joy by the students. The general opinion of the students is "We can get along without you very well."

Spring Concert. The annual spring concert of the band and glee club will be presented Tuesday night, March 17. There will be an admission charge of 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

Grimesland News. Mr. Ben Proctor of Rocky Mount, was the week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. Mattie Proctor.

Miss Reba Lee Elks of Burlington, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Elks.

Friends of Mr. J. P. Carr will be sorry that he is ill with influenza. Mr. William Proctor of Fayetteville, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mattie Proctor.

Mrs. Ethel Tucker was the guest of Miss Lewis in Emporia, Va., over the week-end.

Mr. Carl Bareroot of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Majette.

Mrs. Lela Belle Hoell and Miss Reba Lee Elks were in Selma Sunday.

Mrs. Gilbert Hale of Washington, spent Saturday afternoon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Elks.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Elks and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elks were in Selma Sunday.

Mr. Cecil Clark spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clark.

Flood Hazard. The flood hazard in this area increased yesterday with steady rain that followed the melting of last week's 17-inch snowfall.

Streams rose steadily and there was no sign of abatement. The earth absorbed little of the water.



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Monday, March 9, 1942

Royal Air Force Hammers At Krupp Munition Works

RAID ON ESSEN FIRST OF YEAR

Night Raiders Spread Over Entire Ruhr District

London, March 9.—(AP)—The RAF hammered at Essen, the home of Germany's great Krupp munition works, last night, keeping up a "round-the-clock" schedule of air blows at industrial centers behind German lines, the Air Ministry announced today.

Essen, to which the RAF was returning for the first time since last November 8 and 9 when the Krupp works also were heavily bombed, was the chief target of night raiding which spread over the industrial Ruhr district. Nazi air fields in occupied Holland and France and docks at Ostend and Le Havre also were bombed.

Eight British bombers failed to return.

The assault followed a daylight raid on the Matford plant at Poles yesterday—the second RAF assault in six days on factories in the Paris area supplying the Nazi war machine—and was described as "on much the same scale" as the heavy bombing of the Renault works near Paris last Tuesday night.

Flames spouting so high that low-flying British fighters could look up at them were left by the RAF at the Matford plant.

United States-built Douglas "Bostons" carried out that raid, it was disclosed. Aircraft of that type have been in action for the fighter command for some time, equipped especially for night combat and known as the "Havoc."

The Matford motor truck factory, eight miles west of the German-occupied French capital, reputed to produce 20 trucks a day for Germany, was hit directly by British bombs and others burst in an adjacent truck yard, the Air Ministry announced.

The raid, carried out in bright daylight virtually unopposed by the German air force, was the capping blow of a busy week-end for the RAF illustrating the advice of Colonel Britton, the radio voice of the "V-for-Victory Campaign," to "keep away from any work that is helping the Germans. The Royal Air Force is coming again more and more often."

Canadian airmen began the series Saturday night with a smash which scattered great fires in the dock area of St. Nazaire, the German-held French submarine base.

While a compact bombing force was making the main raid yesterday, other RAF units bombed a power station at Comines, near Lille; railroad yards at Abbeville; and destroyed two German fighters.

Berlin.—(From German Broadcast)—March 9.—(AP)—German bombers dropped high explosive and incendiary bombs last night on harbor areas along the Humber and Tyne rivers on the British east coast, the Nazi high command announced today.

(Hull is the main port on the Humber and Newcastle is situated near the mouth of the Tyne.)

The high command also reported that German fighters had destroyed six barrage balloons on the south coast of Britain and set fire to a small merchant ship.

The Germans said British planes which attacked several places in western Germany during the night, caused civilian casualties but no military damage.

Eight British raiders were reported shot down over the Paris area and elsewhere in occupied France, yesterday.

Dangerous Baggage

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter 34

Sharon was still standing at the window when she thought she heard the sound of a car on the road above the house. Flipping open the ash, she leaned out, and this time distinctly heard the sound of an engine.

Voices in the living room behind her stopped short. They had heard that engine's purring too.

A moment later the growl of another motor up the grade. Then another! They had found the trail. It was Tom, all right, her heart rejoiced. But what if they did follow the false clues of that abandoned car?

She drew back glancing frantically about the bedroom as if some brilliant scheme might be written on the bright wallpaper.

Sharon stood there by the window for at least an hour. The sun had burst over the last jagged ridge, slanted warm rays at her now. But with every moment, Sharon's hopes turned to despair.

Then she saw someone. A man so far down the ravine she couldn't be sure at first that he wasn't a figment of her own imagination. Moving slowly up the river channel. He'd stopped now stood looking up the steep incline straight towards the house! But not seeing it, of course Sharon realized instantly. He was turning away. In another moment he'd have gone!

Frantic now she turned back to the little room made one last desperate search for ideas—found one! Snatching up the hand mirror from the dressing table she flung open the window turned the mirror toward the sun. Years ago when she was a little girl, she'd signaled her chum so.

The man in the ravine still stood looking up the hillside. He turned once as if to go back along the way he had come. Sharon repressed a little moan. She could follow the reflected beam of sunshine only a little way down the steep slope.

At last he seemed to notice. For several moments he looked directly toward the little stone house. Then, abruptly he turned, walked out of sight.

Sharon sagging to her knees, dropped her head on her arm and wept quietly. It was too much to have hoped he'd really see it. It only made her despair more unbearable now!

Her tears spent, finally, she took up her post at the keyhole again. Goodwin and the Countess—their calm confidence in their own cleverness dragged Sharon's hopes into apathy so that when the miracle

did happen she was afraid to trust her own senses!

At first she was aware of the persistent call of some bird. Nothing like any song she'd heard before. Idly she lifted her head from the window sill looked out. There it came again. Nearer this time. Then, again, nearer.

Then she saw Tom. Not really, of course—just dreaming that she looked out there on that ravine—and saw Tom. He stood almost hidden by shrubbery. He was smiling now.

Bons later—while Sharon counted the seconds—the first shot came from down the ravine. Sharon wondered about that, raced back to the window to see.

From the next room, she heard Goodwin shout, "Edda, there's someone in the ravine. Watch this door while I take a look at the back. It may just be someone hunting jackrabbits."

More shots from the ravine and this time they were answered from the stone cabin. After that, Sharon couldn't tell where the reports came from. She could only fling herself face down on the floor and pray that this time Tom would not hold his fire because of her.

Then, as suddenly as the firing had begun, it was all over. The peaceful morning quiet fused quickly over the shattering echoes. And the sound of Tom's voice, steady, cool, in the next room.

"All right Goodwin, just keep them up until we get the bracelets on." Then, "Don't move please. Mrs. Goodwin, until you're ordered to do so."

Fighting her way back through a great roaring that deafened her, Sharon heard someone calling her. "Sharon! Sharon, honey! What have they done to you?"

It was Tom. She tried, but at first couldn't answer. Couldn't even open her eyes.

When she did, she was looking straight into his.

"Tom!" she whispered, and tried to smile.

Tom's arms tightened and, lifting her gently, he carried her out to the long sofa in the living room, laid her on the cushions. Then, sitting down beside her, he took both her hands in his.

"I've got a lot to say to you, Sharon," he began earnestly. "I don't know where to begin."

She smiled and the color began to seep back into her white face.

And with the kiss Tom pressed against her lips, the clouded darkness of yesterday's despair gave way to the glorious break of a new day.

THE END

SHOW BOAT GIRL By ROBERTA COURTLAND

Chapter One

Lamp's Out

"Old Al's sure growing," said Gran, peering anxiously out of the window, against which the fury of storm of an early spring rain was hurling itself spitefully. Beyond the little ancient cabin perched high on a bluff above the writhing, twisting yellow river the trees bent their newly-leaved branches humbly before the fury of the wind.

"I know," answered Melissa anxiously as she pulled on her oilskin slicker and tucked the warmly red-lined masses of her curls beneath the brim of her ancient soot-colored hat. "The boys on the river will need plenty of light tonight."

Gran turned swiftly her wrinkled old face taut with anxiety, her faded eyes frightened behind their old-fashioned steel-rimmed spectacles.

"You ain't goin' to take the boat out tonight?" she pleaded.

"Of course not," answered Melissa soothingly. "I'll walk around to the Point—it's not far. I'll be back by the time supper's ready."

Gran watched her pick up the coal-oil can and protested, "But you just filled and cleaned the lamp this morning."

Melissa nodded. "But it's just the sort of day for some moonshiner to decide that the best grade of coal-oil to keep his mash at the right temperature is the kind that Uncle Sam furnishes the lamp tenders, she answered cheerfully."

She let herself out into the fury of the spring storm and gasped as the wind all but lifted her off the flat stone that made the step of the little cabin. She paused for a moment to look down at the furious yellow river, a great, snarling, yellow beast that roared and screamed as it hurled itself between its banks, reaching lawlessly for lowlands, biting viciously at the cliffs that men had thought could keep the Mississippi chained.

But darkness was close at hand and she had a walk of almost a mile to light the lamp that, set high above the steep cliff at the Point, formed a beacon for the guidance of river-pilots and others who used the great river as a thoroughfare. So she set off at a brisk pace, head tucked against the fury of the wind.

Through dripping woods, along a narrow path that had been cut by the feet of her father, her grandfather and her great-grandfather on their way to tend the lamp at Black Point, she hurried as fast as she could. To her sharp relief, the lamp had not been molested since morning, when she had turned out its flame, cleaned its glass and filled its basin fresh.

She lighted it and fastened it high on the pole that held it, so that its small yellow flame, burning steadily through the mist and storm of the black Mississippi night, would tell the river-pilots when they were in danger of losing their course.

She stood for a moment, her task finished, and looked from the high cliff-bank down at the writhing twisting yellow river. The old Mississippi was a majestic sight at any

time; but now, swollen with heavy spring rains, with the rising waters of its tributaries, it was a fearsome sight that made Melissa shudder a little as she looked down at the wicked yellow tongues that snapped and bit at the base of the cliff on which the Black Point lamp was burning steadily.

And then, because darkness was close at hand, she turned and hurried back toward the little cabin, the windows of which shone a homely welcome to her through the thickening dusk.

She had been born here in this little old cabin as her father had been before her, and his father before him. Her grandmother had come to this cabin as a bride; and the cabin had been old then. Built of logs, fastened together with hand-made pegs, there was not a nail in it. Sturdy and staunch and weather beaten it would cheerfully offer shelter to other generations to come.

Tough Job

As she thrust open the door and the wind blew her into the main room of the cabin, the fragrance of home-cured ham sizzling in an iron skillet brushed her nostrils, and Gran said anxiously, "You're back. Everything must have been all right."

"It was, thank goodness," Melissa answered as she shed her oilskins and mopped her dripping face with the coarse towel hanging on a nail.

"It's a grand night for staying close to the fire, with a good book."

"Supper's ready," said Gran happily, as always vastly relieved that Melissa had made her trip to the lamp and returned safely.

But supper the fury of the storm increased; and when they went to bed, a little before nine, the study little house was being buffeted by a screaming wind that made Melissa's nerves crisp and tingle a little. But she was tired and she fell asleep almost instantly.

She had, of course, no way of knowing what awakened her, nor how long she had slept; but she came to herself with the sharp, instinctive knowledge that something was wrong. She sat up in bed and listened. The storm seemed to have lessened a little. She drew back the curtain beside her window and peered out into the darkness.

For a moment she didn't realize what was wrong. And then the realization struck her, even as she slid out of bed and began to dress with fingers that flew at their task.

Gran, always a light sleeper, was awake, demanding swiftly, "What's wrong, Liss? What're you doing up?"

"The lamp's out," said Melissa briefly, and reached for the big flashlight that was always kept close at hand.

"Oh, my God—a cave-in," whispered Gran, in a tone sharp with panic.

"I'm afraid so, darling—but don't worry. I'll get the lantern up—Melissa had gone before she finished the last word, and Gran's protest followed her as she raced

out of the house, pulling her slicker about her, buttoning it with her free hand, her flashlight tucked securely under one arm, the emergency lantern provided for such a moment as this held tightly in her hand.

The thing that every Mississippi lamp-tender and his family dreads above all else is a cave-in. The river, licking at the base of cliffs and bluffs, eats away the earth until suddenly the bank folds in on itself and slips down into the water, where only a bit of dirty yellow foam marks its passing.

And since the lamps that guide river-pilots are fastened to the tops of these bluffs and cliffs, that means that for the time being the guiding lamp is out; as swiftly as is humanly possible the emergency lantern must be swung from a tree as close as possible to the spot from which the lamp had been accustomed to burn.

Out Of The Storm

Melissa's father had lost his life in a cave-in, as had her grandfather. But the memory of that did not deter her now as she hurried as fast as she could along the narrow path their feet had made, on her errand. Lamp-lighting had been a part of the family life for four generations; and deeply instilled in Melissa was the thought the light must be kept burning, at no matter what cost to herself.

Fortunately there was a tree near the edge of the broken, jagged lip that showed there the cliff with its steadily burning lamp had gone down. Climbing the tree so that the light could be hung as high as possible, that its feeble yellow glow might reach its absolute limit, was not easy in that storm; but gritting her teeth, and convincing a little as the skin of one palm was torn and a knee badly scratched, Melissa reached the goal she had set for herself and wedged the lantern securely in place, drawing a little sigh of relief as the light glowed steadily forth.

She could take her time about the return trip to the cabin except that Gran would be frantic with worry until she got back. She drew a long, hard breath, buttoned the oilskins more snugly beneath her chin and set out, the round white beam of her powerful flashlight cutting like a sharp knife through the thick gloom.

She had gone halfway to the cabin before she became conscious of a sound above the storm that was alien—a sound that for a moment froze her in her tracks, while her heart thumped with a sudden terror to which she was entirely unaccustomed.

The woods all about her were alive with small game; hunters had even taken a few bears some miles inland; and the dread Black Swamp a mile away was known to be the haunt of huge alligators. But she'd never been molested on this path. Could it be that the storm had driven some evil thing from its lair?

There! It came again—a long drawn out mournful sound. An animal? Something that ever it was, was between her and the cabin. So much the sound had told her.

She knew, too, that her flashlight made her clearly visible to whatever it was. Her heart knocked against her ribs, and for one of the few times in her life she knew actual terror that made her palms cold with sweat. And that swelled the tongue in her mouth until her throat closed against any sound.

Something plunged lumberingly toward her through the darkness. She swung the beam of her light upon it, and her knees knocked together in a sharp emotion that was midway between relief and fear, because the round white beam of her light showed her a man, not an animal, coming lumberingly towards her, swaying, stumbling, clutching at the bushes as he came. She saw that he was young; that he was dressed in hunting clothes that were torn and mud-stained as though he had plunged through briar patches and fallen in the mud.

"Thank—thank the Lord!" he stammered as he came closer and propped his swaying body against the trunk of a huge live-oak, peering through the darkness that lay beyond the round white beam that seemed to pin him against the blackness behind him.

"Take that thing out of my eyes can't you? You're blinding me. Who the devil are you?"

To Be Continued

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

North Carolina—Pitt County.

In The Superior Court

Home Building & Loan Association

—vs.—

Mabel C. Butler, appearing by her Guardian Ad Litem, Frank E. Brooks.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in a decree entered by the Superior Court of Pitt County on the 20th day of February, 1942, in that certain civil action entitled "Home Building & Loan Association vs. Mabel C. Butler," the undersigned Commissioner appointed therein will offer for sale for cash before the Court House door in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, at

12:00 o'clock, Noon, on

Monday, April 6, 1942

the following described real estate to-wit:

Those certain lots of land known and designated as Lots Nos. 35 and 36 in Block "L" of the Lang property, reference being made to map recorded in Map Book 1, page 207, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County: BEGINNING at the northwest intersection of Summit and First Streets, and running thence northwardly with the western line of Summit Street fifty (50) feet to a stake; thence westwardly and parallel with First Street one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to a stake; thence southwardly and parallel with Summit Street fifty (50) feet to the north-

Henderson Illustrates 'No Tire' Testimony



Pointing to the sharp decline in "operating surplus" of the United Nations' rubber supply, Leon Henderson, price administrator, uses charts in his testimony before the Senate Defense Investigating Committee in Washington. Henderson told the committee "not a single pound of crude rubber" would be available for new tires or re-treads on passenger cars of the ordinary citizen.

A.E.F. Reinforcements Reach Northern Ireland



Laden with their fighting equipment and duffel, soldiers of the second contingent of the American Expeditionary Force disembark at a port in Northern Ireland. This picture was radioed from London.

ern line of First Street; thence eastwardly with First Street to the BE-GINNING, and being the same property conveyed by Jesse Speight and others to Mabel C. Butler by deed recorded in Book X-15, page 476, and being the same property

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. G. Moye, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit

them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of February, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 11th day of Feb., 1942.

JESSE R. MOYE, II.

Administrator of J. G. Moye.

Dec'd.

J. B. James, Atty.

Feb. 12-11w-6wk.

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix on the estate of Charlie James, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of March, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of March, 1942.

NANNIE L. JAMES, Executrix

of the Estate of Charlie James.

J. B. James, Atty.

Mar. 4-11w-6wk.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina—Pitt County.

In The Superior Court.

Linwood I. Rouse

—vs.—

Sophia L. Rouse

The defendant, Sophia L. Rouse, will hereby take notice that a civil action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Pitt County by the plaintiff for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce from the said defendant upon the grounds of two year's separation; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to be and appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County at his office in Greenville, N. C., and defend her interests, if any she has, within thirty days after the completion of the service of this notice, and file such pleading as she may desire, or the relief demanded in the complaint filed herein will be granted.

This the 4th day of March, 1942.

J. F. HARRINGTON,

Clerk Superior Court.

Harding & Lee, Atty.

Mar. 5-11w-4wk.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executors of the estate of Julia Ann Arnold and L. A. Arnold, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned or their Attorney named below on or before March 5, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 5th day of March, 1942.

MRS. LETHA SUMRELL,

L. H. ARNOLD,

Executors of Estate of Julia Ann Arnold and L. A. Arnold.

Dink James, Atty.

Mar. 5-11w-6wk.

WANT ADS PAY

Cotton Insurance Open To Farmers

Raleigh, March 9.—Success of the cotton crop insurance program now being offered to North Carolina farmers probably will be a determining factor in extending crop insurance to other money crops grown in this state, according to E. Y. Floyd of State College state AAA executive officer.

Mr. Floyd said preliminary reports from over the state indicate the insurance plan, available for the first time this year, is being well received in many areas.

"The insurance is not a money-making proposition," he said, "but it protects the producer an opportunity to protect his yield against partial and total loss. It protects him against damage from causes beyond his control, such as floods, drought, fire, insects, and diseases."

He said application may be made at county AAA offices where premium rates and insurable yields for each individual farm are on file, or with county and community committees. Closing date for applications is March 16, and none will be accepted after that time, he said.

Only Three Cases In Today's Police Court

A wreck case and two drunkenness charges were the only cases disposed of in Municipal court this morning.

Pittman Hines, white, and C. C. Wiggins, colored, were the defendants in the wreck case. Wiggins was acquitted, but Hines was convicted and ordered to pay a \$15 fine and had his driving licenses suspended for six months or until he pays for damages to Wiggins' car.

Sylvester Vick and Woodrow Parrisher, both white, were the two defendants tried on drunkenness charges. Each was given a 30-day sentence, suspended upon payment of costs of court.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY. When Hannibal, the military genius of ancient Carthage, was planning his attack on Rome, it was pointed out to him that it would be impossible for him to invade Italy. One by one his generals made it plain that every means of access was closed. Hannibal's reply was, "I will find a way or make one." The way he found involved a laborious climb up one side of the Alps and down the other, elephants and all; and although he lost half his army, he was ready with a well-seasoned group of soldiers to perform military wonders.

People of spirit who really want to accomplish something, never allow themselves to be discouraged by the pessimism of their associates or forestalled by difficulties. If a man is worth his salt, he says, as he confronts a difficult situation, "I will find a way to overcome this thing or I will make a way." It is astounding what the human will can do when it is reinforced with the conviction that the cause it supports is a right one. To defeat a man's plans, you must first defeat the man's spirit, and when you do that, the thriving aside of his plans is not a matter of great difficulty. But given a man who will not be defeated in his heart, and he will make it hot for anyone or anything that stands in his pathway and disputes his right to proceed. Triumph is in store for anyone who has the courage and faith to say, "I will find a way or make one."

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TIME FOR VICHY TO MAKE UP ITS MIND

The R. A. F. has again highly bombed French industries near Paris that are manufacturing supplies for the Nazis. Frankly, we can't see any reason for Vichy to protest such action. To all practical purposes occupied France is German territory and if the Allies lose this war it is in truth German. If France hopes to ever regain its freedom it must come at the hands of the victorious United Nations, and in view of this it seems to us that Vichy should be trying to tie herself closer to the Allies than its present actions would indicate. The time is at hand when France must align herself wholeheartedly with the Axis or the Allies.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS TAKE NOTICE

The National Youth Administration has notified all its branches that every phase of its work, with the exception of that bearing directly on the war effort, will be terminated at once. The order to the local NYA Center says: "Eliminate those projects that are not turning out war production workers to go into the war effort and the Army and Navy. There must be no idle machines and no lost man-hours. Every man-hour and every machine should be used to turn out articles of war on a production basis. There can be no compromise with anything which might oppose this plan of action. In times of these action and results

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are mandatory."

It is hoped that the action taken by the NYA will be an example to every government department and every phase of public activity, and that the government will also take steps to see to it that the plan is put into effect in every private industry.

Truly this is no time for "compromise" with anything that might delay our efforts in winning the war.

Washington Daybook

By Jack Stoen

Washington—It's hard to say which Washington lacks most—office help, or room for the office help to live.

The Civil Service Commission has taken steps toward meeting both shortages. On the one hand, for the duration of the war it has let down some of the bars regulating appointment to civil service jobs. On the other, it has virtually suspended the state quota system, under which civil service appointments were portioned out among the states according to population. Suspending the state quota system means that while the war lasts the government can draw on qualified workers who live within commuting distance in Maryland and Virginia.

The Civil Service Commission, proceeding under White House au-

thorization, has suspended the quota system as it applies to jobs which pay less than \$1,440 a year to start and higher-paid jobs which couldn't be filled otherwise. This would cover about 90 per cent of the federal appointments in Washington and in the nation at large. The new rulings, of course, apply to federal employees everywhere.

Here is a brief of the new temporary procedure, to go into operation March 18:

1. For positions for which competitive examinations usually are held, the Commission will accept as many applications as it figures there will be jobs to fill, with a little lee-way.
2. Applicants will be examined in the order in which they applied.
3. Those taking the examinations will be classified as "eligible" or "ineligible" instead of being numbered according to their grade.
4. The Commission may go outside the "eligible" list to recruit higher types of personnel for certain positions.

This procedure is intended only to relieve the war-time shortage of civil servants. Such appointments will be good only until six months after the end of the war, and employees serving under "war service appointments" won't be given full civil service status. Maximum age limits are being "lifted" except in special cases.

The President's order also directed a cut in red tape of supplying and transferring workers to war-important agencies. To this end, the Commission has set itself up as central clearing house and recruiting agency for all offices under civil service. (Exceptions are FBI, TVA, WPA, NYA and Farm Security Administration.)

Altogether, the Commission expects to recruit about 100,000 persons a month for the country as a whole during 1942 and 1943. About 60 per cent of these will be ad-

ditions to the federal payroll, the rest replacements. Federal employment is expected to hit 2,000,000 by mid-summer.

The WAR TODAY

(Continued from Page One)
together along the Somme on July 4, 1918, and captured Hamel from the Germans in a brilliant action. It's also interesting (and perhaps not unimportant) to note that it is to Uncle Sam that Australia looks in this greatest crisis of her history—just as Canada does.

The immediate purpose of this gathering of the clans in Australia is to defend this last great allied base in the southwest Pacific from the Japs. But this vast continent also will provide the headquarters from which allied warships and warplanes will harass the Nipponese in their recent conquests, and raid the attenuated lines of communication between Indonesia and Japan.

As previously emphasized in this column, one of Japan's great weaknesses will lie in those sea-lanes, more than 3,000 miles in length. Unless she can keep them open, and provide ships from her already severely hit fleet to carry supplies, her conquests instead of providing vast resources will be a millstone about her neck. Australia is the storm center which the Nipponese must now watch.

Because the Japs already have spread themselves over the southwest Pacific as thin as butter on a circus sandwich, they would think they could hesitate to undertake a full-dress invasion of Australia, although they long have coveted it. However, they are flushed with victory and it may be that they will keep on rolling the dice while they are hot.

In any event, it will be strategically logical for them to try to take over some of the northern ports, as a matter of self-protection. Their occupation yesterday of Australian mandated territory on New Guinea, just north of Australia, probably presages further action against the continent.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

Please Make Your Discussion as Short As Possible

SERVICE LEAGUE SERVES
The members of the Service League endeavor to carry out the real meaning of the word "service" in their devotion to charitable and civic activities of their community. There are few projects of a charitable nature that are carried on in Greenville, that the League does not touch in some way.

No day is too dull and gray, or roads too muddy for members to go on long country drives on errands of mercy in transporting Mrs. Faircloth in her work with the blind, or bringing mothers to the Maternal and Infant Welfare clinic. Lights burn late at night on women sewing on layettes or knitting for the Red Cross. Members hurry early in the morning to breakfast conferences preliminary to the opening of a Red Cross campaign or a T. B. Seal sale, and evening finds them still canvassing.

These members of the Service League who have been given the opportunity for service appreciate their obligations and fulfill their duties in a creditable way. A survey was recently made of

American Red Cross Enrolls 40,000 Per Day As Public Clamors for First Aid Training



Gloria Thackberry "suffers" from a severed artery in the palm, a fractured arm and internal injuries—all for the benefit of Red Cross first aid students at Alexandria, Va. First-aiders Richard Harris rendered the proper first aid care.

Quick to sense the necessity for first aid training to meet the emergencies which confront a warring nation, hundreds of thousands of Americans have enrolled in Red Cross first aid courses. Since fateful December 7 an estimated 40,000 a day have signed up to receive the Red Cross first aid instruction, and Red Cross officials foresee no immediate slackening of public demand for the training.

More than 50,000 American Red Cross first aid instructors are engaged in teaching the classes. Throughout the country physicians by the thousands have volunteered to augment this army of instructors. Many of them have taken Red Cross "refresher" courses before assuming the instructor's role.

Approximately 8,000 Red Cross highway first aid stations and mobile units, equipped to give emergency care to victims of highway accidents, are spotted across the continent ready to meet civilian first aid needs should enemy bombings make necessary the evacuations of cities.

When a tourniquet is applied, Red Cross first-aiders mark a "TK" on the victim's forehead so that the attending physician will be apprised of the fact at a glance. Here, Richard Harris, Red Cross first aid field representative, has given emergency care to "casualty" Gloria Thackberry. Before the outbreak of war more than 3,000,000 Americans were trained "to act while the doctor is on the way." War emergencies demand first aid training for other millions, and Red Cross chapters throughout the nation are working night and day to meet the demand.

Renault Plant Is Target For British Bombs



A photographer aboard an RAF plane on a reconnaissance flight made this picture of a damaged section of the big Renault automobile plant in Billancourt, a suburb of Paris, after it was bombed by British fliers. The British say the plant was manufacturing war equipment for Germany. This photo was radioed from London.

the activities of the League members in community work and the figures are given below.

In the Maternal and Infant Welfare clinic 16 members work:

Hospital Bed 21; Work with Mrs. Faircloth 13; Girl Scouts 10; Layettes 17; Thrift Shop 31; Federal Art Gallery 8; Scrap Books 8; T. B. Seal Sale 19; Red Cross Drive 37; Crippled Children Seal Sale 13; Community Chest 15; Red Cross Sewing Room 17; Knitting for the Red Cross 22; Civilian Defense—Nutrition Classes 5, First Aid 2, Home Nursing 13; United Service Organization 20

—A Member of the League.

NOTICE, SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina—Pitt County
In The Superior Court
Margaret Teel Duncan

—vs.—
Dennis Edward Duncan

The defendant, Dennis Edward Duncan, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the court-house in Greenville, N. C., within thirty days after the 19th day of March, 1942, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 19th day of Feb., 1942.
J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk of Superior Court of Pitt County.
Dink James,
Atty. for Plaintiff.
Feb. 20-1tw-4wk.

PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

State of North Carolina
Department of State.

To All To Whom These Presents May Come—Greetings:
Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Peoples Trading Company, a corporation of this state, whose principal office is situated in the Town of Bethel, County of Pitt, State of North Carolina, (E. O. Burroughs being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of chapter 22, consolidated statutes, entitled "Corporations" preliminary to the issuing of this certificate of dissolution.

Now therefore, I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 31st day of December, 1941, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of proceedings of aforesaid are now on file in my office as provided by law.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 31st day of December A. D. 1941.

THAD EURE,
Secretary of State.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed and delivered to J. J. White, Trustee, by C. T. Munford and wife, J. Caroline Munford, on the 12th day of January, 1933, which said Deed of Trust is recorded in Book Q-19, page 135, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned will offer for sale for cash, at public auction, before the Court House door in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, at

Monday, March 23, 1942
the following described real property, located in the Town of Greenville, Pitt County, State of North Carolina, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: That certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being on the west side of Evans Street, between 10th and 11th Streets; BEGINNING at a stake on the west side of Evans Street 82-1-2 feet from the southwest corner of Evans and Tenth Streets; running thence southwardly with Evans Street 82-1-2 feet to a stake in what is known as the Parker or Schultz line, thence eastwardly parallel with Tenth Street 164 feet; thence northwardly parallel with Evans Street 82-1-2 feet; thence eastwardly parallel with Tenth Street 164 feet to the BEGINNING.

SECOND TRACT: That certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being on the west side of Summit Street; BEGINNING at a point on the west side of said street 185 feet north of the northwest corner of the intersection of Summit and Third Streets; running thence westwardly, parallel

Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 13 of the Lang property, as shown on map recorded in Map Book 1, page 131, Pitt County Registry.

This 19th day of Feb., 1942.
J. J. WHITE, Trustee.
J. B. James, Atty.
Feb. 20-1tw-4wk.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE

North Carolina—Pitt County
WHEREAS, the undersigned Commissioner in a special proceeding entitled "Chester E. Willis, Individually and as Executor of the last Will and Testament of Mabel Barnhill, deceased, and Jennie P. Willis, his wife, vs. D. T. Bentman, Jr., Mrs. Melissa Annette Barnhill, Julius Jackson Willis and David James Willis and Mabel Ray Beaman, the last three named being minors and appearing herein by their duly appointed guardian ad litem C. W. Everett, and C. W. Everett, guardian ad litem," on the 12th day of February, 1942, made report to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County of a bid to purchase privately the lands hereinafter described; and whereas within the time allowed by law an advanced bid was filed with the Clerk of the Superior Court, and an order was made directing the undersigned Commissioner to resell said land upon an opening bid of \$6,510.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, under and by virtue of said order of Court the undersigned Commissioner will offer for sale upon said opening bid of \$6,510.00, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on Wednesday, the

11th day of March, 1942
at 12 o'clock M.

on the premises in Bethel, N. C., at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Main and Pleasant Streets or the Greenville-Bethel and Tarboro-Williamston roads, the following described real estate, to-wit:

That certain lot or parcel of land, together with all the improvements thereon, lying, situate and being in the Town of Bethel, Pitt County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows: to-wit: Beginning at a point in the Southwest corner of the intersection of Main and Pleasant Streets, on the Greenville-Bethel and Tarboro-Williamston roads; and running thence in a Southerly direction along the Western boundary of Main Street, or the Greenville-Bethel road, 100 feet; thence in a Westerly direction parallel with Pleasant Street, 100 feet; thence at right angles a Northerly direction parallel with Main Street, 100 feet to the Southern boundary of Pleasant Street; thence an Easterly direction along the Southern boundary of Pleasant Street, 100 feet to the beginning point.

This property will be sold subject to (a) all the terms and conditions of a certain lease agreement entered into under date of March 11, 1929, between Mabel Barnhill (unmarried) and the Greenville Loan Association, of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County; and (b) subject to two items of indebtedness in the amount of \$3,834.41, with interest from March 15, 1942, and \$1,860.00, with interest from Jan. 11, 1942, secured by a deed of trust recorded in Book U-17, at page 596, Office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, the said purchaser taking title subject to said mortgages indebtedness and paying in cash the difference between said mortgages indebtedness and the selling price for said land.

The sale will also be made subject to the confirmation of the Court and a deposit of ten per cent will be required of the successful bidder.

This 21st day of Feb., 1942.
CHAS. R. DANIEL,
Commissioner.

Feb. 24-Mar. 2-9.

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TAKES TITLE IN 21ST MEET

No Individual Star on Championship Team, However

By DICK HUNT
Raleigh, March 9 (AP)—The 1942 Duke University court team which won the 21st annual Southern Conference basketball championship here Saturday night is one of the most powerful ever to hold the loop title.

At the same time, the mighty Blue Devils have less color than almost any of the other seven teams that competed in the tournament.

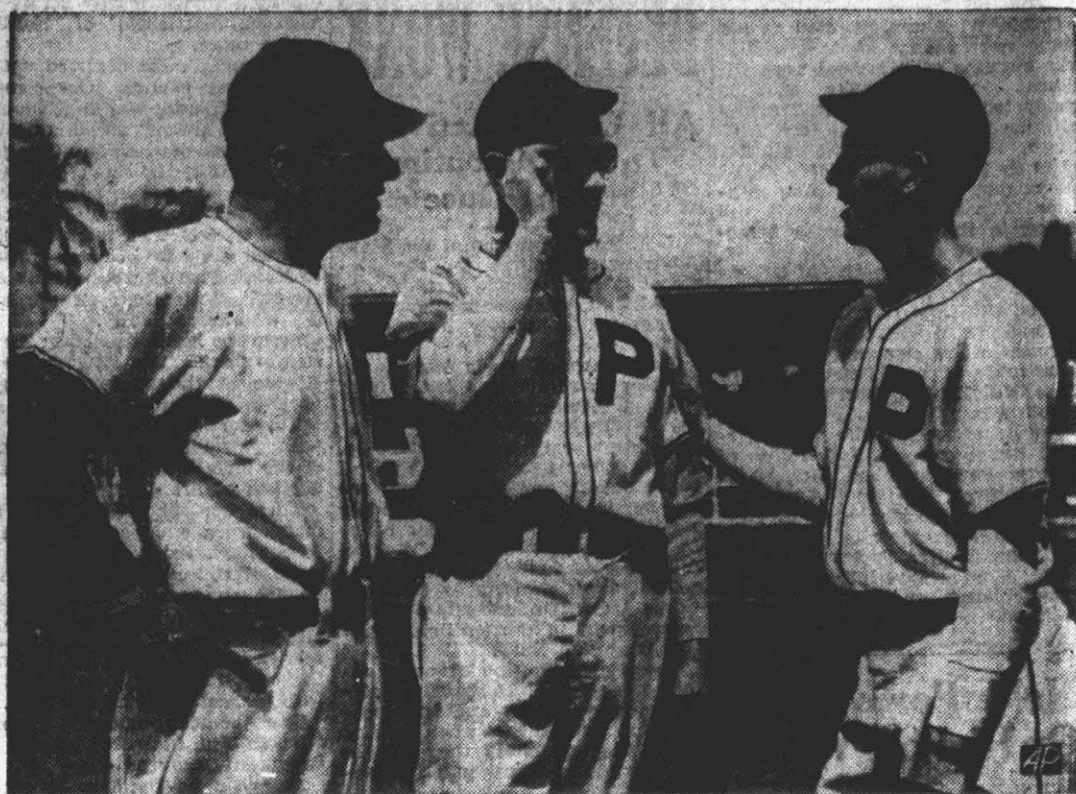
Duke had no razzle-dazzle. It had no individual stars. It did have, however, almost superhuman power.

A good example of the Duke lack of lustre is shown in the annual all-conference team. Of the 10 members of the first and second teams, one Duke man made the first, and one made the second—a small number for the tournament titleholders.

The first team, composed of Glenn Knox, William and Mary, and Hap Spuhler, Duke, at forward; Horace "Bones" McKinney, N. C. States, at center; Al Vandeweghe, William and Mary, and Herb Cline, Wake Forest, guards; would be a coach's dream come true.

Add to this reserve strength, Bernie Mock, N. C. State, Preston Westmoreland, South Carolina, forwardman, Matt Zanich, George Washington, center, and Jack Tabb, State, and Cedric Loftis, Duke, guards; and you have the average basketball mentor's Utopia.

Coach Eddie Cameron's two-team powerhouse overcame N. C. State 45-34, in Saturday's finale by turning on the pressure in the second half after the Red Devils had held the favored Blue Devils to almost even terms before the intermission.



FOR SEEING—Three hurlers who wear "specs" for pitching get together at Phil's camp in Miami. Left to right: Sam Nahem, Brooklyn; Walt Beck, Decatur, Ill.; John Podgajny, Chester, Pa.

Chicago White Sox, no pitcher has worked nine full innings before the start of the season and he plans to follow that procedure again this spring.

Orlando, Fla.—Manager Bucky Harris named Steve Sundra and Walter Masterton as two of the Washington pitchers to face the New York Yankees today.

Avalon, Calif.—Manager Jim Wilson of the Chicago Cubs wasn't too worried when rookie outfielder Harry Lowrey held out at the start of the season, figuring the youngster too light for the major leagues anyway. But now Lowrey, obtained from Los Angeles, is hitting so hard he may start the National League campaign as a regular gardener.

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Cleveland, dropping in on the St. Louis Cards today, wondered whether the ninth-inning incident in the Indians' 5 to 3 verdict over the Cincinnati Reds yesterday was some kind of an omen.

Pinch-hitting Eddie Lukon fouled out of Jim Bagby's pitches into the stands where Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball commissioner, took it in his bare hand for "the catch of the day."

Anaheim, Calif.—Connie Mack thinks Russ Christopher, big hurler the Philadelphia A's obtained from Newark, will help the club a great deal—if he doesn't try too many curves.

Christopher held the San Diego Padres in check for two innings yesterday with a speed ball, then tried curves in the third, San Diego rammed in three runs and went on to win, 5 to 4.

Rocky Mount Gets In Bi-State Loop

Burlington, March 9 (AP)—With Rocky Mount definitely in Bi-State Baseball league directors mapped a 125-game schedule yesterday, and decided to open the season May 1 with Wilson at Rocky Mount, Burlington at Sanford and Leaksville at Danville, Va.

Representatives of Rocky Mount said difficulties between the ball club and city officials concerning use of the park were being ironed out.

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Courtney F. Rogers, 24-year-old church organist, squats during questioning at Los Angeles after officers said he had confessed killing his father and mother. The deaths occurred eight months apart and had been listed as suicides.

Boost Pitt Quota Of Irish Potatoes

Irish potato growers of Pitt county can harvest an increase of ten per cent above their acreage allotments in 1942 without any reduction in potato payments under the Agricultural Conservation program. It was announced today by J. V. Taylor, chairman of the county AAA committee.

At the same time, Mr. Taylor said the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced support of prices in North Carolina at \$1.50 per hundred pounds for round white potatoes grading U. S. No. 1 or better, sacked, f. o. b. in carlots. Appropriate price adjustments will be made for marketable potatoes grading 85 per cent U. S. No. 1, and for potatoes in bulk and in storage if it becomes necessary to handle bulk or stored potatoes he declared.

He said this step had been taken to assure planting of sufficient Irish potatoes to meet increased demands at home and abroad in the war effort. The normal domestic demand for Irish potatoes is 365,000,000 bushels per year.

Pitt county's Irish potato allotment is 1,350 acres.

"This is an excellent example of how the agricultural adjustment

program works," Mr. Taylor pointed out. "Irish potato acreage allotments were established when a surplus existed and farmers were experiencing ruinous prices. These allotments were encouraged by making conservation payments for planting within acreage allotments. Now that the nation needs more potatoes, the acreage allotments are adjusted upward to meet the demand."

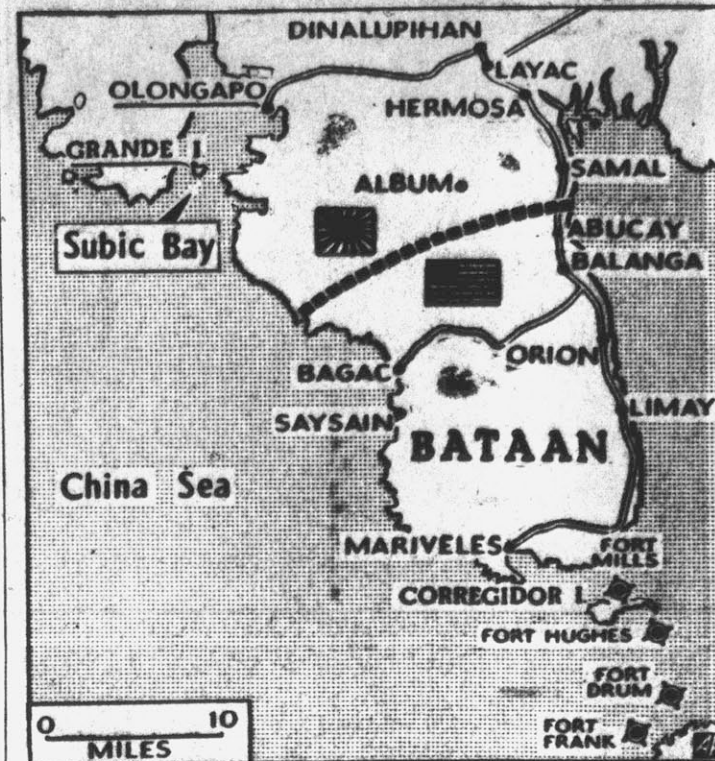
Low prices have caused a considerable decline in potato acreage in past years, but due to high yields production has been adequate, he said. Without price support for the present planting season, there is a probability of a severe decline in acreage which might result in an acute shortage this fall.

The chairman said prices could be supported by several methods. These include purchases for relief distribution to low-income families through the Food Stamp plan; diversion to meet other needs, such as starch, livestock feed and other products under the AAA program; and loans and purchases by the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Seek New Laurels For Oregon State

Corvallis, Ore., March 9.—(AP)—Oregon State College is fired up in quest of its second major sports

MacArthur Strikes Back At Japs



Using his small air force, Gen. Douglas MacArthur has struck back at the Japs in Subic Bay, a base used by the invaders about 15 miles from MacArthur's front on Bataan (broken line). Three large enemy ships were destroyed, many smaller vessels damaged. Jap supplies on docks at Olongapo and Grande Island were set afire.

championship of the year.

The O. S. C. football team rebutted the experts by winning the Coast Conference football title and the Rose Bowl game from Duke on January 1. Now O. S. C. sends its basketball team against Stanford for the Pacific coast title at Palo

Alto, Calif., on Friday, Saturday and maybe Monday nights.

Fans admit the paper superiority of Stanford but they also remember the paper superiority of the Stanford football team which lost to O. S. C.

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NOTICE
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In The Superior Court
Anna Moore Spain and Husband,
David Spain, and Maggie Moore
-vs-
Johnny Moore, Lula Moseley and
Husband, Charlie Moseley.
The defendant, Johnny Moore,
above mentioned, will take notice
that an action entitled as above has
been started in the Superior Court
of Pitt County, North Carolina, to
remove a cloud from the title of
said real estate in which the said
defendant claimed an interest and
to declare Anna Moore Spain, Mag-
gie Moore and Lula Moseley the
owners of same; The said lot being
a vacant lot on Greene Street, 8
ft. by 80 ft., and devised to John-
ny Moore by the Will of his mother,
recorded in Will Book No. 7, page
282 in the office of Clerk of Superi-
or Court, Pitt County. And the defend-
ant will further take notice that he is
required to appear at the Courtroom
in Greenville on or before the 27th
day of April, 1942, and answer or
demur to the complaint in said ac-
tion or the plaintiffs will apply to
the Court for the relief demanded
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This the 27th day of Feb. 1942.
J. F. HARRINGTON,
Clerk Superior Court
Dink James,
Atty. for Plaintiffs,
Mar. 7-14w-4wk.

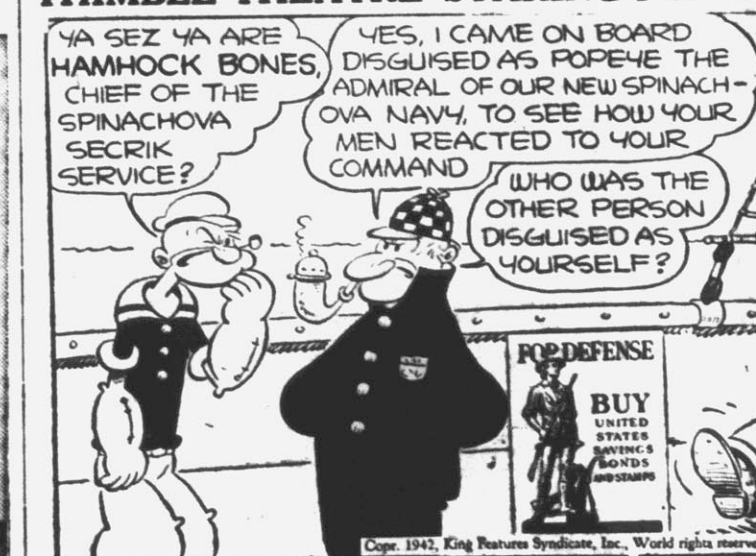
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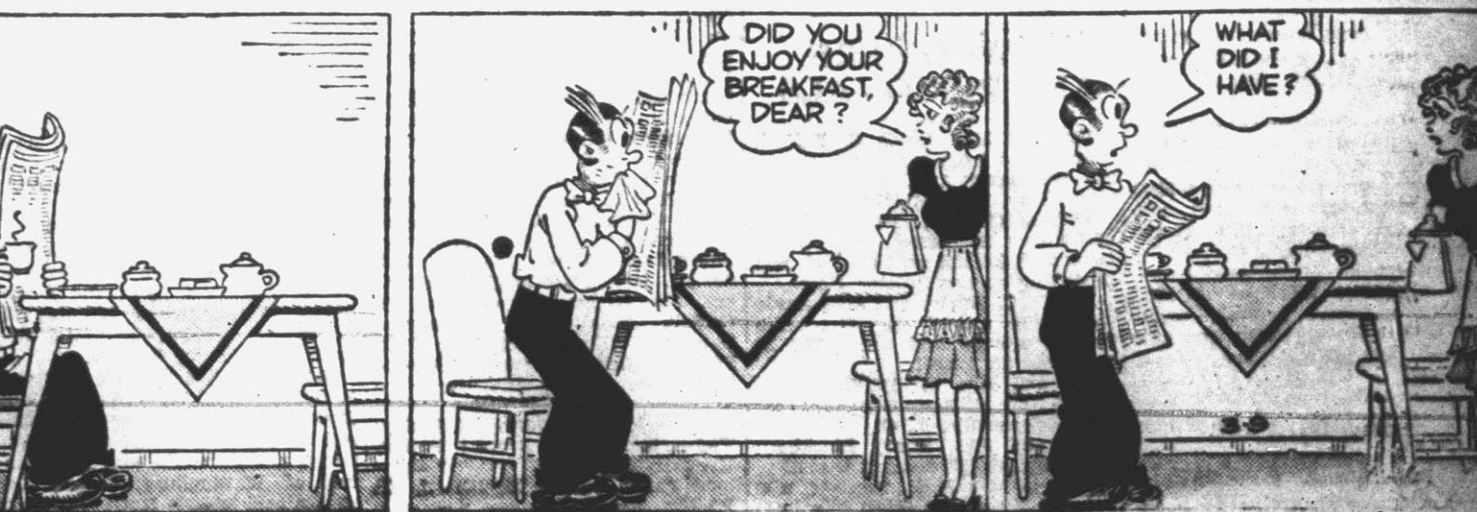
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Training Camp Briefs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tampa, Fla.—The Cincinnati Reds lost their first game of the spring training camp yesterday but what hurt Manager Bill McKechnie most was that his prize rookie, Hank Suer, didn't get a hit off the Cleveland pitchers. He was expected to add punch to the weak-hitting lineup.

Lakeland, Fla.—The Detroit Tigers abandoned intrasquad competition today for a rehearsal of signals and relays from the outfield before playing their last camp game on Wednesday. All the outfielders are now in the fold.

Sarasota, Fla.—Jim Tabor will have his ankle X-rayed today after keeping on the sidelines yesterday to rest the thumping joint. Boston Red Sox officials are fearful he may have a chipped bone.

Miami Beach, Fla.—Coach Bill Killefer watched the Phils sweat through a nine-inning intrasquad game yesterday and muttered "we have our work cut out for us." The contest ended 3 to 3.

Sanford, Fla.—Shortstop Eddie Miller is the only unsigned Boston Brave player and his silence indicates he intends to holdout as he did at the start of the 1940 season. He has until midnight tonight to sign before becoming a holdout officially.

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9-21

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Hog Market

Raleigh, March 9. — (AP) — (NCDA) — The hog market advanced 30 cents at Rocky Mount today to a top of \$12.50. It also gained 20 cents at Richmond, Va., where the top was \$12.75.

New York Cotton

New York, March 8. — (AP) — Cotton futures opened 30 to 25 cents a bale lower. Values were 30 to 60 cents a bale lower. March sold at 18.36; July 18.57 and October 18.62. Futures closed 20 to 55 cents a bale lower.

	Open	Close	Prv. Cl.
Mar.	18.36	18.36	18.40
May	18.52	18.48	18.55
July	18.80	18.58	18.65
Oct.	18.60	18.64	18.74
Dec.	18.71	18.67	18.75
Jan.	18.71	18.69	18.76

Middling spot 20.15, off 4.

Grain Market

Chicago, March 9. — (AP) — Grain prices tumbled 1 to 2 cents a bushel today, wheat and oats selling the lowest since the start of the year. Rye was the lowest in more than a month.

Wheat closed 1 1/4-1 1/2 cents lower than Saturday, May \$1.27 1/2, July \$1.28 1/2, corn 1/2-1/4 down, May 87 1/2, July 89 1/2, lower; rye 1 1/4-1 1/2 off; soybeans 1/4-1/2 lower.

N. Y. Stock Market

STOCK
New York, March 9. — (AP) — Depressionary news again made for buying apathy in the stock market today but despite this handicap a number of leaders took a third step forward.

At the best the gains ranged from fractions to a point or so, and the list had a fair sprinkling of minus signs at the close.

FINAL STOCKS

Adams Mills	19 1/2
Air Reduction	32 1/2
Al Chem and Dye	125 1/2
Allis Chalmers	26
Am Can	38 1/2
Am Car Fdy	40 1/2
Am Rad and St S	34 1/2
Am Roll Mill	19 1/2
A T and T	122 1/2
Am Tob B	43 1/2
Anaconda	25 1/2
Arm III	3 1/2
A C L	24
All Ref	19 1/2
Aviation Corp	12 1/2
Baldwin	32 1/2
Bendix Aviat	35 1/2
Beth Stl	60
Boeing Airpl	17 1/2
Borden	19 1/2
Briggs Mig	17 1/2
Budd Mig	2 1/2
Bur Add Mach	6 1/2
Caterpillar Trac	34 1/2
Ches and O	31
Chrysler	58 1/2
Coca Cola	58 1/2
Coml Credit	17 1/2
Coml Solv	8 1/2
Consolid Edis	12 1/2
Con Oil	5 1/2
Cont Can	24 1/2
Con Prod	49 1/2
Curtiss Wright	7 1/2
Dow Chem	108
Dupont	111
Eastman Kod	126
Elec Auto Lt	23 1/2
Firesone	14 1/2
Freeport Sul	34 1/2
Gen Elec	24 1/2
Gen Foods	30 1/2
Gen Mot	14 1/2
Goodrich	34
Goodyear	13 1/2
Int Harvest	45
Int Tel and Tel	2 1/2
Johns Man	59 1/2
Kennecott	31 1/2
Kinney	2 1/2
Kroger Oro	27
Laggy O F G I	21 1/2
Laird and Myers B	59
Loews	39 1/2
Lorillard	12 1/2
Louis and Nash	67 1/2
Mott Ward	25 1/2
Nash Kelv	4 1/2
Nat Biscuit	15 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	13 1/2
Nat Dairy Prod	13 1/2
Nat Dist	20 1/2
NY Cent	12 1/2
No Am Aviat	12 1/2
Otis Elev	12 1/2
Pac Mills	17 1/2
Packard	2
Param Pix	14 1/2
Penny J C	65 1/2
Penn RR	22 1/2
Phillips Pet	16 1/2
Pullman	34 1/2
Pure Oil	22 1/2
Radio	8 1/2
Rep Su	17
Reynolds B	23 1/2
Sears	47 1/2
Sou Ry	16 1/2
Sperdy	26
Std Brands	3
Std Oil N J	33 1/2
Steward Warner	5 1/2
Tec Co	32 1/2
Tex Gulp Sul	31 1/2
Unit Carb	62 1/2
Unit Air	30 1/2
Unit Corp	11-32
Unit Drug	5 1/2
US Ind Alco	29 1/2
US Steel	14
Canadum	50 1/2
Warner Pic	17 1/2
Western Union	24 1/2
Western Electric and Mfg	73 1/2
Woolworth	24 1/2
Yell T and C	11 1/2
Total Sales	308.950

NEWCOMERS AND REMOVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis S. Bullock have moved from 522 E. 9th St. to 215 Woodlawn Ave. in the house vacated by O. E. Matthews.

William Goadby, Representative of Dun & Bradstreet, will be in Greenville for the next 6 weeks and is staying at the Proctor Hotel.

Mrs. R. C. Shirley and Miss Annie Tyler have moved to Greenville from Farmville and are living at 139 West 7th Street.

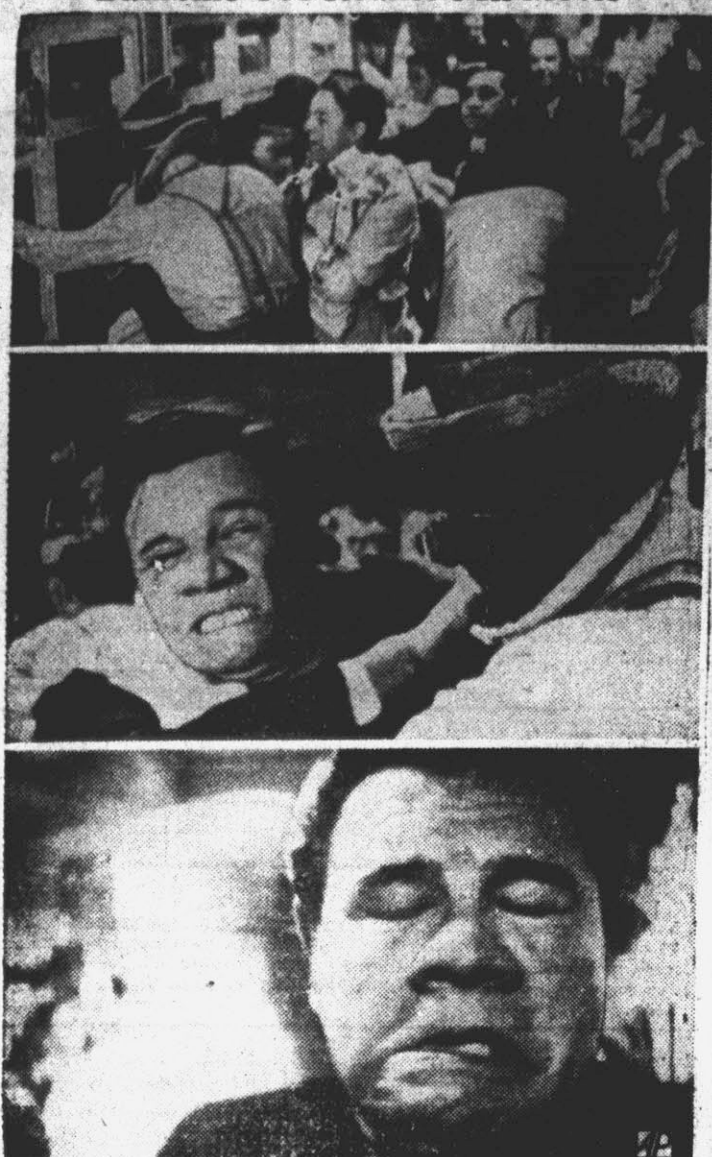
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shove have moved from 115 Long Street to RFD No. 2, Greenville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blackburn are living at 103 Summit Street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sommer, who recently moved to Greenville have taken an apartment at Miss Alva Taylor's, 318 East 8th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Elbert Hudson are living at 1311 Reade Street.

Bambino Too Realistic In Movie



These were the scenes in which Babe Ruth, playing himself in a Hollywood movie based on Lou Gehrig's life, got too energetic and suffered a cut wrist when his arm plunged through a window. Top: (in conductor's cap) and other players celebrate a World Series pennant victory in a Pullman car "rough house." Center: Ruth pulls a fellow player's straw hat over his ears. Bottom: The former home-run king registers pain after his arm went through the window glass.

Final Rites Held Foundation Topic For J. H. Hardee Of Rev. G.W. Perry

J. H. Hardee, 61, died in a Raleigh hospital at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning after several months of illness. Graveside services were conducted in the Hardee Family Cemetery near Stokes town at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Hardee was born, reared, and spent most of his life near Stokes town. He moved to Erul in January, 1941, and had lived there until his recent illness. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist church near Shelmerville.

Mr. Hardee was first married to Miss Emily Mills of Pitt county, and one son survives this union. Preston Hardee of Winterville. After her death he was married to Miss Frenchie Adams of Pitt county, and no children survive this union. After her death he was married to Miss Ethel Smith of Pitt county, and one daughter, Miss Pauline Hardee of Pitt county, survives this union. She died and then he was married to Miss Stella Miller of Craven county, who survives him. Surviving this union are two daughters, Miss Shirley Joyce, and Miss Patricia Jean Hardee, and one son, James Thomas Hardee, all of Pitt county. Also surviving are three grandchildren.

Reveals Names Of Scout Councilors

Merit badge councilors have been selected to examine Boy Scouts in the various subjects as they prepare for advancing to the rank of Life. The list of names and their subjects are listed below. The merit badge subjects are listed below with the examiners for each. Scouts desiring to be examined in subjects other than those listed are requested to have their Scoutmaster or a member of the board of review select an examiner for the desired subject. Scouts are requested to clip the following list from the paper and attach to their handbook.

The selected examiners and merit badges for which they are to act as councilors are:

"Agriculture, Bill Drum, Animal Industry, Bill Drum, Architecture, O. G. Gulley, Astronomy, E. H. Robinson; Athletics, Rowland Farley; Automobile, Ty Wagner; Aviation, Louis Stewart Ficklen; Basketball, William McHenry; Bird Study, Dr. Alex Viola; Blacksmithing, Joe Barber; Bookbinding, Sherman Parks; Botany, E. H. Robinson; Bugling, Harold MacDougle; Business, Joe Norman; Camping, Wyatt Brown; Carpentry, O. G. Gulley; Cement Work, O. G. Gulley; Chemistry, E. H. Robinson; Civics, Sam Underwood; Conservation, Wyatt Brown; Cooking, Wallace Bourne; Cycling, C. H. Edwards, Sr.; Dairying, J. T. Welch; Dramatics, Richard Walzer; Electricity, Clarence Barnhill; Farm Home, and Planning, C. D. Griggs; Farm Layout and Building Arrangement, C. D. Griggs; Firemanship, George Gardner; First Aid, George Gardner; First Aid to Animals, Dr. Alex Viola; Forestry, E. H. Robinson; Handicraft, William McHenry; Journalism, Dave Mosier; Life Saving, Harold MacDougle; Machinering, Joe Barber; Masonry, O. G. Gulley; Music, Harold MacDougle; Painting, William McHenry; Path Finding, Sam Underwood; Personal Health, Charles Bisette; Photography, Charles Bisette; Physical Development, Rowland Farley; Pioneering, Wyatt Brown; Pottery, Keeping, Bill Drum; Printing, Sherman Parks; Public Health, J. T. Welch; Safety, George Gardner; Scholarship, Vester M. Mulholland; Swimming, Harold MacDougle; Wood Carving, William McHenry; Wood Work, William McHenry.

Marriages Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued last week at the offices of Register of Deeds Roy T. Cox, as follows:

White—William Lee Jackson and Lula Margaret Nobles of Greenville, Route Two; Robert Mills, Greenville, Route Two; and Rebekah Buck of Grimesland, Route One; Cecil Johnston and Homerville Twyman of Farmville; Robert William Wing and Adele M. Gagne of New Hampshire; Charlie Gorman Dickerson and Lillian Ida Moe of Greenville, Route One; Fred Lyon and Ethel Louise Whitehurst of Wilmington; James W. Martin, Jr., and Ella Ruth Crumpler of Norfolk.

Colored—Arline Council of Bethel and Rena L. Hines of Ayden; John Russell Horne and Ethel Mae Sumrell of Farmville, Route Two; Sam Langley of Farmville and Inez Barrett of Walstonburg; Robert Lee Ruffin and Maggie Ruth Harper of Ayden; Lindsay Bolun and Mary Evans of Greenville, Route One; William C. Adams and Eula Mae Barrett of Greenville.

Calvin W. Rouse Claimed By Death

Calvin W. Rouse, 84, died at his home near Maury at 8:15 o'clock this morning after several weeks of illness. Funeral services will be conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. C. Moye, Free Will Baptist minister of Snow Hill, assisted by Rev. D. W. Alexander, Free Will Baptist minister of near Bethel. Burial will follow in the Heath Family cemetery nearby.

Mr. Rouse was a native of Greene county and had spent most of his life on the farm on which he died. He was one of the most progressive farmers of his community and was a member of the Saints' Delight Free Will Baptist church near Ormondville.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Martha Rouse; one son, J. R. Rouse of Maury; four daughters, Mrs. M. R. May of Snow Hill, Route One, Mrs. J. E. May of Hookerton, Route One, Mrs. Edwards Moring of Maury, and Mrs. Walter Taylor of Greenville, Route Five. Twenty-seven grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren.

Held For Assault On Hickory Wom'n

Hickory, March 7. — (AP) — Victim of a brutal criminal attack at her home four miles east of Hickory, Miss China Hefner, about 62 lay at the point of death in a local hospital today.

Ralph Goins, 34, a local hosiery mill worker and part-time farmer, was held in the Catawba county jail at Newton, charged by Sheriff Ray Pitts with the capital crime of rape and assault with intent to commit murder.

Miss Hefner was assaulted about six p. m. Saturday afternoon by a man who fractured her skull with blows from a claw hammer, leaving her moaning and bleeding.

Goins, who is married and has three small daughters, was arrested Sunday afternoon about four o'clock after a bloodhound from the prison camp near Newton was reported to have sniffed its way to his home about a third of a mile from the scene of the crime.

Pressed for a statement in the case which Sheriff Pitts called "the worst in my experience," the defendant has refused to talk. Pitts stated.

By WYATT BROWN
"We need to be familiar with the Christ who walks among us and loves us. His love for us is active in that His blood cleanses from all unrighteousness," declared Reverend George W. Perry, pastor, in his sermon yesterday morning at Jarvis Memorial Methodist church.

His subject was "The Foundation of Everything." He stated that God's love and cleansing blood that is the foundation of everything.

"This is a question that goes directly to the heart of each one present. What about your heart?"

"There is so much darkness today. There are so many mysteries we do not know," he said.

In commenting on his affirmation that God's love is the foundation of everything Mr. Perry allowed that some might say his position was due to ignorance and then he gave this reply:

"Those who understand though the world is tottering that underneath are the arms of God equal to sustain whatever is placed in them. His love for us was not restricted to Galilee and the area around it. He will love us today and tomorrow. He loved us on the cross. His is everlasting love.

"We need to be familiar with the Christ who walks among us and loves us. His love for us is active in that His blood cleanses from all unrighteousness.

"There are some people more interested in building their reputations than in building a firm foundation for someone else to stand on. One must have a sacrificial attitude toward the life God gave us is a sacrificial attitude, deny one's self; so that people will say they have been with the Lord."

Next Mr. Perry spoke on the place of the forgiveness of sins by God in one's life.

"Forgiveness for our sins is the thing that means most to me today. With the aid of the spirit God wants us to see our sins and see that they are uncovered and cleansed."

"There are those who say there is no sin.

"Well brother, how do you account for existing conditions?"

"God takes defeated men and makes them good citizens, washing them in His blood. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses all sins."

"Have you ever heard of Christ refusing a person. You say, 'Preacher, I have been defeated so many times.' Jesus died for the defeated; he forgives us, loves us, makes us kings. When one becomes a Christian, he is the child of a king. He is sufficient, I am not disturbed. Mr. Perry said in conclusion.

Much Sugar Going To Liquor Stills

Statistics recently compiled by the Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Treasury Department, for the Fifth District, comprising the states of Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, indicate that during the calendar year 1941 approximately 28,392,756 pounds of sugar was converted into non tax paid whiskey, resulting in a loss to the federal government of \$11,359,040 in Internal Revenue taxes.

During the year 2,724 illicit distilleries, with fermenting capacity of 2,088,097 gallons were destroyed, together with 1,939,081 gallons of live mash.

The amount of sugar used in preparing sugar mash is 100 pounds to each 100 gallons of water. This with the addition of yeast, malt and in some instances corn meal, or rye meal, when fermented and run through some form of distilling apparatus will produce 10 gallons of whiskey, taxable at \$4 a gallon. Thus, each 100 pounds of sugar converted into illicit whiskey represents a loss of \$40 to the federal government; city, county and state taxes evaded constitute additional public loss.

Had the 28,392,756 pounds of sugar used by illicit distillers last year been equally distributed among the residents of the Fifth District each person would have received slightly over 2 1/2 pounds.

NYA TO PRESS DEFENSE WORK

All Other Activities To Be Discontinued At Once

J. H. Rose, chairman of the State Advisory Committee for the National Youth Administration, declared today that the agency would be devoted exclusively to war effort.

The chairman made known the decision in releasing a letter from National Administrator Aubrey Williams. The letter follows:

"I have just signed Letter No. Y-239. What this means is that all improvements and construction carried on in cooperation with public agencies primarily for local benefits should be terminated at once. All available funds should be concentrated on projects to turn out workers for the war effort—either on industrial production lines or for the Army and Navy.

"Eligible youth who have not attained the age of 18 should be given work experience and training—in production, so that when they do reach the age of 18 they will be prepared to man war industry machines.

"Therefore, I want you to make a complete survey of the program as it is now operating in your State. Close those projects which are not preparing producers for the war machine and enlarge those that are—at once!

"I am not unmindful of the adjustments this plan of action will require. I realize that it will mean terminating projects such as school buildings and community services that, while very desirable, are not essential to the war effort.

"But, I repeat, eliminate those projects that are not turning out war production workers to go into war effort and the Army or Navy. All else must wait!

"There must be no idle machines and no lost man hours. Every man hour and every machine should be used to turn out articles of war on production basis. There can be no compromise with anything which might oppose this plan of action. In times like these action and results are mandatory."

Deliver Pamphlets On Various Gases

The local chapter of the American Red Cross, through the cooperation of the schools, will attempt to place a pamphlet on war gases in each home in the county. The folders will be distributed in the county schools tomorrow and later in the week, while they will not be distributed in the city schools until the week end.

In order to help pay for the pamphlets and also in an effort to encourage the students to value them more and see that they are delivered to their parents, patrons will be asked to pay a penny each. This, however, is voluntary and pamphlets will be sent to every home, regardless of whether they are paid for or not.

The pamphlets describe the various types of gases and first aid for each.

COLORED NEWS

Elementary principals of the Pitt county schools will meet tonight in the usual place at seven thirty Eastern Wartime.

Distributes Coupons Redeemable for Soap

An advertising crew of White Floating Swan, a household soap, was canvassing the city today, distributing coupons which entitle the holder to a sample of the soap.

H. L. Johnson is supervising the local sample crew, while J. E. Rodgers is visiting stores, setting up special redemption displays.

Carver Library News

Did you know that the "Norfolk Journal and Guide" comes to the library each week? Did you know too, that it is rated as one of the best weekly Negro papers? Come by the library and read for information, fun, and profit.

"Reading maketh a full man; writing an exact man; and conversation a ready man."

The following new books are on display in the adult reading room: "Desperate Angels," by Helen Topper Miller; "Michaels Girls," by Sophie Kerr; and the "History of France," by Sedgwick.

Recent visitors at the library: Miss Essie Wiggins, of Farmville; Miss Ella M. Gaylord, of Williamson; and our own Miss Ruth Pratt, charged with lots of helpful information.

Donations.
Thanks to Mr. John Bizzle, and Mrs. Minerva Davis for books, and Miss Jessie Mays for magazines.

Library Hours — 2 to 7 o'clock p.m. daily.

First Hand . . .

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(The U. S. Navy communique of March 3 telling of the battle did not mention these two).

The outstanding fliers were Lieut. Edwards Henry "Butch" O'Hare, 28-year-old Missourian, who was credited with assisting in the destruction of at least six enemy planes, and his squadron leader, a 36-year-old native of Arkansas.

The commander of this task force reported that the entire squadron "attacked the enemy with determination and skill and deadly effect."

This spectacular battle of planes against plane-protected ships was our first brush with the Japanese in these waters—at their own front door about 3,000 miles from Pearl Harbor. It bore out the recent statement of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, that we would carry the fight to the enemy across this trackless battlefield of 70,000,000 square miles.

The engagement occurred west of the Gilbert Islands. Our compact force of warships was in geometrical formation around an aircraft carrier and was out there protecting the Allied lifeline. The carrier, of course, was the prize target, but the Japanese didn't touch her. The bombs all fell wide of their mark and their vaunted torpedo bombers—so successful at Pearl Harbor—didn't even appear. With ships on the move it's a different story.

From the highest point on the destroyer beside the aircraft carrier I watched the battle from beginning to end.

The carrier and her brood had been patrolling the broad reaches of the blue Pacific but this was her baptism of fire.

There was one breath-taking moment—when a Japanese pilot tried to crash his flaming bomber on the stern of the carrier's big flat deck. As the staggering raider glided in crackling with flames started by an attack by our own fighters, the carrier held her fire until the right instant. Then her guns lashed out with a sheet of flame and steel.

The bomber fluttered like a stricken bird, turned on its side and shuddered into the sea.

It would be hard to imagine a more fascinating sight.

By this time bombs were falling all around us, sending up geysers of warm spray in the tropical sunlight.

More bombs came down and I made a silent prayer: "God be with us all."

Minutes before, several hundred yards away, we had seen the first two victims of our air fighters fall. They were knocked out of their formation, like ducks in a shooting gallery, as the fighters swept down on them. They streaked the sky with red and left great columns of flame rising from the sea. It was surprising how long the fires lasted. Those babies must have carried a lot of gasoline.

That was this afternoon. The prelude to the battle sounded this morning when our patrol planes shot down two big four-motored Japanese scouts—the only ones they could find.

A total of 18 bombers came at us in two waves about 4:30 p. m. and 7 p. m. Seven got through to the ships the first time and eight the second time.

Anti-aircraft gunners were credited with shooting down four and the aerial fighters got 12, possibly 13. Our destroyers laid proud claim to one of the four brought down by the ship's guns.

From the moment we heard our scouts had met and destroyed an enemy patrol plane we were doubly alert for an attack. He might have had time to fish word back to his land base. When the second Japanese patrol went down, that alertness grew even more sharp. All afternoon we kept telling each other "The hour is approaching."

I decided to risk time out for a shave and was just getting ready when the alarm sounded.

"This is it," said my cabin mate, slipping his bare feet into his shoes. "No time for socks this time."

He strapped on