

TALK OF OFFENSIVE CHEERS AUSTRALIANS

RESISTANCE IN BURMA BATTLE IS STIFFENED

British Forces Recross East Bank Of River

U. S. AIR FORCE SET UP IN INDIA

Seen As Step Toward Stopping Japanese And Starting Of Allied Counter Offensive

Mandalay, Burma, March 15.—(Delayed)—(AP)—British Imperial forces, stiffening their resistance after a long retreat, were unofficially reported today to have recrossed to the east bank of the Sittang river in a counter-offensive and captured Shwegyin, 80 miles north of Rangoon.

The British were forced to draw back over the Sittang river a few days ago in a retreat which opened the way to the Japanese occupation of Rangoon, the capital and chief port.

Shwegyin was recaptured in a fierce house-to-house fight in which Indian troops used bayonets and kris (short curved sword) after meeting a force of about 500 Japanese, supported by traitorous Burmese, outside the town and forcing them back.

Crossing the river on rafts north of the town, the imperials attempted to surprise attack, which failed, however, because patrols of Thai-land and Burman troops gave the alarm.

An Indian havildar (sergeant) was the hero of the capture of Shwegyin, the most effective British offensive action since the Japanese invasion of Burma.

Disguising himself as a coolie, he mingled with a labor gang digging trenches for the Japanese. He obtained all the necessary information about Japanese strength, dispositions and plans, and returned to the British lines. He also was reported to have brought with him a list of Burmese, fifth columnists.

New Delhi, India, March 16.—(AP)—A United States air headquarters has been set up in India, one step in fast developing preparations toward the so-called "back line" operation to stop the Japanese in Burma but also of grabbing the offensive in a drive onto the home islands of Japan.

This was disclosed yesterday by Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, the former chief of the RAF bomber command in Britain who has been assigned to head the air front in India.

The quietly confident air marshal told, in a press conference, a story of growing aerial might and of determination to make it help turn the tide of war on the Asian mainland from the defensive to the offensive for the United Nations.

"We are going to carry the war into the enemy's country, into Japan," he asserted. "We are not going to be content to put up an umbrella and sit underneath it for the enemy to come to attack us."

At the same time, the colonial office in London announced British steps to shape up the defense of Ceylon, the so-called "back line fortress" against Japanese invasion of India, by naming Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton as commander in chief of all British forces on the Indian ocean island.

It said Sir Geoffrey, 53-year-old former commander of British China station, would direct naval, military air and civilian defense operation, in other words, "all measures necessary" to safeguard the island.

Rev. Wm. A. Ryan Resigns Pastorate

Rev. W. A. Ryan, pastor of the Eighth Street Christian church for the past 11 years, tendered his resignation, effective September 1, 1942, at the morning service of the church yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Ryan has been in the ministry since 1909 and since that time has held only five pastorates, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Richmond, Washington and Greenville, in the order named.

After graduating from the Baltimore public schools, he attended Milligan college of Tennessee and Union Theological Seminary, New York.

British Ships And Planes Assault Island Of Rhodes

Surrender After Fatal Gun Battle



James Edward Testerman (left), 22, of Clinchburg, Va., and Charles J. Lovett (right), 21, Philadelphia, are shown after their surrender at Abington, Va., following a gunfight in which an FBI agent was killed and another injured. The FBI men had been seeking the two as deserters from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Declares Time Has Come For Attack On Japanese

RAILWAY HEAD GETS WARNING

Asked By President To Comply With Board Order

Washington, March 16.—(AP)—The White House disclosed today that President Roosevelt had asked George P. McNear, Jr., president of the Toledo, Peoria and Western railroad, to comply with a War Labor board order for arbitration of a strike of 104 employees of the line.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said the chief executive had written to McNear Saturday reviewing the strike and calling attention to a national agreement that there shall be no strikes or lock-outs during the war.

His letter was sent after reports of violence in the strike and the wounding of three members of a train crew last Friday night.

The line, which operates 239 miles of track with terminals at Elmer, Ind., and Keokuck, Ia., has been disputing with representatives of the Brotherhoods of Railroad Trainmen, Locomotive Firemen and Engineers since December 28.

The dispute has centered around a proposed contract which the employees have contended would ignore their security rights and reduce wages. The company has said the contract would boost wages and average of 26.7 per cent.

Seek To Increase N.C. Freight Rates

Raleigh, March 16.—(AP)—All railroads operating in North Carolina asked the Utilities Commission today to allow them to raise their intrastate freight rates six per cent on general commodities and three per cent on agricultural commodities.

The increases would be similar to those granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission on interstate rates. Kenneth Royall of Goldsboro, who represented the contractor who is to build Camp Butler, said the increases would be extremely costly to his client. Railroad representatives—W. M. McGehee of Washington, Col. William T. Joyner of Raleigh, and Murray Allen of Raleigh—replied that the applications for increases had been on file since December, and that any contractor who hadn't taken the increases into account "hadn't been on the job."

Lash Out At Axis Easternmost Foothold In Mediterranean Britain Ready For German Stab At Turkey; Nazis Acknowledge German Lines Breached On Moscow Front

By The Associated Press British warships and planes within the last 24 hours have lashed out at the easternmost Mediterranean foothold of the Axis, the Italian island of Rhodes, just off the Turkish coast.

The assault suggested British readiness for any springtime move of the Axis to supplement the war with Russia by a southeastward stab into Turkey.

The most astonishing of the latest reports from the war in Russia was Berlin's bald admission that the Red Army had breached the German line on the central front during a heavy snowstorm and that "heavy defensive fighting developed there."

That appeared in a special announcement of the Hitler command while the regular communique admitted that the Russians had renewed mass attacks against German forces on the Kerch peninsula of Crimea.

From the Russian side came reports that liberation of the great industrial center of Kharkov, on the southern front but north of the Crimea, was imminent.

The German high command declared that the central front attackers were favored by a blinding snowstorm in closely wooded country. The assault started Saturday, it was said, and "after 15 hours of hard fighting the breach was closed again in a counter-attack. The Soviets suffered heavy and bloody losses."

The common opinion of many war observers has been that if Hitler cannot get his promised offensive under way in Russia he certainly will make a stab toward the Caucasus through Turkey.

In such event, Rhodes might readily serve as a forward base for flanking assault on Turkey's Mediterranean shore.

The first news of the bombardment of Rhodes, making it appear that the raid was concentrated on the capital of the same name came from the Italians themselves. As might be expected, the Italian high command denied any military damage from the attack and admitted only minor damage to other buildings, claiming that one of them was an orthodox church. Casualties were listed as seven killed and 10 injured.

The British had not yet reported on the foray. Adolf Hitler boasted yesterday that his armies would hand Russia a crushing defeat during the coming summer—and the hard driving Soviets promptly answered the Nazi.

No Demand in Britain For European Front Reveals Attempts Wreck N. C. Train

New York, March 16.—(AP)—MacLean Patterson, manager of the London Bureau of the Baltimore Sun papers, declared today upon his arrival from Europe on a Pan-American Airways clipper that the frequently heard demand for the opening of a second European front against the Axis "has no great backing" in England.

"Stalin chose supplies rather than military aid. That is what he is getting," said Patterson.

In The Navy Raleigh, March 16.—(AP)—"Galloping" Tony Gallovich, Wake Forest football player from 1939-41, has enlisted in the navy.

Chilean Freighter

Santiago, Chile, March 16.—(AP)—Government officials announced today that the Chilean freighter Tollen had been torpedoed and sunk about 30 miles from the port of New York and that only two of the crew of 29 were known to have been rescued.

The Tollen, 7,858 tons, was formerly the Danish freighter Lotia, and was the first Chilean ship sunk since the outbreak of the war. She was confiscated by Chile on February 15, 1941, "for the duration" as she was berthed in Valparaiso harbor.

The announcement of the sinking followed a meeting of the Chilean cabinet.

Three Phases Of Java Sea Battle



Where the United Nations lost a dozen war vessels, including the U. S. cruiser Houston and the U. S. destroyer Pope, in a two-day naval engagement off Java is illustrated by this map. The main battle took place February 27 between Bawean Island and Soerabaja (1), a Dutch and British destroyer being sunk. That night, the Allied fleet turned westward, then swung toward the Java coast (2). During the darkness two Dutch cruisers, the DeRuyter and the Java, and a British submarine were lost by submarine attack. In the battle's third stage on February 28, the Allied fleet was split and part took refuge at Tanjong Priok (3) and part at Soerabaja (3). Further losses were suffered in attempts to escape through narrow channels dominated by the enemy at either end of the island.

Island In Nippon Hands Raided By U.S. Bombers

Washington, March 16.—(AP)—The War Department reported today that an American four-motored bomber attacked a Japanese-held airport on the island of New Britain last Friday, destroying at least two enemy planes on the ground and damaging the runways.

ASKS PROBE IN GUTHRIE CASE

Nelson Requests Investigation Of Resignation

Washington, March 16.—(AP)—Donald M. Nelson, war production chief, said today that "personal conflicts" between Robert R. Guthrie and members of Guthrie's staff in the textiles division had "impeded that part of the war production effort."

In a letter to chairman Truman (D-Mo.) Nelson asked the Senate investigating committee to inquire into the facts surrounding Guthrie's resignation from the War Production Board last week and the latter's subsequent statement that "the decision, the resistance and the caution" of other representatives of industry working within the WPB had led him to resign.

Truman read a portion of the letter after Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.) told the Senate that if results could not be obtained otherwise, the government ought to draft manpower and take over industrial power.

Calls Meeting On Blackout Of City

At the request of Mayor B. B. Stagg, the Greenville Merchants Association has called a meeting for Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Municipal building for the purpose of discussing methods of extinguishing all lights which cannot be put out at a moment's notice during an emergency.

The request for the meeting followed the receipt of the following message from Theodore S. Johnson, state director of Civilian Defense: "It is requested that you contact your local defense officials in all metropolitan areas at once requesting them to take steps to obtain immediate blackout until further notice of all lighting which is not capable of being put out at a moment's notice. Please request cooperation in extinguishing of all advertising signs, store windows or other uncontrolled lighting which cannot be eliminated at once in the event of an alert."

Mr. Johnson has been advised by the army that the step is obligatory and important. Before taking a meeting of all persons involved he called for a general discussion.

H. L. Ormond, president of the Merchants Association, will preside.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE Wide-World News Analyst

The Nazi-Japanese relationship has been brought to a historic pass by the efforts of Herr Hitler—previously forecast in this column and now reported by a diplomatic quarter in London—to bribe the Japs to fight the war in a manner best suited to further the interests of Germany.

The Fuehrer is said to be urging the Nipponese—who he described in his speech yesterday as "the heroic Japanese nation"—to strike into the Indian ocean against the allied shipping lanes, to invade India and to attack Russia. As a reward he is offering territories in East and South Africa and where will-you with that dash and abandon which is characteristic of his liberality with other nations' property.

Helps Ease Fear Of Jap Movements

The Australian Press Prints Reassuring Account of U.S. Assault On Jap Communications; Australia And Allies, Meanwhile, Already Locked In Battle For Island Approaches

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH Associated Press War Editor Reports current in Australia of Japanese troop movements from China in an ominous gathering of offensive power, which Australians assumed was pointed at them, were partially offset today by talk of air and sea counter-offensives against Japan.

Reassuring word of a United States assault of Japanese communications with a vast fleet of submarines as its spearhead was published in the Australian press but with no authority for the report.

This particular hope was undoubtedly nourished by announcement of the arrival of a United Nations submarine at Perth, Australia's main western port, after a 15,000-mile, 60-day rampage through Indonesian, Philippine and Malayan waters, leaving an average of 1,000 tons of destroyed Japanese shipping in its wake each day.

The hope of a United States-British aerial offensive against Japanese territory itself was based on the promise of Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse, RAF chief in India, but whether such a joint effort could be started in time to help Australia was left unanswered.

Australia and her allies already are locked in a battle for the island approaches to the thinly settled continent which stands as the last great barricade to Japanese conquest in the southwest Pacific.

HITLER CALLS FOR SACRIFICE

Warns Germans That Hard Struggle Lies Ahead

Berlin (from German broadcasts) March 16 (AP)—Adolf Hitler appealed to the German people yesterday for new sacrifices and warned them "a hard struggle" lies ahead, but promised a crushing victory over Soviet Russia during the coming summer.

Speaking at memorial exercises for Germany's war dead, Hitler also predicted the ultimate defeat of what he called President Roosevelt's attempts to "build a detestable new alien world."

Politicians, army generals, war widows and wounded soldiers crowded into the Zeughaus—imposing old Berlin arsenal used as a military museum—to hear Hitler's address, which also was broadcast to the nation.

The German leader made a special trip from his headquarters on the Russian front to attend the state ceremonies; later he reviewed units of the army, navy and air force and placed a wreath on the war dead memorial in Unter Den Linden.

He acknowledged frankly that the German armed forces had met unanticipated obstacles in Russia after achieving victories which he said had "no parallel in history." Winter, for instance, he said, came weeks earlier than expected.

"But one thing we know today," Hitler declared: "The Bolsheviks who could not defeat the German troops and their allies in one winter will be annihilatingly defeated by us in the coming summer."

Russia's only hope of ultimate victory, Hitler said, vanished when her armies failed to inflict upon Germany a "Napoleonic" defeat in the snow and cold of a winter he described as the worst in 140 years.

\$500 Fire Fire which caught from a defective flue caused damage estimated at between \$400 and \$500 to a Negro home on First street near the corner of Cotanche this afternoon. It was the first fire in several days.

Carr Approved Washington, March 16.—(AP)—The Senate Judiciary committee today approved the nomination of James O. Carr, of North Carolina, to be United States attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina.

Social and Personal

Forty Years Ago Today

GIRLS PLEDGE TO AID OTHERS

Girls Enrolled At Local NYA Center

Library News

Aviation Cadet John C. Johnston has been transferred from Greenville, Miss. to Moultrie, Ga. for advanced training.

Social Calendar

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mobley and son, Billy, and Miss Mildred Mobley were Wilson visitors Sunday.

MONDAY
6:30 p. m.—The Rotary Club meets.
7:00 p. m.—Lions Club meets.
7:30 p. m.—Modern Woodmen meet.

Miss Jewel Cosart of Asheboro spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cozart.

TUESDAY
1:00 p. m.—Mrs. K. B. Pace will be hostess to the members of the Athenaeum Club.

Mr. A. F. Windham returned on Sunday afternoon from Sanford where he visited his daughter, Mrs. Elsie W. Simpson, who is a patient in Lee county hospital.

3:30 p. m.—The Inter Se Club meets with Mrs. Staunton Harvey.

Miss Julia Ann Bland who has been taking a secretarial course at the Woman's College in Greensboro, has accepted a secretarial position in Asheboro.

3:30 p. m.—Mrs. J. L. Hassell will entertain the members of the End of the Century Club.

Lieutenant J. E. Williams, who recently received his wings at Brooks Field, Texas, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Williams.

3:30 p. m.—Mrs. F. A. Bendall will be hostess to the Chatham Book Club.

William Keck is confined to his home by sickness.

WEDNESDAY
7:30 p. m.—Chapter 149 of the Eastern Star will meet.

Paul Fitzgerald of Richmond, is spending several days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Fitzgerald.

7:30 p. m.—7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer service at the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. C. A. Bowen suffered a broken arm when she fell at her home on Library street, Sunday.

8:00 p. m.—The choir of the Episcopal Church will meet.

The plans for the State Garden Pilgrimage have been withdrawn for this year on account of the war conditions.

FRIDAY
3:30 p. m.—Miss Lucy Cherry Crisp, assisted by Mr. Clyde Carter, will address the Greenville Garden Club on the subject "Romance in the Garden."

Hawthorne and daffodils, Mrs. S. T. White, Seventh street and Mrs. A. W. Harris, East Tenth and Lawrence streets; Hawthorne, Mrs. A. M. Moseley, West Fourth and Pitt streets; Daffodils at the intersection of Elizabeth and West Fifth streets.

6:30 p. m.—The Kiwanis Club meets.

The Winterville Ruritan Club met in regular monthly meeting Tuesday night. President Punk (Ray) Olesby presided.

7:45 p. m.—The choir of the Methodist Church will meet for rehearsal.

Reports from standing committees revealed progress is being made by the club.

7:30 p. m.—The Red Men will meet.

The program was in charge of the Agricultural Committee. Stumpy (J. Bryant) Speight presented the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. F. F. Hendrix, our county farm agent, who comes to us replacing Mr. R. R. Bennett who was called into military service.

Christian Science Service. "Substance" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science churches and societies on Sunday, March 15.

Rev. C. Arthur Francis, Vernon White and Paul Hunsucker were duly inducted into the club as new members. The induction ceremony was in charge of the president, Aggie (J. H.) Mabley.

The golden text was from Hebrews 11:1. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Cottage Prayer Meetings. Revival services will be held at the Memorial Baptist Church from March 23 to 29, conducted by Dr. Marshall Mott of Winston-Salem.

Among the citations which comprised the lesson-sermon were the following from the Bible: "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

Monday, 7:45 p. m.—In the following homes: Mrs. Nan Moore, 111 East 10th St.; Mrs. G. J. Woodward, 410 Greene St.; Mrs. A. W. Hodgett, 409 Baltimore St.; Mrs. L. G. Armstrong, 1560 Dickinson Ave.

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:

Friday, 7:45 p. m.—Mrs. E. E. Convey, 1507 East 5th St.; Mrs. W. L. Lee, 419 Greene St.; Mrs. E. L. Bridgers, 108 East 9th St.

"Substance is that which is eternal, Truth, Life and Love are substance. As the Scriptures use this word in Hebrews: 'The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.' Spirit, the synonym of Mind, Soul or God, is the only real substance."

The sorority presented a recognition pin to Miss Betty Hodges for being the best pledge for the year. A gift was presented Miss Eleanor Lazenby of this city, Miss Jessie Thomas Scott of Matthews, Miss Bettie Kenyon of this city, Miss Polly Ann Foglesong of Wayland, Mass., Miss Frances Bryan, Miss Jane Boovy, Miss Marie Sitton, all of this city, and Miss Emily Seitter of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Fleming and Miss Martha Rachel Fleming spent the week-end in Newport News, Va., visiting Archibald and Sylvester Fleming.

Mr. Earl Phelps of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cayton of Greenville, spent the day here Sunday.

Equinox weather is due this week. If any man loses vote through failure of paying his poll tax, it will not be because the newspapers did not give him warning.

The Greenville tobacco market has about closed for the season. Up to the first of March, the sales for the season amounted to 9,345,155 pounds, the average price for the year being \$10.46.

Miss Martha Summerville of this city was in charge of the banquet and Miss Elizabeth Summerville of Charlotte was toastmistress.

Miss Marjorie Imbody made the toast to the alumnae, and Miss Julia Thomas, alumnae adviser for the chapter, responded.

Special guests included the faculty advisers, Miss Cardella Henderson and Miss Eleanor Jenkins; chapter patronesses, Mrs. W. E. Jordan, Mrs. Howard MacGregor and Mrs. C. N. Peeler; and the Charlotte alumnae.

Miss Lucy Cherry Crisp, assisted by Mrs. Clyde Carter, will address the Greenville Garden Club at its regular meeting Friday, March 20, at 3:30 p. m.

Miss Crisp's subject will be "Romance in the Garden." The meeting will be held at the Woman's Club.

The American Home Department of the Woman's Club met Friday afternoon at the club house.

The choir of the Methodist Church will meet for rehearsal.

Miss Conley, on behalf of Mrs. James T. Little, made the following announcements:

A Victory community sing to be held at the high school building on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A First Aid class to begin March 23 at 9:45 a. m., in the court room of the Municipal building.

Mrs. Dink James had charge of the program. She presented Miss Lella Higgs who used as her subject "Special Treatment for Various Types of Windows."

Mrs. Ben Williams of New Bern, spent the week-end with Mrs. J. L. Williams.

Mrs. Lela B. Hoell and Miss Jennie Outlaw spent the week-end in Jacksonville with Mrs. Bill Hargett.

Miss Dorothy Wilson spent the week-end in Williamsburg, Va., visiting Miss Kathleen Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hales of Washington, were here yesterday for a short while.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rouse, Mrs. J. H. Brooks, Mrs. Lloyd Whichard and Peggy Edwards went to Durham Saturday.

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Half A Million Girl Scouts In United States

More than a half million girls in all parts of the United States have voluntarily pledged "On my honor I will try to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times, and to obey Girl Scout laws."

This is the official Girl Scout promise, assumed by each member of the organization. The laws specify honor, usefulness, loyalty, friendliness, courtesy, cheerfulness, thrift, and cleanliness of thought, word and deed.

Since Girl Scouting was introduced into the United States in 1912, over two and a half million girls have assumed and tried to live up to this voluntary pledge.

Girl Scouting was brought to this country from England by Mrs. Juliette Gordon Low, who received her inspiration for forming the national sisterhood from the Scouting and Guide movement begun by the late Lord Baden Powell.

The organization is non-sectarian, non-profit making and non-political. It is open to girls of all races and creeds.

All Girl Scout activities are coordinated under a national program planned for three age levels. Younger scouts are called Brownies with an age range from 7 to 10 years; Girl Scouts may be as young as 10 or as old as junior high school graduates.

Generally there are from 16 to 24 girls in each troop. The troop is usually subdivided into patrols, each of which has certain duties and responsibilities for the activities and welfare of the troop as a whole.

Council members guide and develop the local program, secure leaders and provide special training for them, finance the administration of the local organization and are responsible for introducing the aims and ideals of Girl Scouting to the community.

With the nation at war, the activities and training in scouting have become increasingly important and vital. The girls themselves are eager to contribute constructive support to the defense programs and their leaders have recognized the important part which youth can play in maintaining morale and in building the future.

Two years ago Girl Scouts in many cities established Service Bureaus through which they volunteered their services to their communities and to welfare agencies.

The record of services which have been performed and are now being performed ranges from doing routine odd jobs to release adults for more important work.

The response from the girls and their communities to the Service Bureau has proved that in a strong defense program there is work of importance in which the young girls of the nation may participate.

The opportunities which scouting opens to girls to enlist their efforts for national defense, has accelerated the annual increase in applications for new membership.

National officials state that this figure could be doubled almost overnight if enough troop leaders were available to permit the organization of new troops.

On the occasion of the Girl Scouts' 29th anniversary last year, President Roosevelt expressed the wish that the advantages of Girl Scout training be made available to more girls.

"Young people who are learning, as you (Girl Scouts) are learning, to think for themselves, to be self-reliant, resourceful, active participants in their own community, are the best assurance of the continuance of democracy that we can have."

Moderator Dies. Wilson, March 16.—(AP)—Elder Robert H. Boswell, 67, moderator of the Black Creek Primitive Baptist Association for the past decade, died at his home here yesterday.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon.

Men Called To Duty Allowed Sell Autos. Washington, March 16.—(AP)—Soldiers, sailors and men called for induction may sell their new passenger cars without restriction for an indefinite period, the office of price administration ruled today.

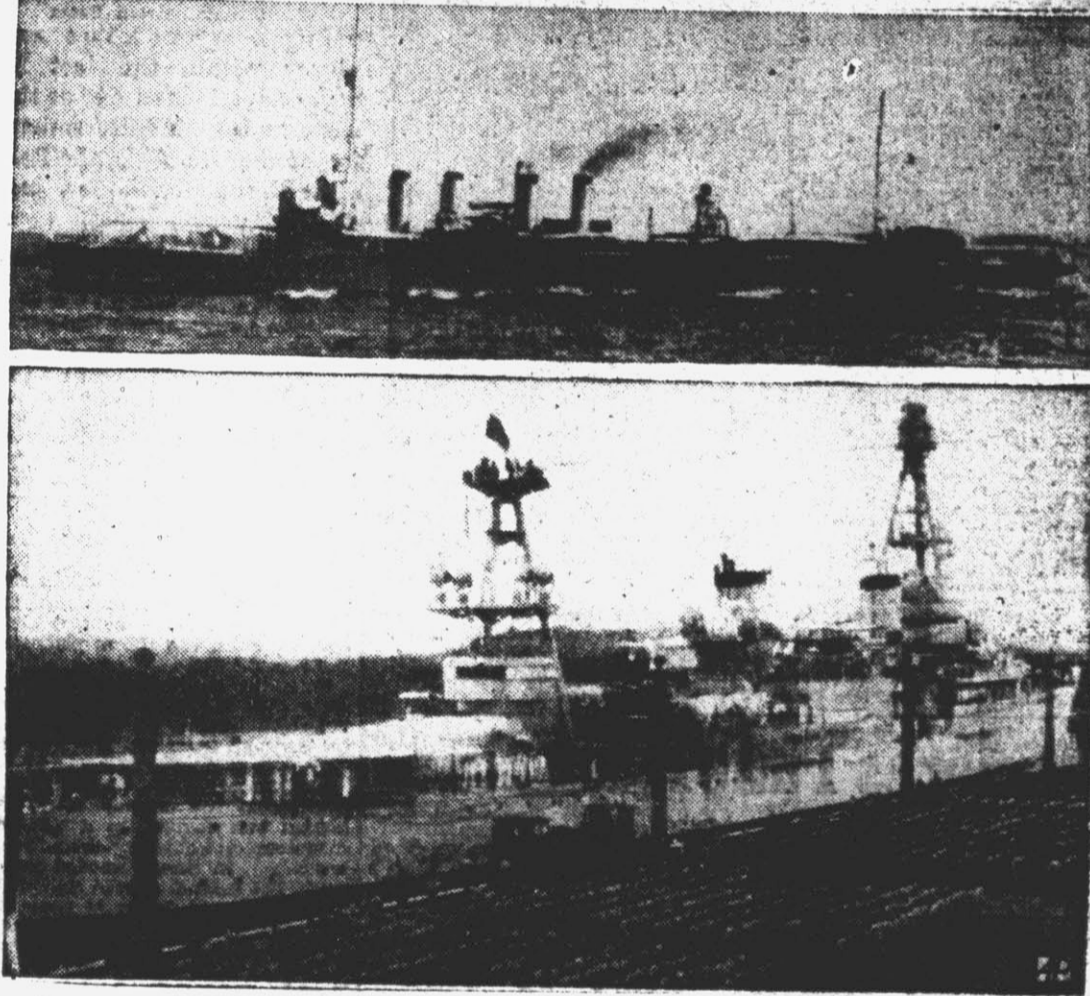
Under previous orders men taken into the military service were permitted to sell their 1942 vehicles only until March 9.

The amendment "extends indefinitely the time for such sale outside the regular rationing channels," the OPA announced.



Several Greenville girls are learning how to do war work at the National Youth Administration Training Center here. Shown above are members of the first girls' class in radio work and their instructor, John Sherwood, Jr. They are, left to right: Pauline Taylor, Dori Lee Mills, Minnie Ella Smith, Kathleen Corey, the supervisor, and Magaleene Corey.

American Warships Lost In Battle of Java



The U. S. destroyer Pope (above) and the Cruiser Houston (below) were two of the 12 warships which the War Department reported were lost by the United Nations in the sea battle for Java last month. The U. S. Cruiser Houston is shown passing through the Panama Canal.

GREENVILLE HI-NEWS By CORA REDDITT EVELYN SCHELLER

Dramateers News. "An Outsider," a new play being worked on by a few members of the Dramatics class, will be presented to the rest of the class in the near future.

Physical Exams. Some of the boys in the eleventh glee club will present a joint concert tomorrow night.

New York Journalists. The 20 journalists who went to New York last week came back late Saturday night.

Basketball Games. The women faculty and girls' basketball team will be played tomorrow afternoon.

Student Council. The student council meets in room 21 tonight at 7:30.

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Your new suit is going to be the backbone of your wardrobe this Spring.

New Coats . . . New Dresses . . . New Hats . . . New Accessories

C. HEBER FORBES

Labor Friends Link War Profits With Wage Control

SERVE NOTICE OF INTENTIONS

Senators Hill and LaFollette Leading Movement

Washington, March 16.—(AP)—Congressional friends of labor served notice today they would fight to link a drastic limitation of war profits with any legislative wage controls that may be proposed by President Roosevelt as a result of current studies.

Senator Hill of Alabama, the Democratic whip, and Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis), both long-time supporters of labor, demanded that any action taken to place a ceiling on wages be accompanied by legislation which would take away most, if not all, of the profits on war production contracts.

Hill conceded that it might be necessary to apply brakes to wage increases to prevent inflation, but added that it was just as essential that war profits be limited for the same reason.

LaFollette said that while he was prepared to accept wage controls if they were accompanied by profit surbs, he thought the placing of an arbitrary ceiling over wages might result in disruption of the industrial machinery far beyond anything yet experienced.

While he declined to classify wages and profits in the same category, Chairman George (D-Ga) said the Finance Committee undoubtedly would study a proposal to impose a super tax on all government contracts when it considers the new revenue bill.

Discussion of several other phases of the labor problem was scheduled for a Senate Appropriations subcommittee, headed by Senator Thomas (D-Okla) expected to touch upon these in hearings at which government officials and labor leaders have been invited to testify.

Thomas said he would ask the committee to depart from its usual procedure and hold public hearings on the progress of the war production program, as a result of numerous complaints he had received about strikes, the operation of the wage-hour law and the reported failure of many war factories to keep their machines going around the clock.

Christ Necessary In Life Of City

By WYATT BROWN

"If Greenville ever becomes the city of our dreams, Christ must have a place in the affairs of our city," declared Reverend George W. Perry, pastor in his sermon Sunday morning at Jarvis Memorial Methodist church. "If the world ever ceases to hate, to kill, and to destroy, it will be when Christ comes in."

In opening his sermon yesterday morning Mr. Perry posed two rhetorical questions first whether the touch of Christ has lost its power or if he is able to fill the soul with power and happiness? Then he went on:

"People like to talk of the failure of Christianity. It is men who have failed but when Christianity has been given a chance, it has succeeded."

Let us look for a new gospel. One that will settle our difficulties, comfort all our heartaches and make us better men and women—some people say. Such people had better lose sight of the power of Christianity and look for the connection between the individual and Christ and the church and the universe. Men are looking for external results instead of looking for the absolutely essential thing in the heart of the believer or individual."

Then here Mr. Perry made his statements about the connection of Christ with the welfare of Greenville and the world. He further warned that Christ is not going to force His way into the hearts of men and of nations.

"The man who has come in touch with Christ is more concerned about the comfort of others than of self. His chief concern will be what he can give and not what he is going to get."

Renders Report on Health Departm't

Tuberculosis continues to be a "very serious problem" in Pitt County, according to the monthly report on the activities of the local Health Department issued by Dr. Thomas Ennett, health officer.

Seventeen new cases were reported for the first two months of this year, the number being the same as reported for the similar period last year.

Dr. Ennett's report set forth that the county had no sanatorium in which to segregate the advanced cases and the disease continues to spread. He added that aside from the suffering and sorrow left in the wake of the disease, its cost is estimated at \$100,000 annually.

Seven new cases were discovered at the January clinic. Another clinic will be held the first week in May.

The monthly report related that the department's activities consisted of midwife examinations, school work, medical school dental work, quarantine work, maternal and infant welfare clinics, orthopedic clinics, venereal disease clinics, cafe, meat market and dairy inspections.

The contagious disease situation for the month was reported to be about normal, except for an increase in the number of diphtheria and measles cases. There were 10 cases of diphtheria and 54 of measles.

United States Fliers In Australia



These United States army aviators leave their huge "flying fortress" bombing plane upon arrival in Australia after flying the big ship from the Philippines where they saw action against the Japanese. Names of the men and the plane they landed were not disclosed.

SHOW BOAT GIRL

By ROBERTA COURTLAND

Chapter Seven

"Yes, of course I did," answered Randy, his voice crossing hers. "But where are you? And why did Gran let you leave?"

"Gran is dead, Randy," said Melissa, and a lump swelled in her throat so that no more words could get past it.

"You poor youngster," said Randy and his voice was warm and tender. "I'm terribly sorry." And then, "So you came to town for a visit—"

"Not for a visit, Randy," she interrupted. "I'm going to live here. I have to find a job—"

"Oh, that's not so good—the city will swallow you in one bite, Melissa," protested Randy. "Look, I've got to see you, but I'm all tied up right now in a conference. It's likely to be hours before I'm free. But how about having dinner with me? About seven? Where are you staying?"

She mentioned her hotel and heard him whistle. And then he promised to pick her up there at seven and she went back to where Irene was waiting for her. There were stars in her eyes and wings on her heels, so Irene knew before she reached the table that she had talked to Randy.

Irene grimly ground out the tip of her half-smoked cigarette in the tray beside her and said, "Like that, eh? Well, that's just dandy! Just perfectly dandy!"

"And you'll see you were wrong," said Melissa sturdily. "He's nice, Irene. You'll like him!"

"Sure I will—and how!" said Irene grimly, and gathered up her purse and gloves. Let's get going. There are things to do before seven p. m. my gal."

Irene insisted that Melissa needed a shampoo and "hair-do," and deposited her at a shop managed by a friend of Irene's.

"The works, Lucy, and I do mean works," said Irene firmly. "She's to audition tonight for a very special party. So see she looks her most elegant."

"Leave it to us, Irene," said Lucy, smiling at Melissa and leading her to a narrow white-walled booth where a girl with deft hands took possession of her.

That night, standing in her room before the mirror, Melissa wasn't at all sure that she liked what she saw. Of course, she hastily assured herself, feeling guilty at such a thought. Irene and Lucy knew about things like style and fashion and what was smart and all that. So the rather extreme, but very smart swept-up coiffure into which the warm, ruddy masses of her curls had been swept must be best possible style for her. After all, she couldn't go around a big city like New Orleans with her hair in a shoulder-length mass of curls framing her face, as she had worn it back at the Point, and the yellow chiffon dress that slid smoothly down her body, breaking into soft swells above her instep, couldn't really be, as Melissa knew Gran would have thought it, "indecent."

"Ace" Hendricks

The telephone shrilled sharply and she started violently, still so unaccustomed to such a modern convenience that she took it up a trifle reluctantly.

"A Miss Graham calling," said the clerk.

"Please tell Miss Graham I'll be right down," she answered swiftly.

With a final glance into the mirror, she took up the cowbeby shirred chiffon wrap that just matched the yellow frock and which was even more covering than the summer night required, and hurried down to the lobby.

Irene, looking smart and sophisticated in an ice-blue frock beneath a stunning Spanish shawl of soft ivory crepe embroidered with huge, impossible flowers, was lounging comfortably in a deep chair not far from the elevator and she mentioned to Melissa, studying her intently as Melissa came across the lobby.

"Take off that silly cape," she ordered without a word of preliminary greeting. "You look stunning. I'll bet you'll open Hendricks' eyes plenty."

"You look lovely, too," said Melissa happily.

"Here, sit down," said Irene, shifting a little to permit Melissa to sink down beside her. "We can see the boy-friend when he comes

in."

To Melissa, the crowded lobby seemed gay and exciting and very attractive. She studied the men and decided not one of them was half so good-looking as she remembered Randy.

"Don't look now," said Irene suddenly, her voice harsh and a little uneven, as she bent forward to crush out her cigarette in the tray beside her on the little-end-table. "But I see Ace Hendricks there near the door, talking to the two leading citizens."

Miss Melissa caught her breath and her heart climbed up into her throat and her hands shook a little. There was a terrible moment of suspense before she turned her head and her eyes found him and it was Randy. Somehow from the first, despite her efforts to deny it, she had felt sure that the man Irene knew as "Ace" Hendricks was the man she had known as Randy; but Irene must be mistaken about him. He couldn't possibly be the way Irene had described him—

He was better-looking than she remembered him. He looked a little older—more than just a year. He was tall and lean and brown; his evening clothes fitted him with a perfection that spoke of excellent tailoring and superlative fabric. He laughed a little as he turned away from the two impressive-looking "leading citizens" and went toward the desk. And Melissa, without waiting for Irene's word, was on her feet and going swiftly towards him.

"Miss Melissa Marlowe, please," she heard him say to the clerk as she reached his side.

Casually he glanced at her. An impersonal spark of admiration leaped into his eyes, but there was no sign of recognition as he looked politely away again. Melissa's silly heart tripped and fell flat on its face. He hadn't recognized her!

"Here I am, Randy," she said, and Randy turned, startled, and looked down at her. His eyes swept over her narrowed, and he said under his breath, "Oh, for gosh sakes—"

And then aloud he said, "What the devil have you done to yourself, Melissa? You don't look like my girl of the woods a bit!"

Miss Melissa said, above the lump that formed in her throat, winking very fast to fight back the tears, "D-d-d-d-don't you like it?"

"Sure he does, baby," said Irene's smooth, cynical voice behind them, and Randy turned, startled, to face the cold, unsmiling look in her frosty blue eyes. "He's just crazy about it. Hello, Ace. How's the heat?"

Ruined Reunion

Randy looked from Melissa to Irene and then back to Melissa and said sternly, "And where does she come into the picture, Melissa?"

"Just about here, I'd say—wouldn't you?" said Irene with a sort of murderous sweetness. "The infant tumbled into my ship today in search of duds with which to slay the populace of our city while she looked for a job—and I took her in hand."

Randy nodded grimly. "I might have known," he muttered to Melissa, trying to ignore Irene. "See here, Melissa, why didn't you call me the moment you got in town?"

"It must have been her guardian angel that kept her from doing just that, don't you think?" suggested Irene gently. "Or don't you believe in such old-fashioned protectors as guardian angels, Ace my lad?"

Randy became conscious of the clerk, who was listening so hard that his ears were almost visibly extended. He put a hand beneath Melissa's elbow and turned her about to face the dining-room.

"We might as well eat," he said grimly. "There's no reason why we should take all of New Orleans into our confidence. I suppose you're dining with us?" He asked Irene.

Smiling sweetly, a sweetness and a smile that did not touch her eyes, Irene said firmly, "I wouldn't miss it for the world. Thank you for asking me—though I was all prepared to invite myself if you made it necessary."

Inside the big dining room, Randy refused the first two tables which the waiter-captain suggested and took one in a far corner that was practically secluded behind a tall palm. There was a cushioned bench at the back and Randy drew Melissa there to sit beside him while Irene, smiling a little taut, ugly smile, sat in a chair facing them.

Miss Melissa was on the verge of tears. She had dreamed so long about this moment; and it had been spoiled completely.

There lay between Randy and Irene some dark, ugly thing that

Corrigan Ferries Bombers Now



Douglas Corrigan, who flew the "wrong way" and crossed the Atlantic in 1938, sheds his flying clothes in a New York hotel during an overnight stop-over en route to the Pacific coast for another bomber to be flown to an eastern port. He is flying the big ships for the U. S. Army Ferrying command.

26 SURVIVORS REACH SAFETY

Eleven Men From Big Tanker Land At Southport

Wilmington, March 16 (AP)—A story of death by fire on oil covered seas and of men being ground to bits by the propeller of the sinking ship was told today by survivors of a giant American tanker torpedoed Thursday night.

The saga of the wartime seas related how a quartermaster used his body as an oar lock on a life raft and finally, when 11 of the 26 survivors were landed at nearby Southport, his flesh was black with bruises.

The other 15 were landed at Charleston, S. C.

The Navy did not say how many of the crew were believed missing. Nor did it identify the tanker for publication.

Shippmates credited quartermaster Edwin Cheney, 24, of Yedon, Pa., with saving many lives. They said he swam to the raft after jumping overboard. Then, by calling directions and words of encouragement through the dense smoke and flames, he guided several men to the raft.

During the nine hours on the raft, Cheney and several survivors alternated in making human oarlocks for the others could pull the heavy oars and get away from the flames.

Ensign Robert B. Hutchins, USN, a Chicago lawyer who commanded the gun crew on the tanker, said that when the torpedo struck, he was in his bunk reading.

He sought his gun crew. "Everything as dark as first and I ran along the catwalk over the tanks amidship when I suddenly ran into the mainmast, knocking by myself off and darn near putting myself out."

Nothing could be seen or heard of the submarine, he said. "When the flames got on top of us, we jumped over the side. I saw two of my boys go into those flames, and heard them scream as they died." Four of the seven-man gun crew were believed lost.

A moment after the ship was struck, a geyser of crude oil covered the sea for hundreds of yards, said Herbert L. Gardner, Jr., 22, of Nashville, Tenn., on his first sea voyage.

made them hate each other. And the hatred of the two spilled over and tarnished forever the beautiful moment toward which all her days and nights of living had been shaping since that morning on the Point when they'd said goodbye and Randy had asked her to call him if she ever came to town.

Randy ordered, obviously anxious to be rid of the waiter. And when the waiter had gone, Irene and Randy looked at each other across the table and Randy demanded harshly, "What have you been telling her about me?"

"Only the truth, darling," Irene said, and her tone made the declaration as savage as a physical blow. "Only that you were a heel and a thug and that you ran a crooked gambling joint."

Randy ran his fingers through her hair with a little weary gesture and said, in a tone of angry exasperation, "Oh, for heaven's sake, Irene, either change the record or get a new needle!"

"It's true, isn't it? You owned the gambling house, didn't you?" demanded Irene, and though her voice was low-pitched, it shook a little with the intensity of her emotion.

To Be Continued

Accused of Slaying



Madeline Webb, former dancer and model and graduate of Oklahoma A. and M. college, huddles in a chair in Homicide Court in New York where she and two ex-convicts, Eli Shonbrun and John D. Cullen, were held without bail on charges of "suspicion of homicide" in the strangulation slaying of Mrs. Susan Flora Reich, Mrs. Reich, wealthy Polish refugee, was found dead in a New York hotel.

Income Tax Checks Flooding Offices

Raleigh, March 16.—(AP)—Swamped by an avalanche of checks and money orders, clerks of the State Department of Revenue worked overtime today to tabulate returns from the state income tax.

Deadline for paying the levy is midnight tonight.

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell predicted that receipts would break all records, and that about 25,000 more persons had filed returns than ever before.

So many returns were received that incoming mail was stacked in bags in the Revenue Department, while clerks tried to catch up with last week's returns.

"It will be the end of the week before we can make an intelligent estimate of receipts," said Maxwell.

Latest figures available showed that \$9,908,837.94 had been collected through last Friday, for the fiscal year, compared with only \$6,528,168.90 on the same date last year.

During all of the last fiscal year, \$14,479,494.83—a new record—was collected.

To Present Concert Here Tuesday Night

Under the direction of Miss Ona Shinder and H. A. McDougle the annual spring music concert will be presented tomorrow night at eight o'clock in the high school auditorium. Forty-eight members of the glee club and 50 members of the band will participate in the program, which will be about an hour in length.

There will be a small admission charge.

Among the numbers to be sung by the mixed chorus are "Emilie Spiritum Tuum" by Schuetky; "Listen to the Lambs" by Dett; "Cherubim Song" by Bortniansky and "The Road is Calling" by Walter

and Clement.

"Lullaby" by Simes and "On the Steppes" by Gretchanloff will be sung by the girls chorus. "Ave Maria" by Arcudei and "All Day on the Prairie" by Gulon and Riegener will be presented by the boys' chorus. The trio will sing "Lift Thine Eyes" by Mendelssohn and "My Peace, Thou Art" by Schubert will be the solo, sung by Elizabeth Bridgers.

Selections by the band will include "Mystic Land of Egypt," "Dedication" and "Sorab and Rutum."

Governor To Tour Military Sectors

Raleigh, March 16.—(AP)—Governor Broughton will leave here tonight for New Bern, and tomorrow morning will start an inspection tour of Marine bases in eastern North Carolina.

The governor will be accompanied by Admiral Simons of the Fifth Naval district; Capt. C. H. Cotter of Norfolk, Va.; Ben Prince, chairman of the Highway Commission; Representative Graham S. Barden of New Bern; and officers of the Atlantic and East Carolina railway.

Besides visiting Marine bases in the Cherry Point, New River and Jacksonville area, Broughton will inspect a section base at Morehead City, access roads, and parts of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

The A. and N. C. railroad is owned by the state, and is operated by the A. and E. C. under lease. Plans are being considered to improve the road, so that it can handle additional freight for the Marine camps.

Class In Electricity Meets Here Tonight

The defense training class in Fundamental Electrical Engineering meets tonight and Wednesday night in the Firestone building across from

the high school. The United States Government has authorized this course to train men for jobs and for "home defense." Money has been appropriated and equipment is being purchased and used for practical wiring and motor work in class. There is room for a few more men to enroll immediately.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having this day qualified as Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Willis D. Johnston, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to file the same, duly itemized and verified, with the undersigned Executors at Greenville, N. C., within twelve months from this date, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of March, 1942.
J. RUSSELL STANCILL, Sr.,
ROBERT D. STANCILL,
Executors of Willis D. Johnston, Deceased.
Harding & Lee, Attys.
Mar. 9-1tw-6wk.

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, 1943, 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.
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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

ADVERSITY TEACHES WELL

Many years ago there was a doctor in one of the southern states whose life appeared to be ruined because he had lost his first case. Fresh from medical school he had taken up his work as a practitioner in a little town and had failed ignominiously to save the first patient he was called upon to treat. In complete discouragement, feeling that his career had ended before it began, he packed up and left town. He took himself to a sparsely settled district farther south, and there, feeling his life was ruined, he began in a half-hearted way to practice medicine again.

But it happened that the unfavorable climatic conditions of the swampy region in which he had settled brought him in contact with some unusual diseases and led him to work out a technique of treatment which made him famous throughout the medical world. When he died, he was as well known among those of his native land. His first failure had driven him from a quiet country practice into one of the most unhealthy regions of the deep south. There, with his heart made heavy by an overburdening sense of failure, he found the opportunity to do a piece of work which made him famous throughout the world.

Our best lessons are sometimes taught us by our failures. The best opportunities frequently come to us not in the sunny day of success but after fate has given us what at first appears to have been a mighty ray of light. We are too small of moment and intellectual stature really to know at any given moment whether we are being blessed or punished.

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Motorists are being advised to save the anti-freeze when they drain it from their radiators this spring. Placed in airtight containers it will keep and can be used again next winter.

In connection with Governor Broughton's recent statement deploring the fact that there are many able-bodied persons who will not work and are still on the relief rolls, it has wisely been suggested that a "No-work, no food" policy be adopted. Such a plan might make a lot of present "reliefers" more willing to accept employment.

Legally North Carolina can't change its present speed laws until another session of the General Assembly, but now that President Roosevelt has requested that the speed limit throughout the country be reduced to a maximum of 40 miles in order to conserve both rubber and gasoline, our people should begin to conform to it without waiting for the state to make it mandatory. As we have stated many times in this column, it is our belief that the lower speed limit will not only save rubber and gasoline, but will also greatly reduce the number of fatal accidents on our highways.

Invitation To Disaster



Washington Daybook

Washington.—A young Democratic congressman from Oklahoma who has strung along with the administration on most matters but has been sniping away at non-essential government spending for the three years that he has been in office, has finally got himself a cause that is making talk on the Hill and may even get results.

Rep. A. S. Mike Monroney is waging an almost one-man campaign to do away with what he describes as the Department of Agriculture's unnecessary "Pullman car farmers"—department officials and employees who do a lot of train traveling.

His goal is to cut the department's \$16,000,000 travel and per diem allowance appropriation in half for the next fiscal year. His method is tedious—but it's the only method that could be used. He's trying to cut the \$16,000,000 block in half by chipping off a few thousands here, a few there. Each stroke on the chisel requires a special amendment. There would have to be more than 40 of them.

For example, one of the amendments would cut the forest service travel expense from \$573,000 to \$563,100, a saving of only \$9,900. When Monroney started bringing his amendments to the floor, the House showed a marked lack of interest, so much so that it was difficult for him to get more than a 5-minute debate at the start. Congressional leaders were so disinterested that some left the floor. When the vote was taken and Monroney's first amendment lost by only six votes, administration leaders sat up

and took notice. The fight has just started, Monroney says. If the trend continues against him on the separate amendments, he plans to drop them an overall amendment to make a blanket slash of \$8,000,000 in the account.

Where the congressman caught the defense of the appropriation short was that there is no breakdown of the travel allowances other than by agencies and no way of proving in advance that the allowances are absolutely necessary.

Knowing Monroney has generally favored administration farm legislation, I asked him how he hit upon this particular item. "In studying the budget I came upon this item for \$16,000,000 for travel by agriculture department. This is, of course, exclusive of the expense and maintenance of government owned cars. I got to thinking that there are some states whose income tax payments to the government don't equal that much. I looked that up and I found that there were 16 states, not one of which in 1941 paid in \$16,000,000 in income taxes to the government.

"Without going into the travel needs of the department at that point, it seemed to be that something must be wrong somewhere if the department was spending more for train and per diem travel than the federal income tax revenue from any one of 16 states. "When I found out that the post office department, with its vast inspection system, etc., spent only \$5,367,000 for travel last year, I decided to go to work on this. It may be a small item measured in terms of the billions for defense. But the people pay their taxes in comparatively small amounts, and outside of war expenditures now, it seems to me that's how we ought to spend them."

SAMARITANS ARE SAFER

By L. M. THOMPSON, M.D.
Assistant Director First Aid, Water Safety and Accident Prevention Service of The American National Red Cross

BREATHING BY HAND
Asphyxiation is another name for suffocation. Its victim, unconscious and not breathing, is in a state of suspended animation resulting from a deficiency of oxygen in the blood.

This near-death condition, which cannot long persist without artificial respiration, is the result of various causes. The most frequent of these are drowning, electrical shock and gas poisoning. Drowning, contrary to popular belief, is a relatively simple form of asphyxiation. Water may or may not enter the lungs. But that is not important. Water extinguishes life as it does fire—but cutting off the supply of oxygen. Even when the drowning person's supply of air is completely cut off by water, he is not immediately deprived of all oxygen. There is a certain reserve supply in the air cells of the lungs, and there is some oxygen in the blood and the tissues. Five minutes submersion produces death in many cases, while a few have been revived after 20 minutes of submersion.

In cases of asphyxiation resulting from electric shock, the condition is brought about by suspension of breathing—not because there is no air to breathe but because the victim's breathing apparatus is paralyzed. This paralysis is caused by passage of the current through the breathing center at the base of the brain. The nervous impulses which ordinarily radiate out from this breathing center to the muscles responsible for breathing are discontinued as a result of this paralysis, and the breathing muscles, consequently, cease to function.

If the shock has not been to severe, the breathing center will gradually recover and resume its vitally essential task—provided that the victim has not died meanwhile from lack of oxygen. Cases are recorded in which artificial respiration was carried on for eight hours before the breathing center recovered sufficiently from the paralyzing effect of the current to resume its normal function.

Carbon monoxide is the lethal agent in virtually all cases of asphyxiation by gas. It is colorless and odorless and slightly lighter than air. It is found in automobile exhaust gas, in manufactured gas used for illuminating and heating, in smoke from gas and coal stoves and furnaces, in coke oven gas, in blast furnace gas, and other manufactured gas.

As little as .02 per cent (one part in 5,000) of carbon monoxide in air will produce symptoms of poisoning in a few hours, and 2 per cent may cause unconsciousness in 30 minutes. One per cent will kill in a few minutes. Automobile exhaust fumes ordinarily contain enough carbon monoxide to render an average-sized closed garage deadly in five minutes.

tunity. This thought is based on their conflicting ambitions and their past records of duplicity and treachery. Japan's immediate problem is to decide which of two policies she shall adopt at this vital juncture. She must make up her mind forthwith (1) whether she shall be satisfied to try to consolidate and hold her present rich conquests, or (2) whether she shall continue to pursue her expansionist program just so long as good fortune blazes the trail for her. It is the most difficult and important decision she has to make.

There are two schools of thought in Japan. One comprises the mad-dog militarists who want unlimited expansion. A second more conservative group holds that Nippon has bitten off all it can chew and should now devote itself to safe-guarding what it has won. If the conservative elements in Tokyo prevail, one would expect to see Japan avoid a clash with Russia for the time being if possible. As a matter of cold fact, there is no grief in Nippon at seeing the Nazis and the Bolsheviks bleed each other, and the Japs have no urge to pull Germany's already scorched Chestnuts out of the fire.

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

To the Editor:
The attendance at the Victory Community Sing and Patriotic Rally was a disgrace to the community of Greenville.

A small group of over a hundred attended this patriotic rally, and 60 per cent of the total audience were people from out of town. Out of a population of 15,000 some thirty Greenville citizens attended. Our fine Mayor was present. Where were the people?

Our President and national defense leaders have urged communities to organize community choruses, and to hold community sings and patriotic rallies. Greenville already has a community chorus. The Victory Community Sing and Patriotic Rally was to be the climax of the Greenville defense week which started last Monday night.

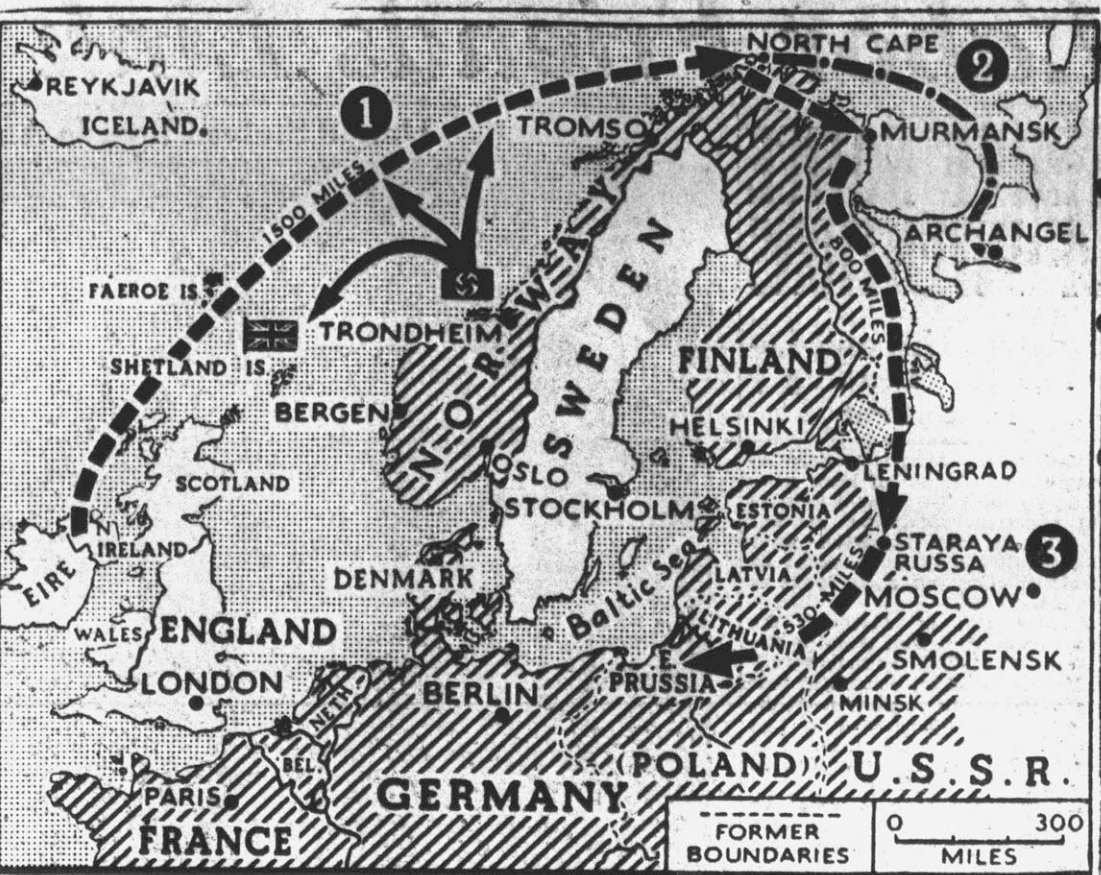
If the lack of community spirit which was shown in Greenville Sunday afternoon is typical of the nation, then America is truly in great danger, more from within than without. Where were the Greenville citizens Sunday afternoon while a community patriotic rally was going on? Riding around wasting gas and rubber, etc.?

In Germany Hitler would give an order for a patriotic rally and the people would be there—or else. Here in America, in our democracy we cooperate and unite for the good of all. Have we grown so selfish, and interested in just our own pleasures that we have fallen asleep to our community duties and opportunities? Wake up, Greenville!

I hope Greenville will sponsor another Victory Community Sing and Patriotic Rally in the near future and that more Greenville citizens can be awakened to their community responsibilities.

LEWIS S. BULLOCK,
Conductor of the Greenville Civic Chorus.

War Front Moves To The Top Of The World



Major air and naval operations underway indicate an offensive is being taken by United Nations against Germany and lands dominated by the Nazis (diagonal shading) over a 1,500-mile pathway (1) into the North Cape-Murmansk area. The route is menaced from the Trondheim base where Germany has stationed naval units. Axis troops dominate Murmansk port and so the supply route must go into Archangel (2). Success of the offensive, coupled with a Russian success at Staraya (3), would cut out Finland and help Russia.

Admiral King Named Commander of the Navy

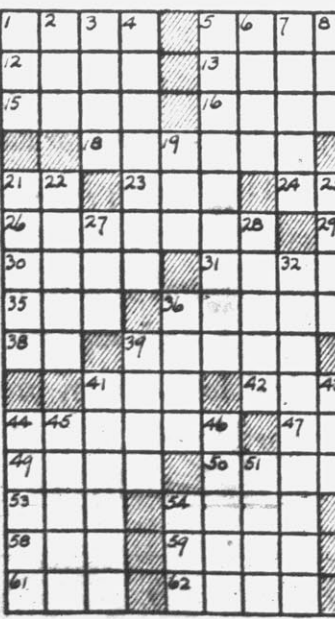


Admiral Ernest J. King (left), Navy Secretary Frank Knox (center), and Admiral Harold R. Stark (right) leave the White House in Washington after conference with President Roosevelt, presumably the forerunner of Knox's announcement that Admiral King has assumed supreme command of all U. S. naval operations. Admiral King, already in charge of fighting activities as commander-in-chief of the fleet, now has the powers heretofore exercised by Admiral Stark as chief of naval operations. Admiral Stark was assigned to command U.S. naval forces operating in European waters.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Having retired
5. Horses
9. Make lace
12. Pop
13. Part of the eye
14. Old musical note
16. Spoken
18. Intellect
17. Pinch
18. Move back
20. Cook with dry heat
21. Exist
23. Rocky pinnacle
24. Scotch weighing device
26. Beginning measure
29. Corridor
30. Metric measure
31. City in Spain
32. Accomplish

DOWN
35. Cry of the cat
36. Early Greek physician
37. Clearing
38. Implement
39. While servant
40. Bewilder
41. Distant
42. More rigorous
44. Part of the eye
47. Deserted
48. Symbol for sodium
49. Send forth
50. Affixed a signature
53. Sheep nature
54. Conceal
55. Pass through a wave
58. Self
59. Bulbous garden
60. Loyal
61. River in Poland
62. Direction
63. Transmit



Solution of Saturday's Puzzle
DOWN
1. Bustle
2. Seed container
3. Biblical tower
4. Expenses
5. Expressed in numbers
6. Greedy
7. Kind of fur
8. Doleful
9. Occupant
10. Similar
11. Binding fabrics
12. Variety of lettuce
13. Husband of Ruth
14. Kind of lizard
15. Small lakes
16. Driving line
17. Novel
18. Auction
19. Cleaning
20. Twelve
21. Music drama
22. High wind
23. Deface
24. Outlet
25. Hates
26. Sea demigod
27. Large wagon
28. Goddess of vegetation
29. Greek letter
30. Out of the way
31. Roman date
32. Terrible
33. Chop
34. P. P. T.
35. Sp. ad loosely



BOMBS COMING UP—A formidable B-17 bomber hovers in the background while a ground crew at a field in Hawaii cautiously lifts one of the bombs brought up on the trailer. The bomber is one of the planes on patrol in the Hawaiian area.



THE POOR FISH—Anglers limber up for a casting tourney at Long Beach, Calif., and it's every fish for himself.

The WAR TODAY

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new, and perhaps climatic phase we ought to see soon whether the German-Japanese alliance is one of those until-death-do-us-part affairs, or a marriage of convenience. It's a fair bet that neither party has any intention of doing anything which doesn't serve its own interest, and that each will rock the other at the slightest oppor-

Many Snappy Horses Missing from Kentucky Derby List

BETTING ODDS ARE UNC'RTAIN

'Standing Room Only' Is Out on Mourners' Bench

By SID FEDER
New York, March 16.—(AP)—The mourners' bench reserved exclusively for hopeful three-year-olds at this season of the year has the S. R. O. sign out today, going Col. Ed Bradley one better in his standing bet against the Kentucky Derby chances of any gee-gee in the bunch.

For years Col. Ed has offered 3 to 1 against any derby eligible getting to the post to take a crack at the neck of roses. This year, although 160 three-year-olds—including such stately and hopeful as Hennessy and Alsab—have been nominated, several of 1941's snappy juveniles weren't even named. Their owners wouldn't even invest \$25 to make them eligible for the May 2 festival.

There are one or two good things who go bad every winter, like Bold Irishman last year, and therefore don't get the trip to see the blue grass. But the list this time is nearly big enough to mount a cavalry unit. And this doesn't apply only to the Derby, mind you.

The Preakness drew only 60 nominations. Not even Requested, the Flamingo winner and Florida Fair-Haired Boy, got into that set.

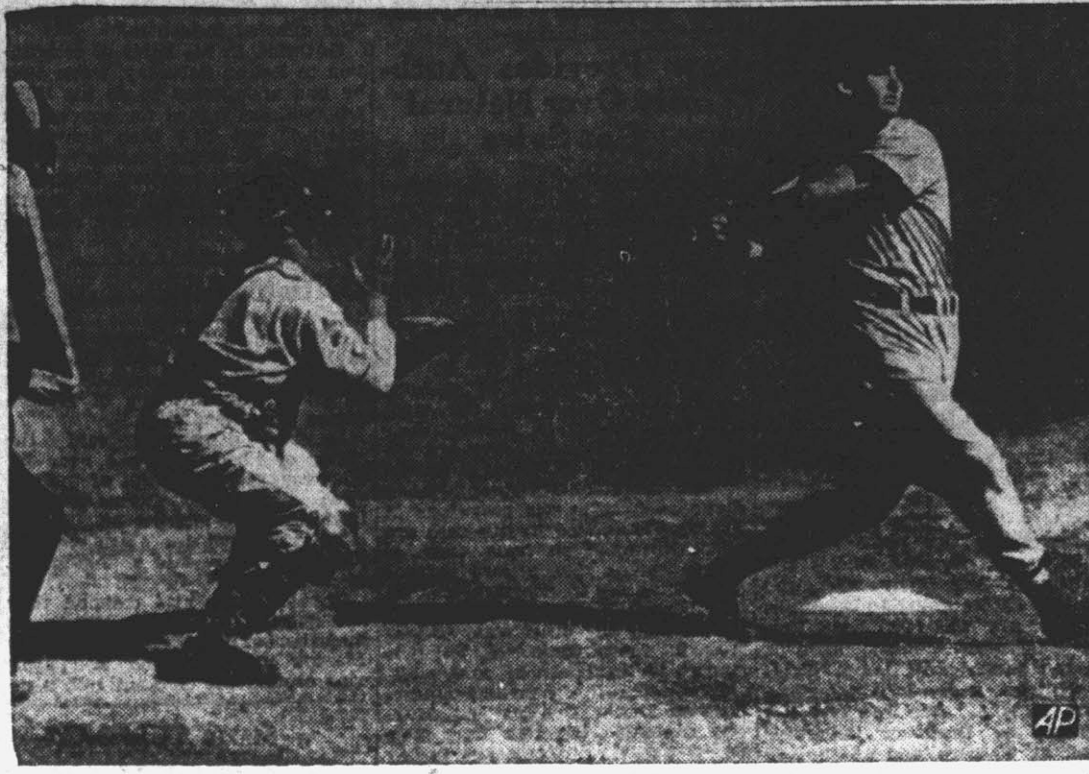
Among the big ones missing from the Derby eligible list are Contradiction, the Pimlico Futurity winner; Colchis and Eternal Bull, who gave Alsab a bit of a chill just when he was hottest last year; Redthorn, the chestnut galloper who chased Requested home in the Flamingo; Amphitheatre, a stretch-running son of Sir Gallahad; Incoming, who was no pushover in Florida this winter; and Buster, Jack Whitney's high-priced yearling buy.

Those seven alone won in the neighborhood of \$150,000 in 1941, and that's quite an exclusive neighborhood.

Contradiction, Herb Woolf's best-looking prospect since that Kansas City merchant sent another son of Inoco—Lawrin—out to grab the big heat in 1938, was marked down in the little black book when he came winging home by six lengths in the Pimlico Futurity last fall. He had a bankroll of more than \$50,000, but he came out of the Futurity with a sore leg, and apparently it hasn't come round.

Eternal Bull was the last colt to beat Alsab as a two-year-old and Colchis was the last to come close.

Ted Williams Strikes Out In A Pinch



Appearing as a pinch hitter in a Boston Red Sox-Cincinnati Reds exhibition game at Sarasota, Fla., Ted Williams (batting), Boston's heavy slugger, struck out after tipping several pitches. The catcher is Cincinnati's Lakeman and the umpire is Rummel. It was Ted's first workout after joining the Sox camp for spring training following his deferment in the army draft.

TO OPEN STORE ON WEDNESDAY

J. A. Collings and Son Open Furniture Business

The J. A. Collings and Son Furniture store will be formally opened at 703 Dickinson avenue, two doors east of Morton's warehouse, Wednesday and open house will be observed from 10 a. m. until 10 p. m. A souvenir will be presented to each adult attending the opening and refreshments also will be served.

J. A. Collings, who has been in the furniture business in Greenville for many years, will have associated with him his son, J. A. Collings, Jr. Others affiliated with the new organization are Frank P. Duvell, salesman and collector; T. B. Linton, salesman and collector; and also manager of the Aurora store; and David C. Moore, bookkeeper and cashier.

The firm will operate both on a cash and term basis and has adopted a motto of "Fair dealing, moderate prices, quality merchandise prompt and efficient service."

The store is sponsoring a special introductory opening sale and officials declare they are offering many bargains in new furniture.



1942, or this notice will be placed in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please J. B. James, Atty. Mar. 3-1tw-6wk.

Admrs. on the Estate of Mrs. Retha Harris.

WANT ADS PAY

If you like MILD cheese flavor here's the kind to get



Velveeta spreads like butter... slices when chilled... melts and toasts to perfection. Delicious! Contains milk protein, milk minerals, vitamin A and vitamin G.

THE CHEESE FOOD THAT'S DIGESTIBLE AS MILK ITSELF

IF DISASTER S-T-R-U-C-K

Your Home Tonight

How Well Would You Be Covered—With Insurance? Don't Think It Can't Happen To You — It Is Happening To Homes Every Day!

Call or Come To See Us Today!

Hooker & Buchanan

"Insurance of All Kinds" Dial 2612

Forest Protection Week Being Observed In N.C.

Only one per cent of the forest fires are caused by lightning, the other 99 per cent being the result of acts of man and therefore considered preventable.

During the past ten years forest fires in North Carolina have caused average annual damage estimated at about \$1,325,000, according to State and Federal Forest Service data. This tremendous annual waste is preventable. It is a matter of grave concern in normal times; in these times of national crisis it is vital.

The Forest Products Industries—absolutely dependent upon the forest—play a vital role in National Defense. Twenty-two items on the critical list are made of wood or wood products. Such items as battleship decking, motor torpedo boats, structural sections for training planes boxes and crates for bombs and shells, are made of wood. Timber products provide most of the defense and defense industry housing.

One of the biggest carpentry jobs of all time was begun in September, 1940, when the U. S. Army called upon the building industry to supply housing for 1 1/2 million men. The lumber industry delivered more than 2 billion board feet of lumber to over 60 army camps in six months.

Public Urged Save Forests

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Pitcher Red Ruffing accepted the New York Yankee terms almost a week ago but hasn't appeared in camp and Manager Joe McCarthy is becoming a bit irked.

Orlando, Fla.—There was talk around the Senators' camp today that Owner Clark Griffith had opened negotiations with the Chicago White Sox for a catcher to replace Al Evans, rated 1-A by his draft board. Departure of Evans would leave Washington with only one experienced receiver, Jake Early.

Training Camp Briefs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
(By The Associated Press)

St. Petersburg, Fla.—St. Louis Cardinal pitchers, who have kept the mighty New York Yankee sluggers in check the past two days, have reached the point where they are able to hurl more than three innings. Manager Billy Southworth said as he nominated Southpaw Howard Pollet and Righthander Alvin Jurisch for today's game with Detroit.

Miami, Fla.—Tom Sunkel, Bob Carpenter and Rube Fischer are Manager Mel Ott's choices for New York Giant pitching duties today against the Boston Red Sox.

Deland, Fla.—Bad weather and contract trouble have kept the St. Louis Browns behind the eight ball instead of a baseball this spring but Manager Luke Sewell finally has nearly a full squad with which to work. Only Pitcher Jake Kramer is absent.

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Kirby Higbe

Lakeland, Fla.—Manager Del Baker calls Murray Franklin, former University of Illinois star, the darkhorse of the Tiger infield. "That kid," says Baker, "may break into our first string lineup at second, at short or at third." In Detroit's game with Washington Sunday, Franklin replaced Pinky Hageins at third and rapped out two doubles and a single.

Sanford, Fla.—Chet Ross, outfielder with the Boston Braves who suffered a broken ankle last season, showed no effects of the injury today as he gamboled in the outer pasture. Lewis Gremp, alternating with Max West at first base, saw some action yesterday as the Braves downed the Phillies 6 to 2.

Tampa, Fla.—Churck Aleno kept out of Cincinnati's last six Grapefruit games by a sore arm, informed Manager Bess McKernie that he would be able to play third against the New York Giants Tuesday. Bert Haas, rookie third baseman, also has an ailing throwing arm but it hasn't bothered his batting.

Joe Dimaggio Back With Yanks



Joe Dimaggio, New York Yankee outfielder who settled his differences with the management as to his 1942 salary, swaps yarns with teammate Charley Keller (right) after rejoining his club at St. Petersburg, Fla.

DAN DUNN - SECRET OPERATIVE 48

BESIDES THIS LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL BANK, YOU WILL ALSO SEE THAT THESE LETTERS TO THE TWO PRISONS ARE DELIVERED TO OUR COMRADE

GO THEN, AND A QUICK RETURN!

I SHALL CONTACT THE COMRADE ON THE FLORIDA COAST.

YES, MASTER, IT SHALL BE DONE.

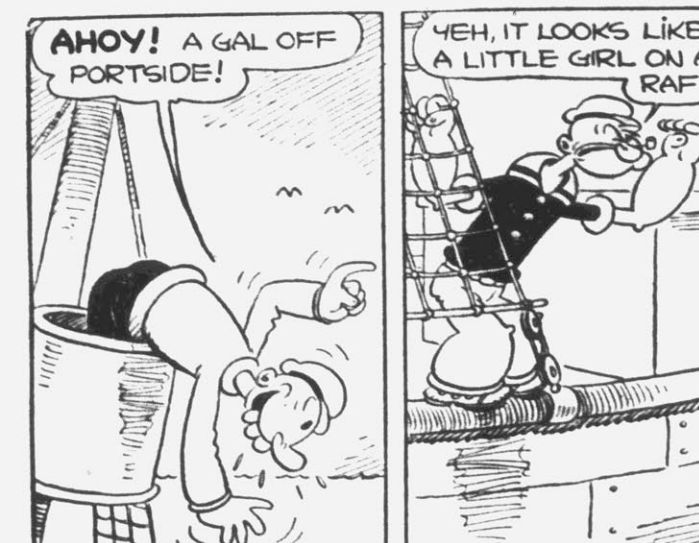
MEANWHILE, DAN CALLS AT THE COMMANDANTS OFFICE AT A FLORIDA NAVAL BASE.

COMMANDER, I'D LIKE TO HAVE ALL THE AMATEUR RADIO MESSAGES CHECKED--I THINK THERE IS A STATION SOMEWHERE ON THE NORTHERN EAST COAST TALKING TO A STATION IN THE TROPICS!

WE'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE!

SPEEDILY, THE PLANE DEPARTS FOR THE NORTH--IN A FEW MOMENTS IT IS A MERE SPECK IN THE DISTANT SKY--ANOTHER THREAT AGAINST SOCIETY IS BEING SENT BY THE MAD GENIUS OF THE TROPICAL ISLE!

THIMBLE THEATRE-STARING POPEYE



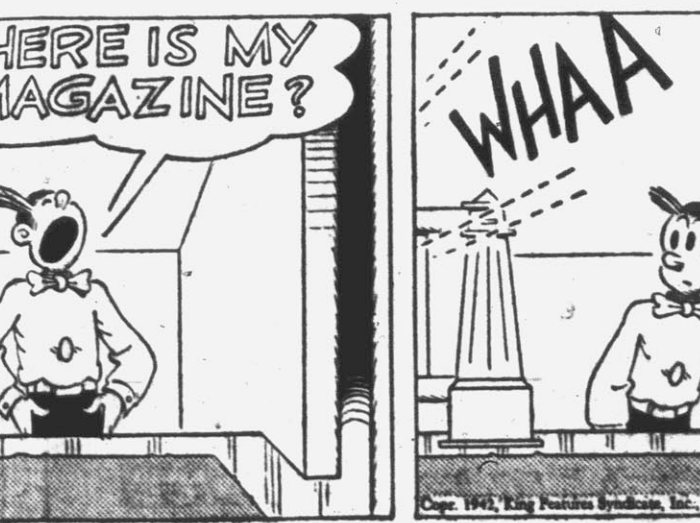
BLONDIE - by Young



Now Showing: Some Kid!



Touching Off The Munitions



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Rates 1 1/2¢ per word, minimum charge 35¢ for 25 words, one insertion; six insertions \$1.85; one month \$7.00. Indented lines known as classified display, or larger than regular size type, double price.

Other than to business houses having regular accounts with us, no want ads will be charged. Send or bring cash with order. To prevent errors, want ads will not be taken over the telephone.

Frank Plumbing
CITY PLUMBING CO.
We can convert your present heating plant to AUTOMATIC DELCO-HEAT

WANTED—VACUUM CLEANERS—to repair—Electrolux, Hoover, Eureka, or any make. Carry hose, grids, bags, brushes and parts. Guaranteed rebuilt cleaners for sale. Fleming Vacuum Cleaner Repair Service, 305 Paris Ave., Dial 2287. Feb. 18-1 mo.

We Clean and Press Men's Suits, Ladies' Coats—Dresses. Our work most pleasing and a trial will convince you. CAROLINA DRY CLEANERS Dial 2276—Leon Smith, Prop.

We can convert your present heating plant to AUTOMATIC DELCO-HEAT
SMITH ELECTRIC CO.
Phone 2273 Since 1918

BABY CHICKS THAT LIVE AND GROW. Hatched in large electric incubators. Deliveries each Tuesday. Eggs set each Monday, \$2.50 per tray of 130 eggs. Place order, now. Cobb's Hatchery, Stokes, N. C. Jan. 8-3 mo.

BICYCLE INSURANCE? — YES. We write it. The cost is low. too. Insure yours with us now. The phone number is 2651. Ernest Willard Insurance Agency. 14-6t

POULTRY WANTED — FOR TOP prices for your poultry and eggs sell with us. Sell now while prices are high. Pitt Poultry Co., next to Radio Station. Feb. 19-1 mo

FOR RENT — BUILDING FORMS—erly occupied by Greenville Motors on Fifth Street, close to Five Points. F. W. Satterthwaite, Farmville. 9-6t

WE HAVE BOTH RED AND WHITE seed potatoes, seed oats, lespedeza, pasture grass, lawn grass, and all kinds of garden seed. Call us for seed. J. A. Watson, Seed & Hardware. 7-1t

FOR RENT — HEATED APARTMENT, unfurnished. Four rooms and bath. 522 E. Ninth St., near College. Available at once. Apply Dial 3001. 9-1t

FOR SALE, CHEAP—ONE 1932 4-door Plymouth Sedan. Motor in excellent condition — 5 tires. Mrs. W. L. Whitchard, 108 East 9th St., or State Bank & Trust Co. 11-1t

SPECIALS FOR TUESDAY — Fruit apples, Ice Box Cookies, Hot Dog Rolls. People's Bakery.

IT'S TIME TO PLANT YOUR permanent lawn now. Call us for prices and estimates. We are glad to loan our customers a seed sower and roller. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware. 16-1t

MR. FARMER—LET US VULCANIZE your tractor and truck tires. We can handle any size. Scott Service Station. 11-6t

JUST RECEIVED A FRESH SHIPMENT of Bowers Batteries direct from the factory. Get your car a Bowers Battery now while prices are still low. Stafford Oldsmobile Co. 12-15t

GARDEN SEED — MAY PEAS, Seed Corn, Onion Sets. Also Flower Seed, Cabbage Plants. White's Stores. 27-eod-1t

CALL US FOR KINDLING WOOD and nice lump Black Dan coal. Cash Coal & Wood Company, Dial 2831 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Jan 13-eod-1 mo

FOR TOP PRICES FOR YOUR chickens and eggs, corn and beans, see or call Collins Grocery Co., Dial 2724. Jan 16-eod-2 mo.

WANTED—THREE EXPERIENCED waitresses. Apply in person. Kares Bros. 12-3t

WANTED AT ONCE — GOOD beauty operator for full or part-time work. Apply "Operator," care Box 408. 13-3t

FLOWERS FOR SALE — JONQUILS, daffodils and King Alfreds, at Mrs. Oscar Tucker's near Red Banks Church. Mrs. Oscar Tucker, Route 3. Mon-Wed.

FOR SALE—SEED PEANUTS. — Ernest Stator, Greenville, N. C. R.P.D. 4. 16-2t

FOR SALE OR RENT — ONE Hospital Bed. Quinn-Miller & Stroud.

COLORADO HELP WANTED—WOMAN, good cook and know how to clean house. Living quarters on premises for couple. Write Box 408 or see W. C. Pursler near Gardner's Cross Roads. 16-3t

TAKEN UP ON MY FARM—ONE sow weighing about 125 pounds, and three pigs, about one month old. Owner may have same by paying costs. G. O. Britt, intersection of Stokes and Greenville highway. 16-3t

RIDE A MERCURY BICYCLE—buy one today. J. A. Watson, Hardware and Seed. 16-1t

W. R. SUMRELL—SHOE REPAIR shop and bicycle repair shop. Bicycles painted, 124 W. Fifth St., next to Baker-Davis Hardware Store. 16-1t

WANTED — EXPERIENCED SHOE salesman for full time work. Apply Merit Shoe Co. 16-6t

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Hog Market
Raleigh, N. C., March 16.—(AP) (NCDA) Hog prices were steady today at Richmond and Rocky Mount with tops of \$12.50 and \$12.25, respectively.

New York Cotton
New York, March 16.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 15 cents a bale higher.
At noon values were unchanged to 15 cents a bale down; March 18.51; July 18.84; December 18.72.
Futures closed 10 to 30 cents a bale lower.

Mar.	18.50	18.49	18.51
May	18.59	18.54	18.57
July	18.69	18.61	18.67
Oct.	18.77	18.69	18.74
Dec.	18.78	18.71	18.75
Jan.	18.73	18.71	18.77

Mid-ling sport 20.17, off 6.

Eight Cases Tried In Monday's City Court

The following cases were disposed of at today's session of Municipal recorder's court:

Dave Creech, drunk, 30 days or costs; N. T. Tyndall, drunk, 30 days or costs; Rufus Harrell and Alice Ruth Bundy, careless and reckless driving, both acquitted; J. W. Evans, destroying personal property, dismissed; Fountain O'Neal, drunk engaging in riotous and disorderly conduct, using vulgar and profane language and resisting arrest, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs and on further condition that he remain of good behavior for two years; Richard Bradley, colored, riotous and disorderly conduct, 30 days or costs; Will Jenkins, colored, larceny, 30 days; Arthur Webb and Woodrow Wilks, colored, gambling, pay \$5 each.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, March 16.—(AP)—Steps and blue chips took the offensive in today's stock market after early mid reverses.

The list ambled indifferently over an exceptionally slim course, during the forenoon.

Numerous issues failed to find a great deal of support and minus signs were plentiful at the close. Transfers approximated 300,000 shares, one of the lowest full days aggregates since last June.

FINAL STOCKS

Air Reduction	32
Al Chem and Dye	119 1/4
Allis Chal Mig	27
Am Can	58 1/2
Am Car Fdy	30 1/2
Am Rad and St S	4 1/2
Am Rail Mill	11
Am Smelt and Ref	38 1/2
A T and T	120 1/2
Am Tob B	39 1/2
Anacosta	26 1/2
Arm Ill	3
A C L	23 1/2
All Ref	18 1/2
Aviat Corp	3 1/2
Baldwin	12 1/2
Ben Mot	30 1/2
Beth Stl	60 1/2
Boeing Airpl	18 1/2
Borden	19
Briggs Mig	18 1/2
Budd Mig	2 1/2
Bur Add Mach	6 1/2
Case J I	61
Caterpil Trac	35 1/2
Ches and O	29 1/2
Chrysler	37 1/2
Coca Cola	57 1/2
Coml Credit	16 1/2
Coml Solv	8 1/2
Consol Edis	12
Con Oil	3
Cont Can	24 1/2
Con Prod	48
Dow Chem	74
Durkiss Wright	63 1/2
Dow Chem	103 1/2
Du Pont	110
Eastman Kod	118 1/2
Elec Auto Lt	24
Firestone	14 1/2
Freepost Sul	33 1/2
Gen Elec	24 1/2
Gen Foods	29 1/2
Gen Mot	34 1/2
Goodrich	12 1/2
Goodyear	44 1/2
Int Harvest	4 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	2 1/2
Johns Man	59 1/2
Kennecott	32 1/2
Kinney	2 1/2
Kroger Groc	27 1/2
Libby O F G I	21 1/2
Logg and Myers B	57 1/2
Loews	37 1/2
Lorillard	12 1/2
Louis and Nash	65 1/2
Mont Ward	25
Nash Kely	4 1/2
Nat Biscuit	13 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	13
Nat Dairy Prod	13 1/2
Nat Dist	32 1/2
NY Cent	20
No Am Aviat	8 1/2
Otis Elec	11 1/2
Pac Mills	17 1/2
Packard 2	2
Param Pix	11 1/2
Penny J C	63
Penn RR	22
Pepsi Cola	16 1/2
Phillips Pet	32 1/2
Pullman	32 1/2
Pure Oil	34 1/2
Radio	2
Rep Stl	17 1/2
Reynolds B	23
Seab A L	5
Sears	46 1/2
Sou Ry	16 1/2
Sperry	26 1/2
Std Brands	8 1/2
Std Oil N J	3
Stewart Warner	5 1/2
Tex Corp	30 1/2
Tex Gulf Sul	30 1/2
Un Carb	61 1/2
Unit Air	32 1/2
Unit Corp	5 1/2
Unit Drug	5 1/2
US Ind Alco	29 1/2
US Ray	19 1/2
US Steel	50 1/2
Vanadium	17 1/2
Vick Chem	33
Warner Pic	4 1/2
Western Union	25 1/2
West Elec and Mig	70
Woolworth	24 1/2
Yell T and C	12
Total Sales	315,310

Ayden Man Dies in Kinston Hospital

J. B. Pierce, 68, died Sunday at noon in the Memorial General hospital in Kinston after a brief illness. He would have been 69 on the fourth of April.

He was a prominent business man and farmer of the Ayden community where he had spent his life. He had been in the mercantile business for 35 years and was a well known cotton buyer of that section.

He was an active member of the Ayden Christian church, a past member of the Rotary club and Pythian Lodge.

He was the husband of the late Mrs. Nannie Nichols Pierce.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Russell Britt, Ayden and one grandson, Sydney Pierce Britt; two brothers, Levi and Henry Pierce of Ayden, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Ellis, Winterville, Mrs. Blaney Sumrell, Ayden; also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held from the home at 3:00 Tuesday.

RUSSIA READY FOR JAP MOVE

Battle Orders Issued In Case Of Any Attack

London, March 16 (AP)—Russia's well-armed Siberian forces and naval bases are ready for instant action against a Japanese attack which advisers in Chungking indicate might be launched in the near future. British reports said today.

A dispatch from Stockholm to the Daily Mail said the Soviets had "issued battle orders which can be put into instant operations" at Vladivostok, across the sea of Japan from the Japanese coast, and Nikolaevsk, about 1,200 miles up the Russia coast, at the mouth of the Amur river opposite the northern, Russian-owned half of Sakhalin island.

The Daily Mail quoted the Swedish press as reporting that the Japanese army in Manchukuo had been increased to more than 1,000,000 men and said that Soviet authorities in the Swedish capital "laugh at even a million Japanese constituting a serious menace to the independent far eastern Soviet army which is normally a million and a half men."

A Reuters dispatch from Chungking cited three factors as indicating an early Japanese move against Russia.

1. The recall by Japan of Lieut. Gen. Yoshitsugu Tatekawa as Ambassador to Moscow and his replacement by Naotake Sato.

2. The return to Tokyo of Gen. Jiro Minami, Japanese governor general of Korea.

3. The visit to Japan of Chang Ching-Hui, head of the Japanese-controlled Manchukuo government.

The influential Chungking newspaper Ta Kung Pao regards Sato's appointment as a smoke screen and suggests he was sent to Russia because Japanese militarists believe his conciliatory manner can be used to great advantage in concealing Japan's war plans. Reuters said.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Cherry

Funeral services for Mrs. Pattie Bond Cherry of Asheville were conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church in Bethel Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. C. J. Phillips, and interment followed in the Bethel cemetery.

Palbearers were nephews: Edwin G. Moore II, B. L. Carson of Greenville, Walter Cherry of Mount Olive, William Howell of Williamston, Mayo Little of Robersonville, and E. L. Mayo of Bethel, nephews of Mrs. Cherry; also F. L. Blount of Bethel, and Wm. J. Bundy of Greenville. Prior to this a prayer service was conducted at the Hughes home at 11 Griffing Blvd., Asheville, Friday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of the Central Methodist church, assisted by Rev. George Floyd Rogers.

Mrs. Cherry, 80, after a lingering illness, died at midnight Wednesday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gary E. Hughes, with whom she had made her home for the last 25 years. She was the widow of Alpha Best Cherry and lived in Bethel before going to Asheville.

Mrs. Cherry was born near Tarboro, Edgecombe county, April 3, 1862, the daughter of James Winslow Knight and Mary Elizabeth Dancy Knight. She received her education at Professor Gillespie's School at Tarboro and at the old Wilson Academy.

For many years Mrs. Cherry was an active member of Saint Mary's Episcopal church at Knight Station, now Speed, which was founded by her forefathers.

1938 GAS LAW IS HELD LEGAL

Law Provides Authority Over Natural Gas Sales

Washington, March 16.—(AP)—The Supreme Court held constitutional today the 1938 natural gas act providing the regulation by the Federal Power Commission of the transportation and sale of natural gas.

Chief Justice Stone delivered the decision that upheld a Power Commission order directing the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America and Texoma Natural Gas Company, both of Chicago, to reduce their rates sufficiently to lower operating revenues by \$3,750,000 annually.

"The argument," Chief Justice Stone said, "that the provisions of the statute applied in this case are unconstitutional on their face is without merit. The sale of natural gas originating in one state and its transportation and delivery to distributors in other state constitutes interstate commerce, which is subject to regulation by congress."

In a separate concurring opinion Justices Black, Douglas and Murphy expressed the view that "this is an appropriate occasion to lay the ghost of Smyth v. Ames, which has haunted utility regulation since 1898."

circumstances surrounding the resignation.

Guthrie charged that his efforts "to hurry the conversion of as many industries as possible to the war effort have met with continued resistance within the WPB" from those previously connected with "the affected industries."

Guthrie, in his letter of resignation to Nelson Saturday, wrote that he had endeavored to do his WPB job "without regard for any special interest" but had been convinced that "it is no longer possible."

His executive assistant, George P. Doherty and Marshall Hale, deputy chief of the textile division, resigned with him.

British Ships ...

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zi Fuehrer by declaring they had smashed their way virtually to the gates of Kharkov, one of Hitler's major prizes last fall.

Russian dispatches said the "hour of liberation" was near for Kharkov, the Pittsburgh of the Soviets, which the Germans have held since last October 24.

They charged the Germans had turned Kharkov into a "nightmare of atrocities."

The Russians also claimed they had pierced German positions on the Kharkov-Kursk-Orel line below Moscow and that the Red army ring around the German 16th army

TODAY AT THE MOVIES

Pitt—RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE—George Montgomery

State—SON OF DAVY CROCKETT—Bill Elliott

Colony—MEXICAN SPITFIRE AT SEA—Lupe Velez.

In Staraya Russa, below Leningrad, was being tightened.

In Libya, the British reported only minor fighting, in which at least one enemy tank and two lorries were smashed and some prisoners taken. The Italians and Germans said British patrols were thrown back.

The day and night German bombardment of Malta continued, Berlin said, and reported also fresh attacks on a British airbase on the Egyptian coast and Tobruk.

Why? "THE ARGENTINE QUESTION" Today!
March of Time Has the Answer—PITT TUE-WED.

Starts TUESDAY—

GO GAY with GARBO

What a spot for Melvyn! Madly in love with twin GARBOS ...

And between the two of them he's up to his neck in double trouble!

—But it's fun for you—

GARBO MELVYN DOUGLAS TWO-FACED WOMAN

with CONSTANCE BLENNETT • ROLAND YOUNG

ROBERT STERLING • GORDON

Directed by GEORGE CUKOR

Shows 1:00 3:00 5:00 7:00 9:00

Plus "Argentine Question" in March of Time Color Cartoon

Errol Flynn • Olivia De Havilland "They Died With Their Boots On"

Save Anti-Freeze.

Washington, March 16.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration asked filling station operators today to impress on motorists the necessity for draining and saving the anti-freeze from their radiators for use next winter.

Asks Probe ...

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plans to bring about around-the-clock war production.

Chairman Truman of the committee announced that the committee will conduct an inquiry into the resignation of Guthrie, former chief of the textiles division of the War Production Board, and two of his aides.

Truman said after a conference with Senator Mead (D-N.Y.) that "we'll have an investigation and we may have a hearing." No decision would be reached on the holding of a hearing, he said, until a meeting of the full committee could be held.

"Of course, there are two sides to every question," Truman observed, "but this looks like it's right down the line of business as usual."

In a statement explaining why he resigned from the WPB, Guthrie charged that the war program was being hampered by "the indecision, the resistance and the caution" of some WPB officials formerly connected with industries which must be converted into military purposes.

Informed sources said that Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the WPB had ordered an inquiry into the cir-

Pays Big Penalty On Violation of Blackout

14—PAYS BIG ... MM

Dedham, Mass., March 16.—(AP)—Convicted of failure to observe blackout regulations during a test the night of March 10, Axel H. L. Ostrom, 42, of Norwood, a native of Sweden, was sentenced today to a year in the house of correction and fined \$500. He appealed and was held in \$3,000.

Edward Eppich, an auxiliary policeman, testified that Ostrom became abusive when he and two police officers twice demanded that he extinguish lights in his home.

Gasoline Supply To Be Cut 20 Pct.

Washington, March 16 (AP)—The 100,000 filling stations of the Eastern seaboard and Pacific northwest, which serve more than 10,000,000 automobile drivers, will receive 20 percent less gasoline beginning on Thursday and will be permitted to operate no more than 12 hours a day and 72 hours a week.

Orders to this effect were issued Saturday by Donald M. Nelson, director of the War Production Board, as a stop-gap until cards can be printed for a rigid rationing program on both coasts.

States affected are Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida east of the Appalachian river, Washington and Oregon.

Rules Defendants Must Be In Court

Winston-Salem, March 16.—(AP)—All defendants in the \$200,000,000-a-year fertilizer industry who are indicted for violation of the Sherman anti-trust law must be in court while their trial is in progress, Judge Johnson J. Hayes ruled this morning during a five-minute session of the special term of Federal

Grain Market

Chicago, March 16.—(AP)—Renewed selling of rice futures, prices of which slumped more than two cents a bushel at one time to the lowest point since early in the year, helped to unsettle the entire grain market today.

Wheat closed 3/4 cent lower than Saturday, May \$1.28 1/2, July 1.30 1/2, corn 3/4 cent down, May 87 1/2, July 90 1/2, oats 3/4 cent off, rye 1 1/2 cent lower, soybeans 3/4 cent higher.

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, N. C., March 16.—(AP) (NCDA)—Egg and live poultry markets steady.

At Raleigh—U. S. extra large (clean white) 27c; colored hens 19c to 21-1-2 cents.

At Washington—U. S. extra large (clean white) 30 to 21 cents; colored hens 21 to 23 cents.

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