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Occasional drizzle in interior and light rain on coast this afternoon and tonight; continued cold.

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Heavy Snow And Fierce German Counterattacks Slowing Red Offensive

Despite Handicaps Russians Report Slight Gains; In No Sector Were Germans Able To Regain Any Of Their Lost Positions; Girl Fighter Newest Russian Hero

By EDDIE GILMORE Moscow, Dec. 8.—(AP) Heavy snows, coupled with fierce German counterattacks, hampered offensive operations of the Red army today but Soviet authorities said their troops still pushed ahead in slow-going smash-

attacks at German fortifications and communications. A dispatch to Izvestia, the government newspaper, said there had been a heavy snowfall between the Don and Volga rivers in the Stalingrad area.

The Germans were reported taking advantage of the weather-slowed operations by throwing up defense works east of the fortified points of Vertchaya and Peskovata on the eastern bank of the Don.

The Soviet noon communique spoke of numerous German counterattacks in the Stalingrad area and around Rzhev, but listed more than 3,000 Germans killed in fierce engagements.

"In no sector did the enemy succeed in regaining positions he had lost or in improving his position in any way," the communique stated. More than 800 Germans were killed on sectors of the Stalingrad area the communique said, and nearly 2,000 were listed killed on the central front west of Moscow.

"On the railway line from Rzhev to Vyazma, Soviet troops waged active military operations and wiped out about two companies of German infantry and destroyed eight tanks," the war bulletin reported.

An air battle in the Caucasus resulted in the loss of 11 German planes and damage to three while land actions brought the slaying of 600 of the enemy, the noon communique said.

One dispatch from the central front said that the roads were lined with German bodies. The advancing Red army discovered hurriedly made German cemeteries in almost every settlement, it was said.

The bitter fighting went on unslackened in this area, dispatches said. West of Rzhev, one German unit was reported beaten off after nine counterattacks. It was said that on another sector of the Rzhev battlefield, Soviet troops turned back a German pincer attack and then took two more villages.

Northwest of Stalingrad, Izvestia's dispatches recounted the heroism of Marietta Korotkova, a girl fighter, in the capture of a hill and the clearing of an entire Volga river region with destruction of 500 of the foe. The hill will be named for her, Izvestia said.

The early Soviet communique noted that German tank columns were active not only in the Stalingrad area but in the frigid wastes around Rzhev, where last week the Russians said their foe was abandoned.

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Share The Meat Program Begins

At a meeting held in the high school library last night Miss Henne Long, director of the Women's Salvage Division, and all the members of this organization voted unanimously to tender their services to Mrs. J. T. Little, director of the Citizens Service Corps of Greenville, to carry out the "Share the Meat" program in Greenville.

NO MORE FEET IN WASHINGTON

Baltimore Sun Says Offices Heated To 78 Degrees

Baltimore, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Baltimore Sun said today that the average temperature in federal office buildings in Washington was in excess of 76 degrees, eight degrees higher than the basic temperature ordered for such structures two months ago.

The newspaper said the average was determined by "a check of buildings in widely scattered sections of the capital" with two "carefully calibrated thermometers from the Bureau of Standards, Baltimore City."

The Sun listed temperatures in various offices, among them 77 degrees in the office of the appointment secretary of Harold L. Ickes, solid fuels coordinator, and 76 degrees in the office of the Secretary to Leon Henderson, director of the Office Price Administration.

Other readings varied from 74 to 78 degrees. Brig. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, federal Works Administrator, on Oct. 9 ordered that federal buildings were not to be heated beyond 68 degrees "in order to conserve fuel and transportation."

Saying that Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior and Petroleum and solid fuels coordinator, has long been in dead earnest about fuel conservation, the Sun said Ickes' suite of office recently was equipped with a battery of thermostats calculating to maintain the temperature at 68 degrees.

Yesterday "at 9:45 a. m. the temperature in the office of Mr. Ickes, secretary, two doors removed from the petroleum coordinator's private office, stood at 77 degrees," the Sun said. "Two windows were raised to their full height."

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Temperature in some of the government buildings here exceeded the 68-degree basic temperature, the public buildings administration said today, adding that it was having real trouble trying to pull them down.

Adjustment of temperatures is a problem for building engineers and the government, with more than 300 buildings in Washington alone that have been adjusted to 75 degrees in the past, has lost so many engineers that it faces a shortage of men to make the adjustment.

Heat for each building is furnished generally by a central plant and adjustment must be made so that parts of the building most distant from the plant receive the basic temperature allowance.

Gov't Issues Cotton Report

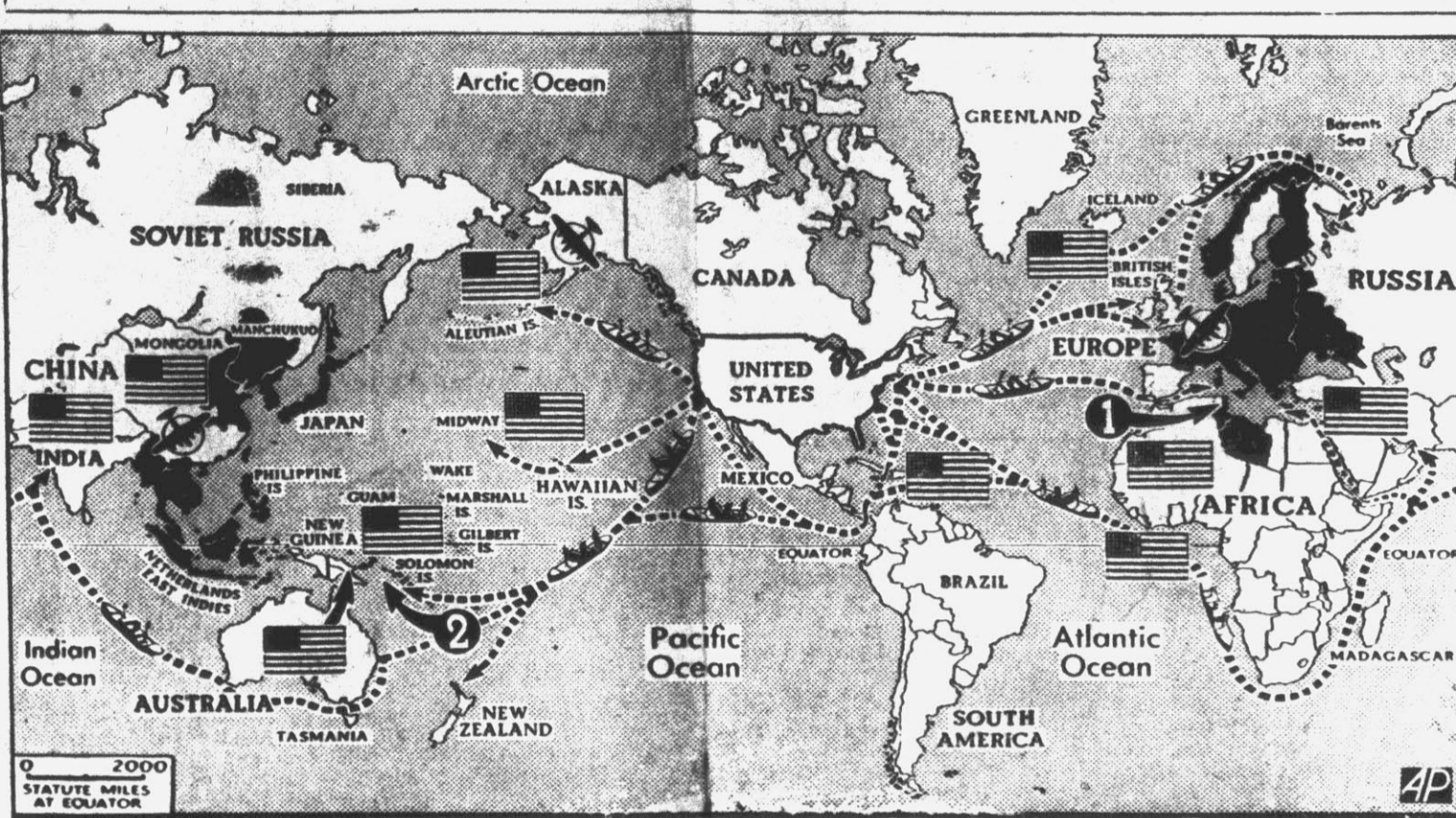
Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department estimated today that this year's cotton crop totals 12,982,000 bales of 500 pound gross weight each in its final report of the year.

A month ago the department placed indicated production at 13,300,000 bales. Production was 10,744,000 bales last year and average production in the ten years 1931-40 was 13,109,000 bales.

The indicated yield is 275.1 pounds to the acre, compared with 274.9 pounds indicated a month ago, 231.9 pounds produced last year and an average of 215.0 pounds in the ten years.

The area for harvest this year is placed at 22,690,000 acres, compared with 22,238,000 acres last year and 23,861,000 acres two years ago.

U. S. Battle Lines Far Flung At End Of Year Of War



A year after Pearl Harbor finds U. S. forces stationed in many sectors of a world at war. Flag symbols indicate American forces are operating. Black areas represent territory occupied or dominated by the Axis. Broken lines indicate the long lines of supply operating to distant fronts including (1) the new large scale offensive in North Africa, and (2) the new offensive in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea. U. S. air forces in England are blasting at Hitler-held Europe, and in China against Japs.

CONGRESS MAY MISS HOLIDAY

War Pressure May Prolong Work Until January

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Legislative pressure due to the war may deprive Congress of a formal Christmas holiday.

It appeared today that the historic 77th congress, which has been in session virtually without respite for two years, might work right up to the January 2 deadline before adjourning sine die, and Democratic leaders discussed plans to convene the 78th Congress on January 4 or 5.

Many representatives already have departed for a Christmas at home, however, virtually erasing all chance of passing any measure lacking unanimous approval, since one member could stop a bill by simply raising a point of no quorum.

This apparently meant that such legislation as wartime tariff suspension powers, the telegraph company merger and longer-hour pay adjustments for federal workers, now pending on the House side, would be put on ice until reintroduced in the new Congress.

December 12 previously had been mentioned as a probable date for the sine-die adjournment of the 77th Congress and, despite the legislative jam in the Senate, some House members still hoped they could quit by December 19 or 21.

Leaders of both houses probably will confer this week on plans for convening the 78th Congress.

England Lowers Draft Age Limit

London, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Britain lowered her draft ages to 18 years today and disclosed she was sending 41 directly into war factories in order to solve the manpower needs of her industrial and fighting armies.

The new minimum draft age was set by second reading of a bill to lower the military service liability age from 18-1/2 to 18. Second reading in the House of Commons is tantamount to enactment.

Labor Minister Ernest Bevin informed Commons that there was no immediate intention to lower the age limit further and that men under 19 would not be sent overseas.

Seaman's Heroism Saves Lives Of Many Shipmates

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The valor of a handful of American seamen was credited today with saving the lives of scores of their shipmates and passengers on four torpedoed United Nations vessels.

Franco Declares Spain Believes In The Axis

London, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain lauded the "new order" of Hitler and Mussolini today and reaffirmed his own regime's spiritual kinship therewith but refrained from making a specific declaration concerning Spain's position in the war.

ISSUE REPORT ON CASUALTIES

First Year Of War Cost U. S. 53,307 Casualties

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The cost of a year of war to the United States armed forces: 53,307 casualties.

The total announced yesterday by the Office of War Information, includes the dead, wounded, missing, imprisoned and the interned in neutral countries.

The army lost 35,678. Most are classified as missing—presumably prisoners of war as a result of the Dutch East Indies and Philippine campaigns.

The navy reports 4,532 dead; 1,579 wounded; 8,636 missing. The marine corps casualties number 1,129 dead; 1,423 wounded; 1,926 missing. The coast guard has 40 dead; 11 wounded; 119 missing and the merchant marine 482 dead, none wounded and 2,762 missing.

Japanese and German figures list 3,138 U. S. civilians interned. Of the army's total casualties 2,009 were killed and 3,332 wounded. The number includes 480 killed and 754 wounded among the Philippine scouts.

In the Philippines and Dutch East Indies, 29,000 are missing, among them 10,500 Philippine scouts and in action elsewhere 1,119 are missing.

Of 3,392 army personnel wounded, 609 have returned to duty. Army war prisoners number 112 excluding those missing in the Philippines. One hundred and six army men are interned in neutral countries.

The Tugela falls in South Africa drop a vertical distance of more than half a mile.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, Wide-World News Analyst

With the British Eighth Army in Libya, Dec. 8.—As we draw closer to the moment when the great battle will be joined at El Algeira it is increasingly apparent that Allied fortunes rest in a major degree upon the personality and military skill of one man, Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, commander of the British Eighth Army.

In the minds of thousands of young fighting men who swarm the desert, the name of Montgomery has become synonymous with success.

They've come to have unlimited confidence in him and because of that they have confidence in themselves.

In short, Montgomery and the morale of the British army are pretty much one and the same thing—and right now it is mighty high.

Because Montgomery does hold so much of our destiny in his own hands I made a special effort to find him and I finally ran him to earth after a long, hard chase of several days back and forth across the fighting zone.

You will gather from this that the general is an active individual who runs his own show. He is having plans for a supreme effort and he isn't leaving all the details to sub-

COTTON VOTE ON SATURDAY

County AAA Chairman Urges Growers Support Program

A total of 25 polling places will be established for Pitt county cotton producers to vote in the referendum on marketing quotas on the 1943 crop on Saturday, December 12, it was announced today by J. V. Taylor, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

Voting places have been increased this year in view of the current transportation shortage, the chairman said, and the register of eligible voters has been compiled for use by persons who will conduct the election. Polls in Pitt county will remain open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. EWT. Chairman Taylor said all persons engaged in the production of cotton in 1942, including tenants, land owners and sharecroppers, are eligible to vote.

An interest in a cotton crop, except in the case of standing rent, will qualify a farmer to vote December 12," he said. "This is pretty far removed from the situation faced by farmers in other nations of the world. We have a crop control measure put up to us for decision in the democratic manner—by secret ballot—and it is our duty as American farmers to go to the polls and state our preference."

Discussing the referendum, Mr. Taylor declared the nation now has (Continued on Page Six)

Annual Meeting of Boy Scouts Friday

The annual meeting of East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at East Carolina Teachers' College next Friday.

Group meetings will be held during the afternoon. The annual banquet will be held in the evening at 6 o'clock. More than 100 Boy Scout executives, council members and leaders and their wives are expected to attend. President Fletcher Maynard of Washington will preside.

James A. Gaskins of Wilson, scout executive for the council, will have a special part on the program. James T. Uzzle of Greenville, assistant scout executive, and L. M. Buchanan of Greenville, district chairman, are on the committee of arrangements.

Scout executives from a score of cities and towns are expected to attend the meetings here.

50 Bicycles Allotted December

Fifty bicycles is the quota allotted to Pitt County during December, it was announced at the County Rationing Board today.

Knox Says Part French Navy Was Not Destroyed

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox reported today that of 75 French ships of all types in Toulon harbor when the Germans moved in, 20 apparently were left intact, 51 were sunk or damaged or are now unaccounted for, and four escaped.

The vessels damaged—some of which at least may be reclaimed—included three battleships, the Dunkerque, Strasbourg and Provence, he said.

The vessels classified by the Navy were as "afloat and apparently intact" included two light cruisers, three destroyer leaders, three destroyers, four submarines, two gunboats, one demilitarized battleship and five tankers.

Use Of Port Of Dakar Will Prove Big Help To Allies In North Africa

JAPS BLASTED IN NEW GUINEA

Planes And Artillery Smashing At Jap Garrisons

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Allied fliers ranged far to punish Japanese air and sea bases ringing New Guinea and dive-bombers smashed repeatedly at Japanese troops forced back onto sand spits between Gona and Buna, while Howitzers lobbed their shells onto the beleaguered troops, an Allied communique said today.

Nippon's fliers attempting to attack at the Allied rear, had bad luck. Out of 18 medium bombers, eight dive-bombers and 12 Zero planes the Allies, with negligible loss, five dive-bombers and seven Zeros.

Gen. MacArthur's fliers pounded at Lae, on the northeast New Guinea coast, dropping 100-pound bombs on the runways and the dispersal area of the airfield. The Japanese fled the buildings for the trees and the fliers laid down machine-gun fire catching many of them. Two planes on the shell-pocked runways were reported destroyed.

The airfield at Gasmata, on the south shore of New Britain, and shipping in the harbor were bombed. A tanker off the harbor was one target but because of darkness the result was not certain.

Several Zeros went up out of Gasmata to intercept a reconnaissance plane and at least one was shot down.

The Buna area ground fighting, to push the Japs into the sea, continued intermittently, the communique said. The Allied advance has the Japanese force out up into segments and artillery bounded them from the ground, supplementing air attacks.

Sees Danger In Government Cost

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, charged today that the rising cost of government was "a much greater threat to the people" than the cost of food.

Attacking the proposal to keep retail prices down through subsidy payments, he said it was hard for farmers to understand why consumers, when their income was at all-time high, should expect the government to pay part of their food bill.

He referred specifically to the situation in New York milk shed, where he said the government was buying the entire fluid milk supply and re-selling it to consumers at a loss.

December Quota Of Tires And Tubes

The quota for tires and tubes for Pitt County in December is as follows: Passenger cars, Grade 1, 33 tires; Grade 2, 89 tires; Grade 3, 268 tires; recapped tires, 268; tubes, 110.

For trucks—New tires, 122; recapped, 45; truck tubes, 53. Application blanks for tires and tubes have not been received at the local office yet.

Oil Coupons At High School On Thursday

Coupons for fuel oil and kerosene will be issued all day at the Greenville high school Thursday. They will be available from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. for those persons who live in Greenville Township.

Complaints and requests for readjustments concerning fuel oil and kerosene should be made at the rationing office on West Fourth Street next Monday and Tuesday.

Allies Are Holding Heights About Tebourba As Raging Tank Battle Continues In Its Third Day; Both Sides Fighting For Air Supremacy; Attack on Rommel's Force Imminent

(By The Associated Press)

London, Dec. 8.—Allied forces were reported to be holding solidly today on the heights dominating Tebourba while tanks battled for the third successive day in a no-man's land south of the Tunisian town, key to the approaches to Bizerte and Tunis.

Both sides were striking heavily by air, trying for the decisive battle punch and to choke off supplies and reinforcements which might tip the balance.

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Dec. 8.—(AP)—An Allied tank counter-attack has thrown the enemy back from positions he had gained Sunday in the Tebourba area, 20 miles west of Tunis, a headquarters communique said today.

The ground action in the bitterly contested southwestern corner of the Tunisian triangle was supported by light bombers and fighters which repeatedly assaulted the Axis forces.

The Allies, however, gained a major advantage in the battle of supplies.

This was the acquisition of Dakar as a United Nations port by an agreement between Pierre Boisson, governor general of French West Africa, who was placed himself under Admiral Jean Darlan, and Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander-in-chief of North Africa.

Eisenhower announced that the United Nations' navies are free now to use the port, and Allied planes may use its airfield.

Thus, in a struggle in which both sides must rely heavily on air and sea transport of supplies and men, the Allies have cut thousands of miles from their previous routes to the North African fronts and are believed virtually to have eliminated the U-boat menace in the south Atlantic.

While Britain's eighth army still paused before El Algeira, in Libya, Allied planes struck again by night Sunday against Bizerte and followed up yesterday with bomb and cannon raids on La Goulette, nine miles to the east, and the enemy-held port of Sfax in central Tunisia.

Axis air attacks were aimed at the Allies' Algerian port of Philippeville where, the Italian communique said, bombers scored direct hits on ships, docks and supply warehouses and started big fires.

Must Pay Personal Taxes December 18

Work of compiling a list of delinquent personal property taxpayers were proceeding at the City Hall today and notices are being mailed to the delinquents. Unless the taxes are paid by December 18 the city will proceed by levy on personal property or by garnishment of salaries and wages to collect them. This will make additional expense for the taxpayers, a city official stated today.

The Board of Aldermen recently instructed that the taxes be collected to keep Greenville in line with other progressive cities, and towns.

The aldermen also ordered that when city taxes are listed in January that a fairer and more equitable method of listing be followed.

Checking over the list of personal property tax books it was revealed that there are vast discrepancies in the listing of personal property. In some instances a worker making \$100 a month has more personal property listed than persons of considerable means.

14 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT— I'LL GET THAT BRACELET FOR MOTHER. Buy Christmas Seals

Social and Personal

Lieut. Louis Wilkerson of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, is spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wilkerson.

Mrs. Z. L. Edwards of Washington, was here yesterday.

Mrs. Swanson Graves of Washington, spent today here with her mother, Mrs. Pattie Forbes.

Mrs. J. F. Arthur has gone to Richmond to attend the wedding of Mr. Fielding Jeter.

Ensign L. Earl Shuff, gunnery instructor, Asheville Training Center, Portsmouth, R. I. is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Charles Shuff.

Business Girls' Circle To Meet. The Business Girls' Circle of Immanuel Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Elizabeth Warren Pollard on Broad street, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The meeting was postponed because of the death of Miss Bertha Hudson.

Birth Announcement. Ensign and Mrs. L. Earl Shuff of Portsmouth, R. I., announce the birth of a daughter, Lee Clark, on Saturday, December 5, 1942, in Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Shuff was formerly Miss Lulu Carrington Gravelly of Rocky Mount.

U. D. C. To Meet. The George B. Singletary Chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. K. B. Pace on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Training School P. T. A. The Training School P. T. A. will meet Wednesday at 3:30.

Speaks At Vesper Services. Chaplain Phil H. Grice and the 51st Composite Defense Battalion Choir of New River Marine Barracks, Sunday night conducted the service at the college at the regular YWCA-YMCA vesper hour. Chaplain Grice spoke for a short time on "What It Means To Be a Christian," and both before and after the talk, the choir sang groups of Negro spirituals.

In his talk, Chaplain Grice went back to the Bible for an answer to his question, and recalled to his audience that the Bible calls Christians the "salt of the earth," the "light of the world" and "branches of the vine." The one thing these have in common, he said, is that they are used up in making their contribution to life, and Christians are truly like Christ only when they realize that he who loses his life in service shall find it. He declared that he and his fellow service men were willing to give their lives if need be, to help usher in the new world; but did call upon the church people at home then to do their part to see that the new world is a better one.

The church members, directed by Rev. I. R. Elmore and accompanied by Rev. Howard Manley, sang a number of groups, all of which were enthusiastically received.

One of the numbers was "The Song of the 51st," composed by Lt. Bob Troup, sponsor of the choir.

After the close of the service Lt. Troup also played and sang a number of his own arrangements.

Attend Tourney In Charlotte. Out of seven debates in which they participated at the Dixie Forensic Tourney in Charlotte this past week, the East Carolina Teachers College team won five and lost two, and received a rating among the ten best teams out of the thirty-five taking part.

The E. C. T. C. team, composed of Carrie Cox of Robersonville and Jennings Ballard of Alexis, won over Wingate, Lenoir-Rhyne, the boys' team from the University of Alabama, Davidson, and the University of North Carolina; and lost to the girls' team from the University of Alabama, and Wofford, the winner of the tournament. Among the teams defeated by Cox and Ballard were two of the other ten teams ranked as best.

The question debated was the proposal for setting up a public speaking is sponsored each year by Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. but this is the first year the college here has been represented.

Cox is president of the Jarvis Forensic Club of E. C. T. C., and Ballard one of the club's most active members. Dr. M. N. Posey of the English department, is the faculty sponsor of the club and debate coach.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER. Tonight my heart is sad and sore, Uncle Sam called my boy, he had to go. So now, dear Lord, to You I pray, Take care of him while he's away.

Dear faithful boy he was to me, Watch over him wherever he be, Don't let harm to him befall, Because he was my one and all.

And now I pray that you will keep Watch over him while he's asleep, Be with him both night and day, Protect his life while he's away.

Be merciful O God, I pray, And watch him closely every day, When war is over and he is free Let him come safely back to me.

And now be with me Lord, so I can bear My troubles and every care, Don't let me falter along the way, Help me be brave and strong each day.

Mrs. Keturah Allen.

The federal government has granted 230,286,000 acres of public lands to individual states.

Social Calendar

TUESDAY
5:00-6:00 p. m.—Greenville Girl Scout Council meets in the Girl Scout office.

7:30 p. m.—Withla Council degree of Peconitas meets.

8:00 p. m.—W. A. of Immanuel Baptist Church will meet with Miss Lela Higgs.

8:30 p. m.—Fire-side Club of the Christian Church meets with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Smith.

WEDNESDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of Immanuel Baptist and Presbyterian churches in charge.

2:30 p. m.—Mission study group of the Christian Church meets with Mrs. W. H. Woldard.

3:30 p. m.—Junior Woman's Club meets.

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

8:20 p. m.—The choir of the Presbyterian Church meets for rehearsal.

THURSDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of Memorial Baptist Church in charge.

3:30 p. m.—George B. Singletary Chapter U. D. C. meets with Mrs. K. B. Pace.

4:00 p. m.—The Literature department of the Woman's Club meets at the home of Mrs. W. C. Harris.

6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Club.

7:30 p. m.—Red Men meet.

8:00 p. m.—Business Girls' Circle of Immanuel Baptist Church meets with Mrs. Elizabeth Warren Pollard on Broad street.

FRIDAY
3:30 p. m.—The American Home department meets at the club house.

8:00 p. m.—Elks Club, No. 1645 will meet at the club house on Evans street.

SERVICE LEAGUE HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The December meeting of the Service League was held at the library on Monday, December 7. Reports were presented by the officers and the various claimants. The project chairman went over the work to be done during this month. She stressed the need to work on Surgical Dressings, Rationing and Salvaging Mrs. Little spoke about the Citizens Service Corps. The Finance chairman told of the splendid Apron and Food sale which was held on Friday, December 4, at Ellington's Book Store, through the kindness of Miss Eloise Ellington. The amount cleared was \$96.85, which was given to the Laughinghouse hospital bed. Mrs. R. C. Stokes, the chairman, reported that two patients had been cared for during the past month. She told how one father of a colored patient had insisted on paying part of the expenses from his meager earnings.

A surprise was given each member in the form of an interesting news sheet, "The Service Leagueer." After these were distributed Miss Bessie Brown brought the meeting to a close singing "When the Lights Go On Again All Over the World."

Dancers At College Tonight. The program of the Bali-Java Dancers to be presented at the college this evening is to begin at 8 o'clock, half an hour earlier than the other entertainments have been. This is the second of the entertainments offered this season and the last to be given this term. There will be no reserved seats. Season tickets admit the holders and general admission tickets will be sold at the door.

The program is unique as it interprets the life and ideals of picturesque peoples. It is now of peculiar interest as the artists come from the Far East, from islands noted for their beauty which were the center of the fighting area some months ago.

The costumes are said to be colorful and rich. Music based on rhythm instead of tune should not sound strange to ears of western people. The dancing is interpretative, and not like either the ballet or modern social dances. Every movement has meaning.

Library News

We Took To The Woods. Among the new books at the Shepard Memorial Library is one that has attracted quite a bit of attention in the literary world. It is called "We Took to the Woods" and the author is Louise Dickinson Rich. It is the story of two city people, a woman from Boston and a man from Chicago whose adjustment to a life far removed from the world proves fascinating reading. Their chance meeting, by a hair's breadth, she was a member of a lake canoeing through the small lakes of Maine that inquiring the way of a man chopping wood at a summer camp decided to spend the night with him—forms the nucleus of an extraordinary book that is true.

Both the author and her husband were nature people when they met, so it was no adolescent attraction that brought about their marriage. From the book one gathers that both of them had probably suffered frustrations in their earlier lives,

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
December 8, 1902

W. L. Best spent Monday in Kinston.

Little Miss Ethel Bowling went to Durham today.

Mrs. Barry of Weldon, is visiting relatives here.

Ice was plentiful and thick this morning, and several pumps around town were reported frozen.

What a stimulus to trade is discovered in the fact that the cost of living has fallen off one per cent since last November. You may now buy for 99 cents what last cost an even dollar. Just think of the consequences when the bargain combination of those 9's comes to the knowledge of our womenfolk.

his being a divorce, hers a failure to attain desired social recognition in her home town. They were both searching for a happier way of life. And the simplicity of the solution is what astounds the reader. The attaining of happiness seems to have come about by their removal from an unhappy environment, but there is much more to it than that, as the book explains. For this new life required every waking moment and many sleepless nights to carry on comfortable existence. Thus the past was pushed clear out of mind.

Every phase of living in the woods is splendidly depicted, from the gathering of wood to the storing of ice for summer, from the making out of a winter grocery list to the cataloging of clothing worn, from the growing of a garden to the birthing of a baby. Every winter and summer sport gets due attention, with a lot of love for fishing included. People of every walk of life stalk through the book, from the uncouth woodsman to the sophisticated summer visitor. This life is a revelation of personalities that far surpasses the story of life lived in the woods.

It is true that her observation of wild life is accurate, but when she says, "happy people are not given to soul searching," she speaks a profound truth. "Revoit and reform" she says further, "whether private or general, are always bred in misery and conflict." These two remarks probably explain a lot in her life. Quoting further what she has found in the woods "Here I dare to be myself... I am free... I have what I want, what I need, what I am invited, these things used to matter because I had no identity of my own... To define freedom in terms of indifference to dress and social contacts and popular attitudes seems so trivial and irresponsible a thing to do, but that is what living adds up to, for me."

Mrs. Rich has a good sense of humor, displaying it under the most trying of circumstances and in the most unexpected places. Her attaining of such an inner peace and the understanding of the essence of real living is enviable. And her philosophy of child-rearing is well worth studying, especially her ideas of how parents can contribute to children's happiness. When she writes that children are never miserable because of physical inconvenience, there is something to ponder over.

What this man and woman have found in life in the woods is what millions have searched for and never found. Why? Because little did they realize that it could be found in the simple way of living. The author sums it all up this way: "Here we were left alone to conduct our own private search for a personal peace, a reasonable security, a little love, a chance to obtain happiness through achievement." No one has written like that since Hulda Rose in "Long Distance Calling."

The following books have recently been put in circulation at the library:
Lee's Lieutenants—Freeman.
Crescent Carnival—Keys.
Our Miss Boo—Runbeck.
Suez to Singapore—Brown.
Cheerful Cherub—McCann.
Amazing Amazon—Brown.
Westward the Course—McGuire.
H. L. R.

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She'll Be Queen Of Maimi's Orange Bowl New Year's



Pretty Eileen Knapp (above) will be Queen of the Orange Bowl New Year's Day when Boston College plays Alabama in Miami.

NEWS OF GREENVILLE HIGH

By CORA REDDITT

Murders Sleep
Listen, students, and you shall hear. Tomorrow is the day which you fear. Report cards come out once in a while. So remember this, and smile, and smile, and smile.

Junior High
David Whichard and Ed Schwarz, up and coming Green Lights reporters, passed out Junior High superlative questionnaires this morning. The superlatives will be tallied tomorrow and the results will appear in Green Lights.

Magazines
The high school is supposed to furnish magazines for the service men this week. Students are urged to bring magazines—weekly, not over two weeks old; monthly, not more than two weeks old. The Junior Red Cross will collect these magazines.

Loads and Loads
Greenville High, through the Junior Red Cross, plans to give loads and loads of fun-making devices and helpful utility bags for the marines next week. The truck from Cherry Point will come here and decks of cards, ping pong tables, checkers and other things donated by the students will be sent to the marines.

Damp and Cold
People of Greenville do not like damp, cold mornings, do they? Student Council meets tonight at 7:30.



SINGER—Lucille Norman, currently appearing in a Broadway show, is a mezzo-soprano with operatic ambitions and a movie contract. She was born in Lincoln, Neb., in 1921.

record is any guide. More tardies were AWOL, unexcused, than since the "over-half-a-hundred" (the day the faculty put the pressure on). The absent list was also longer than usual.

Student Council
Student Council meets tonight at 7:30.

Mrs. Bettie Coburn Died This Morning

Mrs. Bettie Harrell Coburn, 68, widow of the late Mr. J. C. Coburn, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Fornes, near McGowan's Cross Roads Tuesday morning about 6 o'clock, after several years of ill health.

Funeral services will be held at Spring Green Primitive Baptist Church near Hamilton, in Martin County, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 by Elder Will Grimes of the Spring Green Community. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Coburn moved to the Greenville community with her husband about five years ago. Mr. Coburn died shortly after moving here.

She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. W. T. Fornes of Greenville, Route 3, with whom she had made her home for the past few years; Mrs. James Nemmo and Mrs. W. E. Bullard of Richmond; three grandchildren; a stepson, Roy Coburn of Greenville and a stepdaughter, Mrs. W. M. Grimmer of Tarboro.

Fayetteville Physician Dead.
Fayetteville, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Dr. Seavy Highsmith, 68, dean of Cumberland county physicians, died in a local hospital today after a brief illness. He was entering his 42nd year as a practicing physician in Fayetteville. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 3:30.

Seven Die in Crash
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 8.—(AP)—The crash of a medium army bomber near here yesterday as it was returning to the Columbia air base from a routine flight took the lives of two officers, one a South Carolinian, and five sergeants.

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TONIGHT
7:00—Al Kavelin's Orch.
7:10—Human Interest Drama.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—Confidentially Yours, MBS.
7:45—Paul Decker's Orch., MBS.
8:00—Harry James' Orch.
8:15—Crossfield Analyzes the News, TN.
8:30—Jan Garber's Orch.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
9:45—Kay Kyser's Orch.
10:00—News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—Meet the Band, TN.
10:45—Dance Orchestra, MBS.
11:00—News of the World in Brief.
11:05—Sign Off.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9
7:00—Sign on.
7:01—News.
7:05—Yawn Patrol.
7:40—Lost and Found.
7:45—Yawn Patrol.
8:00—News.
8:15—Treasury Song Parade.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Your Morning Pickup.
9:00—News.
9:05—Local News and Annets.
9:10—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
9:45—Rhythm and Recipes, TN.
10:00—Obituary Column.
10:05—Women in the News.
10:10—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—The Cheer Up Gang, MBS.
11:00—Headlines of Tomorrow MBS.

11:15—Karl Zomar's Scrapbook, MBS.
11:30—Ayden on the Air.
11:45—Woody Herman's Orch.
12:00—Hilbilly Roundup.
12:15—News.
12:25—Tune Time.
12:40—Carolina Farm Features.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Bond Wagon.
1:15—Sweet and Hot, MBS.
1:30—10-2-4 Ranch.
1:45—Palmer House Concert Orch., MBS.

2:00—Today's War Commentary.
2:05—Robersonville on the Air.
2:15—Baron Elliott's Orch., MBS.
2:30—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS.
3:00—Stanley Dixon, News, MBS.
3:15—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
4:00—Walter Compton, MBS.
4:15—Treasury Star Parade.
4:30—Man With a Band, MBS.
5:00—Swing Session, TN.
5:15—Joe Frassetto's Orch., MBS.
5:30—Superman, MBS.
5:45—Story Time Lady, TN.
6:00—Nation's Prayer Minute, MBS.

6:01—Sundown Serenade.
6:15—News.
6:20—Citizens Service Program.

6:30—Sportscast, TN.
6:45—Celebrating Views the News, TN.
7:00—Naught Monroe's Orch.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—California Melodies, MBS.
7:45—The Library Comes to You.
8:00—Sizing Up the News, MBS.
8:15—They're the Berries, MBS.
8:30—Tod Grant Gets the News.
8:45—Musical Interlude.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
9:45—Man Your Battle Stations.
10:00—News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—Meet the Band TN.
10:45—Eddy Howard's Orch., MBS.
11:00—News of the World in Brief.
11:05—Sign Off.

Jasper Oakley Died Suddenly At Home

Jasper Lee Oakley, 33, died at his home near Greenville on the Pacolus Road at 9 o'clock Monday night. He suffered a stroke about thirty minutes earlier.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. Walter Nobles, Free Will Baptist Minister of Winterville. Burial was in the old Parker's Chapel Cemetery.

Mr. Oakley was a farmer and spent all of his life in Pitt County. Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Mamie Oakley of the home and two brothers, Arthur C. and James Oakley, also of the home.

Heavy Snow . . .

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dorming mechanized equipment because of the cold.

The official report said, however, that more German tanks were being destroyed, more German dead piled on the field of battle, more ground taken in fierce fighting, even while acknowledging a temporary setback.

"In the area of Velikie Luki, the Germans succeeded in pressing back our forces and occupied one inhabited locality," the midnight communique reported. "After a counterattack had been launched, Soviet troops again recaptured this inhabited point as well as another. In three days fighting the Germans lost 800 men killed."

In the Stalingrad factory area struggle, the communique listed one company of German infantry destroyed, Southwest of Stalingrad in consolidating actions, the Red army counted 340 Germans killed.

In savage fighting southwest of the Volga citadel, a column of German armor and Cossack cavalrymen fought it out in a blizzard, the Cossacks outflanking the Germans and leading them into a trap.

The Central Valley water and power project in California will cost \$264,000,000.

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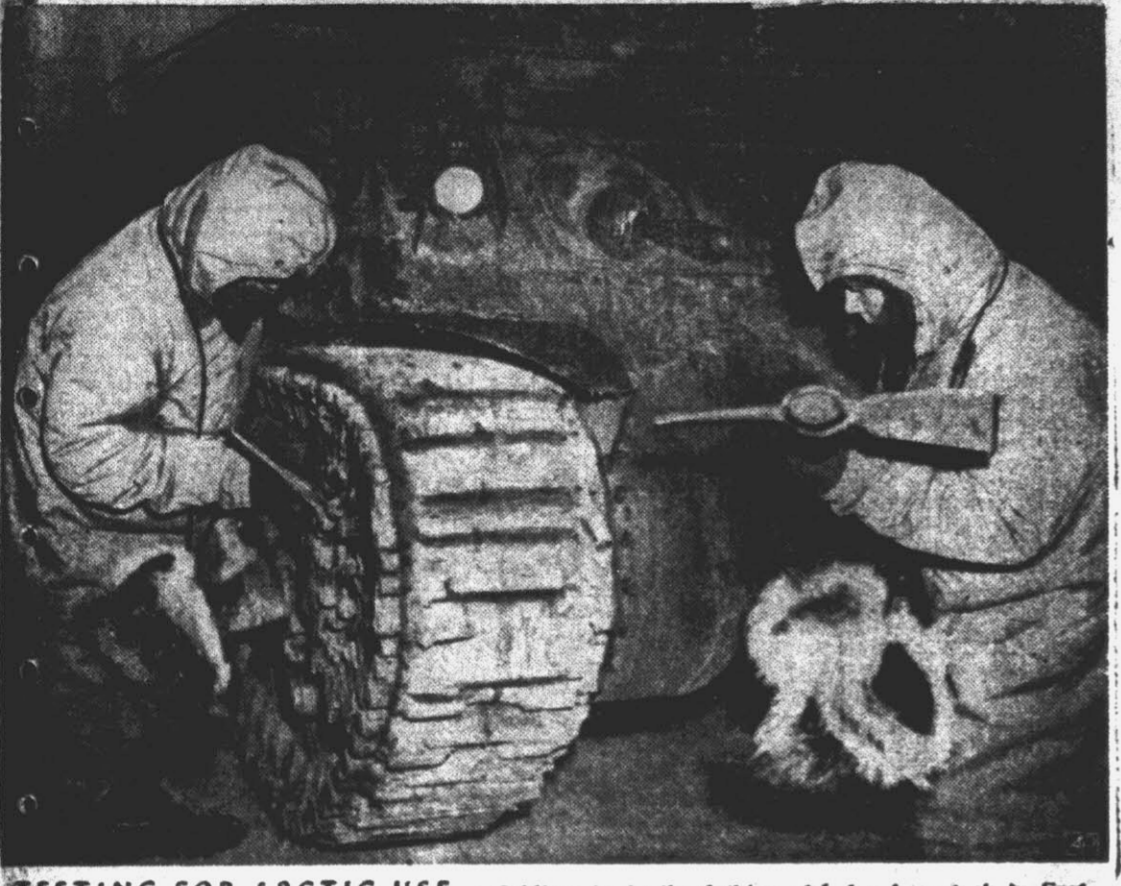
THE STORY SO FAR: The Festival of the Fairies is in full swing when the Easter Bunny comes dashing in, to tell Santa Claus and all the fairies, elves, witches and hob-goblins that he has just come from Poopo-Poona, and that he has terrible news.

Chapter Two
The Terrible News From Poopo-Poona
Easter Bunny's voice shook and

there were tears in his eyes as he told the news he had brought with him to the Festival.
"Down in the Kingdom of Poopo-Poona," he began, "A boy by the name of Michael Bartholemew Woffington is spreading a rumor."
The Bunny paused to blow his nose and all of the folk at the Festival held their breaths and waited to hear what rumor Michael Bartholemew Woffington could be spreading that would so upset the Bunny.
"Well, what is it?" asked Father Time finally. "Surely it is not as bad as all that."
Easter Bunny sighed heavily and continued, "He is spreading the rumor that there is no Santa Claus!"
A gasp arose from the throng of spirits. The Queen Fairy smothered a tiny scream with her hand. The Seven Dwarfs clenched their fists.

Mrs. Claus burst into tears. And all of the imps and demons and brownies and elves huddled closer together and trembled.
Santa Claus alone seemed unafraid. He pulled at his whiskers and looked thoughtfully up at the stars. "No one ever will believe such a rumor," he said at last.
But the Bunny shook his head. "That is the worst of it," he related sadly. "This boy is so well thought of and has so much influence that already he has convinced most of the children in Poopo-Poona. Pretty soon there will not be a child in all the Kingdom who believes in you."
Santa Claus put his hands behind his back and walked away from his friends. All the gayety had gone from his face and he walked as though he were suddenly very tired.
"What shall we do? What is to be done?" cried all the others when

Santa had gone.
"I do not know," said the Bunny. "I only know that next they will stop believing in me."
"What about us?" cried the Queen Fairy. "When such a thing starts there is no telling where it will end. Soon, perhaps, children won't believe in any single one of us. Not in wood sprites or goblins or ghosts or brownies. Not in anyone on this cloud!"
So terrible was this thought that again everyone fell silent. They all knew, you see, that fairies and Easter Bunny and Santa Claus and all other invisible folk, exist only because little children believe in them. When children stop believing then the fairies and all the others fade away. They no longer have any reason for living and so they must die. Everyone said Michael was a skeptic, because a skeptic is a person who doesn't believe in anything.
While everyone was thinking these things and feeling sorry for poor Santa Claus, the witches were standing apart and muttering among themselves. Finally one of them came over and addressed the sorrowing crowd.
"We can punish this Michael Bartholemew Woffington," announced the witch. "We can make him regret to his dying day that he ever started such a rumor."
"How? how?" asked everyone eagerly for each was thinking not so much of punishing Michael as of stopping him before he had done more harm.
"We will cast a spell over him," explained the witch. "So that whenever he opens his mouth to speak hot air instead of words will come out."
There was silence for a moment and then everyone burst into a cheer. "The very thing," cried Queen Fairy. "He will never be able to spread another rumor."
"And," said Easter Bunny thoughtfully, "Perhaps other people will learn and forever afterwards if a man talks nonsense people will laugh at him and say he is talking hot air!"
With that, the witches began mixing strange potions in a big cauldron. All the other folk stood by and watched in silence as the terrible Curse was being prepared for Michael Bartholemew Woffington.
TOMORROW: The Curse Falls on Michael.



TESTING FOR ARCTIC USE — Soldiers in Arctic clothing pick ice from tank in Fort, Knox, Ky., armored force testing laboratory.

Russian Mortar Crew Battles German Invaders

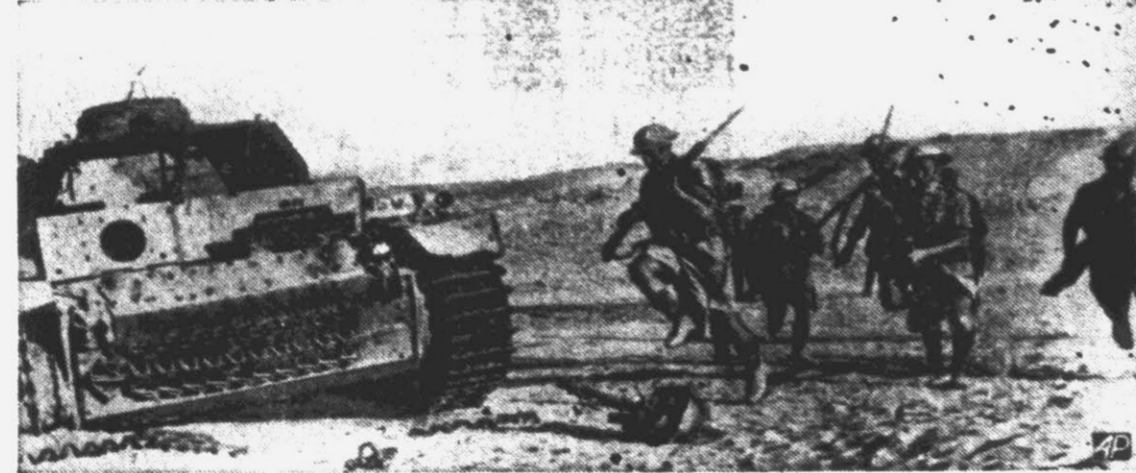


Amid the ruins of a building in Stalingrad, long besieged Russian city on the Volga river, Soviet mortar crewmen blasted away at German invaders. The Germans are gradually being forced back westward. Those left in Stalingrad are threatened with encirclement by the Russians. This picture was radioed from Moscow.

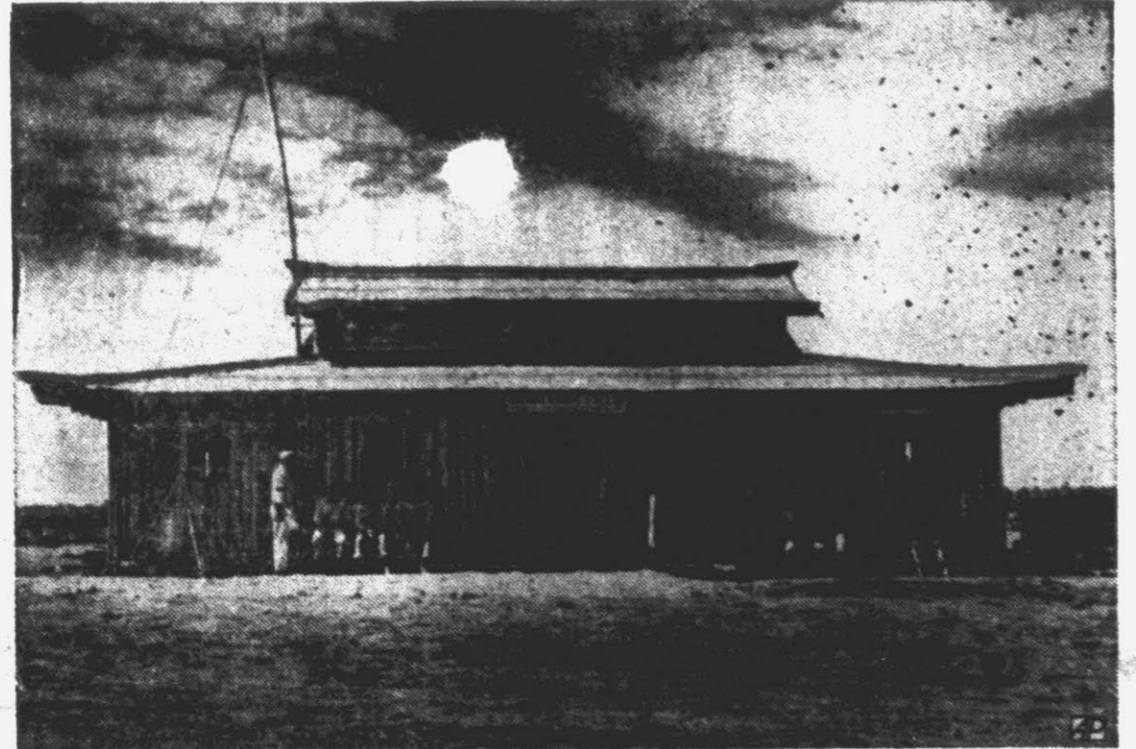
12 Miles A Minute!



Officials of the Republic Aviation company at Farmingdale, N. Y., have announced that two U. S. Army fliers, Lieutenants Harold Comstock (top), and Harold Byr (bottom), dived 7-47 Thunderbolt planes at a speed of 725 miles an hour in test flights. That's about 12 miles a minute. Comstock lives in Fresno, Calif., and Dyar's home is in Lowell, O. (Associated Press Photos from U. S. Army Air Forces).



TOMMIES TAKE RIDGE—Charging past a knocked-out enemy tank, British soldiers advance to take a ridge in Egyptian desert.



MARINES USE PAGODA ON GUADALCANAL — This pagoda was used as headquarters for Navy and Marine fliers on Guadalcanal until bomb struck nearby.

Carver Library News

For the past six days the Phillip Parker Funeral homes have sponsored a library quiz at the Carver Library. The questions for the contest appeared on the bulletin board each day, and a large group of children from the city and county have worked hard on the questions.
The questions with their answers as they appeared on the quiz are as follows:
1. What famous naval aviator thought to be lost over three weeks ago in a sea plane crash was found safe and well recently? Answer: Captain Eddie Rickenbacker.
2. In what connection was "Jean Bart" in the headlines recently? Answer: Jean Bart, a French battleship, was damaged by British and American invasion forces in a port off French North Africa.
3. Who was the last U. S. ambassador to Tokyo? Answer: Mr. Joseph C. Grew.
4. What prominent French leader was won over recently from the side

of Nazi puppet Vichy government to the side of the Allied nations? Answer: Admiral Darlan.
5. Who was the American general left in charge of the American forces on Bataan when General MacArthur was called to Australia? Answer: Gen. Jonathan Wainwright.
6. Give the title and author of the book fitting each of the following descriptions:
A moving story of Chinese family life depicting the customs, hardships, and aspirations of the Chinese people, a former Nobel prize winner. Answer: "The Good Earth," by Pearl Buck.
A story told by a German Communist who fled to America in order to escape the most horrible Nazi persecution? Answer: "Out of the Night," by Jan Valtin.
The story of the rise, development and growth of Nazism in Germany as told by a former disillusioned member of the Nazi party, "Reaching for the Stars," by Nora Waln.
The story of the heroic fight put up by the motor torpedo boat squadron which brought Gen. MacArthur out of Bataan. "They Were

Expendables," by White.
A novel that describes the German invasion of a small free country, a vivid affirmation of the fact that a free people can never be permanently conquered. "The Moon Is Down," by John Steinbeck.
Name two novels dealing with a doctor's career. "Green Light," and "Magnificent Obsession."
What physical handicap has the colored boy, Verman, in "Penrod"? He was tongue-tied.
Who is the detective in the mystery story of Ellery Queen? Ellery Queen is the detective himself.
What famous story was written in the form of a dream while the author was in prison? "Pilgrim's Progress," by Bunyan.
In what book did a doctor poison his own daughter and then take his own life? "King's Row."
Mention one novel which deals with a blind person. "The Light That Failed," "Rosary," and "Dark Conquest."
The contest really served its purpose. The newspapers, magazines, and pamphlets were studied daily. The winners of prizes were as follows: Mamie L. Garrett—first prize;

Laura Belle Morris and Jessie Moyer tie for prize. The first prize was \$2.50 equally among the three winners for it.
Visit the War Information Center regularly and familiarize yourself with the current happenings. History is in the making.
Thanks to Mr. John Warner for \$25 on the annual library drive. Library hours from 2 to 7 o'clock daily.
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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

LEANNESS OF SOUL

A woman quite active in public life found it necessary to have a nurse in her home to take care of her children at certain times. She had unfortunate experiences with several such helpers, and all the time she kept thinking of the wonderful nurse she had had twenty-five years before in her childhood. Learned one day that this nurse was still in active service, and she tried to secure her but failed to do so. Then she started to pray that God would arrange circumstances in such fashion that she would be able to have this nurse take care of her children. To use her own words, she gave the Lord no peace over the period of a year until at last her petition was granted and the nurse came to her home. Then she had a rude awakening. She discovered that during a quarter of a century, the character of this nurse had so changed that instead of being a good influence over the children, she was an evil influence. She was glad at last to dismiss the nurse and to admit that the Lord's reluctance to answer her prayers had sprung from His mercy.

If we insist on having our own way and beseech the Lord to do as we want Him to do, regardless of what plans He may have for us, we may find that He will grant us our request in order to teach us a much needed lesson. The Psalmist says, "He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul."
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THE QUESTIONNAIRE ABSURDITY

Editorial columns, we are aware, are for comment, but the following Associated Press item from Washington today, together with Reg Manning's cartoon on the subject, we feel is sufficient to convince everyone of the absurdity of the questionnaire nuisance of our present bureaucracy, without further comment from us:

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Professor Byrd and his Congressional Quiz Kids today are dreaming of a White Christmas—not from snow, but from a blizzard of letters and questionnaires.

The Professor, more formally known as Senator Byrd (D-Va.) and the Quiz Kids—a baker's dozen congressmen—compose the joint committee on red tape, or non-essential federal expenditures.

The committee, which is putting the old quiz whammy right back on those government questionnaires that quiz the taxpayers, recently asked federal bureaus to submit copies of all questionnaires, forms, regulations, instructions and form letters requesting information, issued in the last year and a half. It would seem that a senator's secretary "ought to be a member of the jackpot."

Worthily she gathered four desks piled high with questionnaires, letters and wires from perturbed parties to say nothing of a few hundred incidental reports, notes and bound regulations.

And these did not include the personal take of each committee member, nor those received by scores of other congressmen not even connected with the committee, which is trying to find the answer to the question of why so many questionnaires are needed.

The staff quit counting long ago. Now they merely measure the growing mass and report periodically on the cubic content thereof.

A quick and gingerly poke through the pile brought out such \$64 questions as these:

"To what extent are you financially indebted for other than ordinary current accounts?" Answer unprintable.

"List your principal non-legal interests and activities while a student." Answer: "Two blondes and a redhead."

"List class of each underwear garment manufactured and give details of each." Answer:

The Wonderful Wizards Of Washington



AND HERE ARE THE MEN WHO FIGURE OUT THOSE QUESTIONS IN QUESTIONNAIRES

WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—It begins to look as if we may at last get the slowdown on Puerto Rico.

There have been violent rumblings that all is not well with our island outpost in the Caribbean. The political situation there has been and still is a muddle and a mess, with more verbal violence than has taken place in any of our states or cities for a good many years. Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell, governor of the island, has been called "Rex, the Red," the "reddish Don Quixote of the New Deal," and worse.

There have been reports had charges that thousands of Puerto Rican natives are starving; that infant mortality is "beyond description"; that ships coming back from the island have been weighed with ballast when they could have brought sugar; that the foodstuffs sent them are things which they can't eat.

When Tugwell appeared recently before the Puerto Rican legislature, 27 senators and representatives "took a walk" and left the session in an uproar.

The situation has finally come to a head and the Senate on a motion by Sen. Dennis Chavez (New Mexico Democrat), is going to look into conditions there. However, the Senate ordered its committee to

confine itself to the food shortage and unemployment only. Washington observers are getting a snicker out of this limitation on the committee's operations. Handsome, 50-year-old "Rex" Tugwell has been under fire almost from the moment he joined the brain-trusters in the dark days of the depression. There is no reason to believe that the opposition senators will lay off him now that he is in one of the most insular messes that World War II has brought about.

Chavez is chairman of the subcommittee. He has indicated that he doesn't intend to spare the rod in ferreting out the errors that have brought Puerto Rico to grief. The two other Democrat members of the committee are Senators Homer T. Bone, of Washington, and Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana. Republican members of the committee are Senators Gerald P. Nye, of North Dakota, and John A. Danaher, of Connecticut.

Senators Nye and Danaher are vigorous opponents of the New Deal and it would be inconceivable if either would pass an opportunity to plaster one of its long-standing stalwarts. Nye's reputation as an investigator is well established but those who have watched Danaher on the Senate floor predict he'll give an all-out performance in his effort to uncover mismanagement and incompetence in our handling of Puerto Rico.

Capital observers say if you think this committee is going to confine itself to mere food shortages, there's another thing coming out of it. We may get enough facts to clarify the strangest situation that has occurred in the United States' modern management of its insular affairs.

Plane Crash
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 7—An unidentified army plane crashed and burned this afternoon about eight or nine miles southeast of Columbia near the bluff road

THE WAR TODAY

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the crusader. If he were not a great general he would be in some other field of leadership and it would involve idealism if I've sized up my man rightly.

On that basis he will kill. But he will do it as a duty and not because it pleases him.

The first indication that anyone was home came when a strong and cheery voice called out:

"Come in, I'm glad to see you." A kindly-faced, grey-haired man shook hands cordially and waved me to a chair. No shooting iron. No 10-gallon hat. He smiled when I told him I had come to look him over and see what sort of a chap he was and we fell to chatting.

"Is everything well with us as we come up for battle, Sir?" I asked him.

He looked me straight in the eye—one of his characteristics—and nodded. The morning sun streamed through the door and deepened the strong lines of his face. There was no mistake about that nod. He meant yes.

This question was backgrounded on the general's own personal message to the troops on the eve of his historic attack at El Alamein October 23—The beginning of the battle which has raged across 700 miles of burning sands and is now about to be decided at El Algeira.

At that time he said:

"The battle which is now about to begin will be one of the decisive battles of history. It will be the turning point of the war. The eyes of the whole world will be upon us watching the way the battle will swing. We can give them their answer at once: It will swing our way."

So the general nodded and then he said: "Things go well. We shall not fail at El Algeira, though here may be a hard battle. The Germans will fight."

"I told my men at the beginning of the campaign that our job was to drive the Boche out of Africa," he said. "We shall do that. There is no alternative. There is no question of anything else."

The general's eyes twinkled and he laughed when I told him that some of the men were betting the combined Allied forces would have Christmas dinner in Tripoli.

It was evident that the report pleased him, as well it might, for it indicated that his troops were in high fettle.

However, Montgomery knows when to talk and when not to talk. He didn't answer me directly about the Yuletide dinner, but did give a far better reply.

"Morale is the thing," he declared, and his voice vibrated. "Morale is the thing."

"You can do anything with an army if its morale is high. Your troops must be in that frame of mind where they are anxious to meet the enemy in battle."

"The morale of our men is high. They want to fight."

I asked the general how long he thought the war would last.

"I believe it is likely to be long," he replied.

"The only way to win is to defeat the Germans on the battlefield. The greatest mistake we can make is to fail to recognize this and to underestimate the enemy's strength."

"The German is a good soldier and will fight, though I believe it is true that once you get him down he cracks up. But we must smash him and do it on the battlefield with armies."

Seamen's Heroism . . .

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shattered lifeboat at sea with salvaged canvas. Desperate shipmates hung to his feet as he worked with head and shoulders under water until he was blue with cold and gasp-

Two Girls and a Man

LOIS BYRD and JOHN CHESTER FLEMING

Chapter 13 Off For Frisco

The curtain had just risen for the last act when Gloria knocked on Clark's dressing room door. Duffy glass in hand, opened it. He blinked at the picture she made in her long clinging evening gown and sleek tresses, with a fresh camellia crown- ing her black hair, then saluted with Oriental dignity.

"If I hadn't only tasted this Scotch I'd think I was seeing things. You look too beautiful to be real!" Gloria laughed and swept in past him to survey with amusement the array of bottles and silver bucket of cracked ice on Clark's dressing table. "Is this a private drinking party or can anyone get in?"

"I was just fixing myself a little bracer," Duffy explained. "Anyone who's got to put up with a screwball actor and his half-brained schemes needs a mite of liquid consolation now and then. Scotch or Bourbon?"

"Scotch and make it long." She smiled blandly at the perturbed little Scotchman. "I take it you couldn't dissuade Clark from joining the San Francisco cast."

Duffy shot a dark look in the direction of the two packed and addressed wardrobe trunks. "I talked this afternoon with my pipes gave out, and all the time he went right on packing his clothes. He sighed heavily as he shot a hissing stream of seltzer water into a tall glass.

Gloria took a cigarette from her jeweled case and lit it. Then blowing a thin stream of smoke into the room, she spoke slowly, a gleam of assurance in her dark, narrowed eyes.

"Don't worry, Duffy, he's not going tonight."

"What do you mean?" Duffy handed her the glass, wondering.

"Well, here's the set-up. As soon as the show is over, Clark is taking me to the horse show—it's a mid- night affair for the benefit of the Red Cross. Everything's all arranged. We're to sit in the mayor's box. The governor will be in our party and a General somebody. Not, bad publicity, eh, my honest scribe?"

Duffy took a joyful gulp of his drink. "Great! I'll call Stacy of the 'Times' and Malcomb at the 'Examiner.' We'll have plenty of pictures in the morning editions." Then suddenly his smile faded, his face relaxed again into its long-suffering hopelessness. "If he doesn't go to Frisco tonight, it'll be the first time since I've known him he didn't follow through with his plans," he said dolefully. "When that guy decides to do something, it takes a national calamity to change his mind."

Bait For Clark
Gloria smiled, as Duffy charged across the room to mix himself another drink.

"Duffy, the trouble with you is you're always ready to quit before the fun's half started."

Duffy turned to eye her shrewdly. "You don't mean you have another ace up your sleeve?"

"Darling, I always have another ace up my sleeve!" Gloria laughed for breath.

Sixty men were pulled from the water into the craft. Bailing continued and towing with damaged oars they reached the South American coast after eight days. Two of the group died later.

"When we moved away," Mills recounted on reaching an American port, "about 50 men were on little rafts or clinging to wreckage. We tried to coax a couple more to come with us, but they said no, they would stay where they were. They were afraid their weight would sink us. I haven't much hope that they are alive now."

Mills told, for example, of Lieut. (jg) Thomas Monroe Leoby, Jr., of San Diego, a former San Francisco lawyer, who was urged to get in the lifeboat. Leoby, who had been in command of the gun crew on

one of the vessels sunk earlier in the South Atlantic, swam to the boat and saw how crowded it was. Mills said, and refused to come aboard.

He had given his lifebelt to some other person so the group in Mills' boat threw Leoby another. He waved and swam back to a hatch cover.

At his home in Detroit, Mills scoffed last night at the survivors' tales of his heroism. He dismissed his feat with a "Phooey, I'm not a hero. All the heroes are dead."

The other sunken vessels, the navy said, were all medium-sized.

The four sinkings announced yesterday raised to 552 the Associated Press count of neutral and United Nations merchantmen officially announced as having been lost in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor.

Flying Ace Missing In South



Lieut. Col. Boyd D. "Buss" Wagner (above), 26-year-old Army flier famed for aerial exploits in the Philippines and the far Pacific, is reported missing on a flight practically at home—from Elgin Field, Fla., to Maxwell Field, Ala. His home was in Emigst, Pa.

"You and your publicity phobia." Clark grinned. "You listen to me, both of you. I'm taking that midnight plane without the shadow of a doubt, and you both might as well stop all this desperate conniving."

He looked about the room, making a last minute check. "And don't forget to call the express company and have them pick up these trunks first thing in the morning. Did you hear?"

"I did," answered Duffy in a muffled and very sad voice.

Duffy answered the ringing phone with a wink.

"Well, this ought to cinch it!" he chuckled. "It was the Western Union reporting Clark's telegram to Rita Raiston was delivered one hour and ten minutes after it was sent. He was sure she didn't get it or she'd have answered."

Gloria sat preening herself with amused satisfaction.

"Anytime a sweet, simple country gal tries to elbow Gloria Cunningham out of a picture she really wants to be in, she'll have to get up even before her chickens," she murmured.

Duffy answered the ringing phone with a wink.

"What's going on in here? What are you two up to?" Clark shut the door, eyeing the two steadily.

Duffy gulped. "Now look, Clark—"

But Clark took the phone brusquely from him.

"Charley," he snapped. "This is Pasquin speaking. I'm leaving for Frisco on the midnight plane and Allen is to play the lead here until I return. He slammed the telephone down and turned to face a chagrined Duffy and an amused Gloria.

Gloria drawled. "Don't you think you're a little fast on the draw? I came to tell you that Sydnev's arranged for you to head a benefit performance at the White House."

Clark gave a whistle of appreciation. "That's really white of him! Thank him for me, will you? Tell him I'd be delighted, but I've already promised to do two benefit shows on the West Coast."

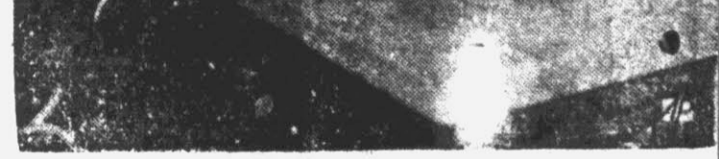
"That ain't the White House!" Duffy yelled tearfully, resorting once again to the bottle and seltzer water.

Reds Pushing Nazis Westward



The black line on this map traces the war front in Russia—from Leningrad to the Black Sea. The shaded area represents the territory held by German and her allies. Southwest of Stalingrad, the front, as such, disappears in a vast area of steppes, but is resumed in the Moudok area and runs westward to the Black Sea. The Russian offensive has bitten deeply into German holdings in the Rzhev area (1) and has squeezed the Germans into a narrow salient west of Moudok. Bitter fighting continued in the Caucasus against Moudok.

Prisoners Help Clothe Sailors



Fifty girls in the North Carolina Prison for Women at Raleigh are doing their part for Uncle Sam by making shirts for men of the navy. Currently, they are working on a contract for 39,300 blue denim shirts for the sailors. Here in a prison sewing room is a prisoner (seated at right) at work under the supervision of Warden Ethel Strickland (standing in center).

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CONNIE MACK TO TRY AGAIN

Will Try To Produce Winning Team Next Year

Philadelphia, Dec. 8—(AP)—Baseball's never-give-up man, Connie Mack, nearing his 80th birthday, is planning a last-place ball club and is expected to be the game's war-time coach. Mack, who has been in Philadelphia Athletics and hopes to win another American league championship in 1943.

Connie began his reconstruction program by announcing the outright release of three veterans and a once-promising rookie—infielders Bill Knickerbocker and Eric McNair ten-year men in the big leagues and therefore entitled to their free agency; outfielder Mike Kreevich, an eight-year man, and infielder Larry Eschen, who joined the A's last summer fresh from the campus of St. Lawrence university at Canton, N. Y.

Then Mack said: "We hope to get somewhere next year, and we've plenty of help on the way. Eddie Mayo, drafted from Los Angeles, will be available at third base. Irving Hall, a rookie from Williamsport, Pa., most likely will play second base. Felix Maczewicz, who has been around several years, ought to develop into a great outfielder. And Jo Jo White, acquired from Seattle, ought to be good in center field."

Of the men released, Mack had just one comment: "They were not much help to us last year."

Sports Roundup

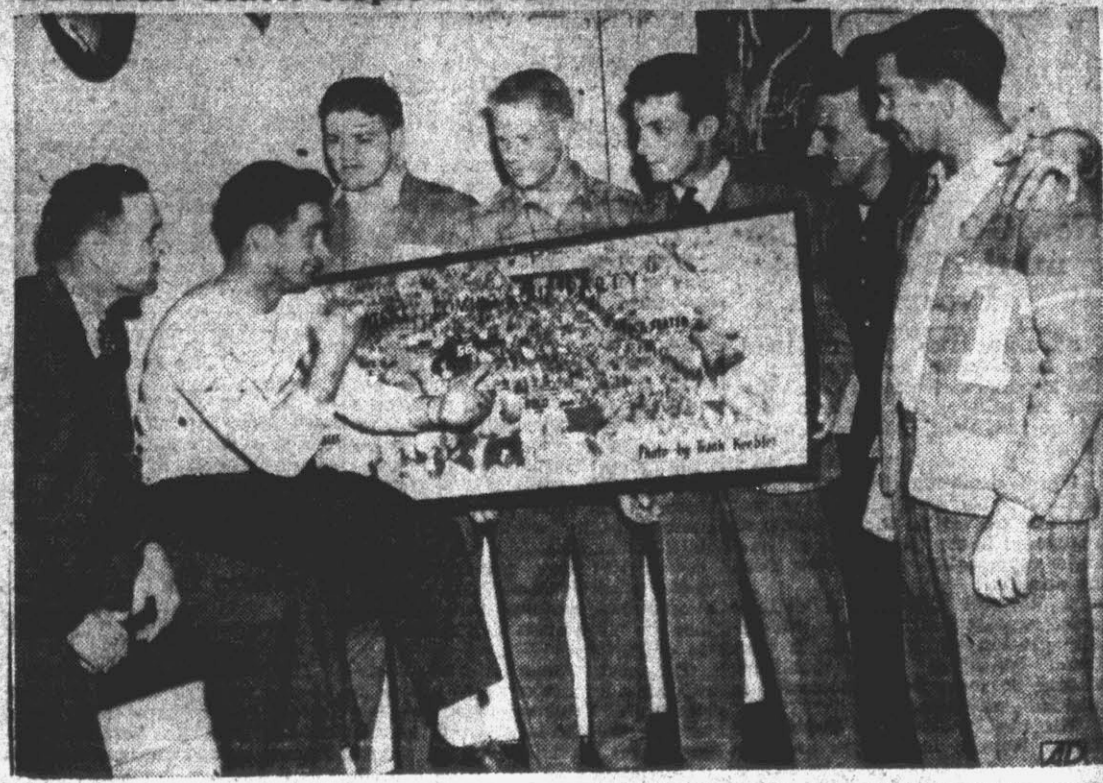
By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 8—(AP)—Rushin' the rations: Sun Valley, the much-photographed Idaho winter sports center, is closing down Dec. 30 for the duration. ... Reasons, shortages of manpower, food, fuel and transportation. ... And Idaho universities figures it saved \$800 by making one football junket for games with Portland at Boise, Utah and Salt Lake and UCLA at Los Angeles. ... When the New York rangers went to Toronto from Chicago for a hockey game last week, three players weren't allowed to cross the border until they had straightened things out with draft officials. ... Seems they had neglected the routine of getting clearances from their local boards. ... The California Military Academy grid team dodged the gas and tire problem recently by traveling to a game in a covered wagon. ... All of which should give you the idea that it isn't exactly easy for athletes to travel around the country these days.

Swap Shop
The scribes who reported no deals were made at last week's baseball meetings apparently overlooked the fact that Branch Rickey upheld his reputation as a trader on at least one occasion. ... While Leo Durocher was confined to bed by an attack of flu, reports John P. Carmichael of the Chicago Daily News, Boss Rickey dropped in for a visit. ... Leo had just collected a couple of baseball bets and had placed two \$20 orders for new hats on a table. ... Rickey noticed the slips and pocketed one. "You can't possibly wear two hats at the same time," he told Leo, "and thanks a lot."

One-Minute Sports Page
Frankie Sinkwich and Paul Governali, who ran one-two in the Heisman trophy voting, both will be wearing Marine uniforms when they meet today. Sinkwich was fitted out

Vols' Slater Hopes For Another "Coming Out" Party



Head Coach John Barnhill (left), of the Tennessee Vols, holds his star junior tailback, Walter Slater, seated next to him, tell how he hopes to have "another coming out party" against Tulsa in New Orleans Sugar Bowl. Holding a big photo of his first party are teammates, left to right, Capt. Al Hunt, end; Bill Nowling, fullback; Jim Meyers, guard; Jim Gaffney, halfback; and O. C. Price. The first party was the Vols' smashing defeat of Fordham, in which Slater starred.

In dress "blues" before he left Georgia and Government is to get his "greens" today. ... When Emerson Woodward's Valdina farm racing stable finally is assembled at the New Orleans fairgrounds, it probably will be the biggest string of racers in America with nearly 70 horses headed by a prima orphana and rounders. ... The Temple U. footballers are getting a terrific razz because they failed to show up for a field hockey game against the co-ed team, "too cold" was their excuse. ... Rogers Hornsby, business manager as well as playing boss of the Fort Worth ball club, is offering the Fort Worth park to major league clubs for spring training.

Today's Guest Star

Carter (Scoop Latimer, Greenville (S. C.) News: "Hooray for football. It furnishes relaxation, but in some games it was a question whether the teams relaxed more than the spectators."

Challenge Accepted

Fritz Zivic, just back from the west coast, reports he got the surprise of his life while he was training for his fight with Henry Armstrong in San Francisco. ... A sailor or spectator hollered at him. "How'd you like to have red cochrane train with you and give you a couple of boxing lessons?" ... Without looking around, Fritz replied, "Bring the bum around and I'll give him ten bucks to work with me besides a couple of free lessons." ... at the end of the workout Zivic looked down at the heckler and there beside him was another sailor, Red Cochrane. ...

Lieut. Joe McCaffrey, who beat the drums for the Western Army all-star footballers this fall, expects to return to duty within a few weeks after having suffered a broken neck in a plane crash off Newfoundland. ... The Navy will get first call on the Iowa State college swimming pool this winter. Athletic director George Veenker put men enlisted in the Navy Reserve first on the list and the 1,600 sailors in the Naval training school at Ames right behind them. ... Mickey Cochrane, one of the best-known guys in baseball, couldn't make the Chicago baseball writers' dinner the other night because he was on a 24-hour tour of duty at the Great Lakes Naval station.

WANT ADS PAY

Cream Of The Soph Crop In Southern



He's wearing a broad and friendly grin, is this 200-pound husky—and no wonder. For he's Chan Highsmith, the University of North Carolina's sophomore center, who made it so tough for the opposition that he earned the Associated Press nomination as the Southern Conference's "Sophomore-of-the-Year." His home is in Brunswick, Georgia.

Knox Says . . .

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severe list to port. Two heavy cruisers of the Suffern class and one light cruiser of the Gallissoniere class which were "very heavily on fire."

One heavy cruiser, the Algerie, which was aground and possibly on fire. Described simply as scuttled and lying either with decks awash or on their sides were:

Eleven destroyer leaders (very large destroyers) of the Aigle or Guepard class; one destroyer leader of the Tigre class; one destroyer leader of the Volta class; one destroyer leader of the Fantassque class.

Six destroyers of the Lehardie class; three destroyers of the Si-moun class and two destroyers of the Pomone class.

Two gunboats of the Elan class and the Gladiateur, a net layer. One cargo ship, the Golo.

One heavy cruiser of the Suffern class. One former battleship which had been demilitarized, the Condorcet.

One destroyer leader of the Mogador class. There were 19 submarines in the harbor at the time the Germans moved in and the Knox memorandum showed that of those eight dum accounted for, two which were in dry dock suffered damage, four which were under construction in drydock are apparently intact, four which tried to escape succeed-

Use Of Port . . .

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nia, the Italian communique said only that "land action ended in favor of Axis troops." The German communique, equal-

Of the four subs known to have escaped, the Iris is now interned at Barcelona, Spain, and three reached ports in Allied hands, the Casablanca and Marsouin reaching Algiers and the Glorieux, which was damaged, reaching Oran.

In addition to the four submarines under construction which escaped damage these other ships were listed as having remained afloat and apparently intact despite the efforts of the French officers and seamen to scuttle their craft:

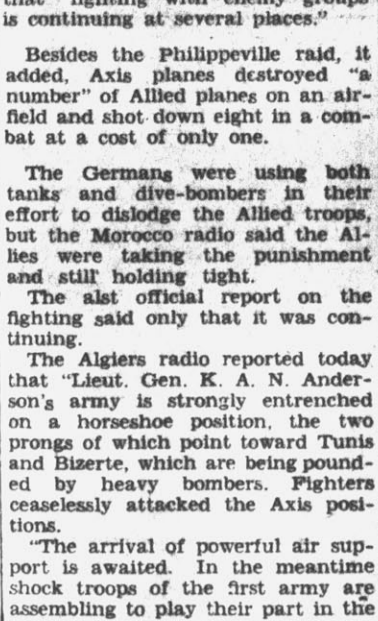
Two light cruisers of the Gallissoniere class. L'Ocean, the demilitarized former battleship.

Two destroyer leaders of the Tigre class and one destroyer leader of either the Aigle or Guepard class.

Two destroyers of the Lehardie class, and one destroyer of the Si-moun class. Two gunboats of the Arras class. No fires were seen burning on land and no destruction to land installations was apparent, it was reported, and military magazines at the village of Milhaud, in the vicinity of the port, and storage tanks at Mondrieer were described as intact.

Use Of Port . . . (Continued from page one) nia, the Italian communique said only that "land action ended in favor of Axis troops." The German communique, equal-

He Gave His Life



Arthur St. Germain (above) 27, of Haverhill, Mass., a long-term convict at the Norfolk state prison colony, gave his life in a secret Navy test which may lead to saving thousands of lives. He and 29 other prisoners voluntarily submitted to the test. A posthumous pardon for St. Germain was voted by the Massachusetts Executive Council meeting in Boston.

London, Dec. 8—(AP)—The Berlin radio asserted today (without confirmation for any other source) that the 18,700-ton British liner Ceramic which "probably was coming from the United States to North Africa fully laden with troops and war equipment" was sunk by a U-boat west of the Azores.

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COLORED NEWS

The teachers of Pitt County Negro schools and the American Legion will present a program next Sunday at the Mount Calvary Baptist church for the closing of the drive for the negro orphanage of Oxford, N. C. The public is cordially invited to attend and urged to make contributions for the orphanage. Some of the care of the children of the orphanage is dependent on the negro public of the state and every person who appreciates the privilege of being able to work and care for their own children will demonstrate it by giving to those less fortunate. Last year almost 100

per cent of all the organizations, clubs, etc., in the city responded and Pitt county's contribution was among those who gave most to the orphanage in their annual report. We do not want to do less this year. Every church is asked to make a contribution as well as every church club and social club in the city and county. Many people are not aware of their responsibility. What you give determines what opportunities those children will have to become able to make a decent living for themselves. Due to the lack of transportation the hand will not be present but some representatives from the orphanage will be here.

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DOG STRAYED AWAY—BLACK tan hound with locked collar around neck, scar across back. Goes by name of "Tanner." Anyone knowing his whereabouts please notify Jessie Smith, Winterville, R. 1. 5-31

WANT TO RENT—5 OR 6 ROOM house within walking distance of one of the city schools. Call 3713. 7-31

FOR SALE—FORD FORDOR DE- lux—paint, motor and interior perfect—5 good tires. Peaden's Service Station or E. H. Byrum, 906 W. Third St. 7-21

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ATTENTION, BIRD HUNTERS— you are invited to attend a free showing of the motion picture "Bird Dogs at School," to be shown at Sheppard Memorial Library Friday night, December 11, at 8 o'clock. 8-31

LAST CALL ON CHRISTMAS Cards—individual, inexpensive, made-to-order. Don't delay as stocks are short. Dial 2838—"Tige" Gardner, for samples. 8-61

WANTED—YOUNG MAN 17 years old—steady work—forty-hour week. Answer "Youngster," P. O. Box 408. 8-21

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—THIS is to advise everyone that I will not be responsible for any checks given by my son, Raymond Stokes, Jr. Though my name may be signed on the checks, do not accept them. Mrs. Rosa Stokes, Greenville, R. 4. 8-31

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New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 25 cents a bale higher. Late forenoon values were unchanged to 10 cents a bale lower, Dec. 18.95, Mch. 18.78 and May 18.63. Futures closed 25 to 60 cents a bale lower.

	Open	Close	Prv. Cl.
Dec.	18.95	18.86	18.97
Jan.	18.63	18.66	18.71
Mch.	18.84	18.71	18.79
May	18.67	18.51	18.63
July	18.57	18.42	18.54
Oct.	18.40	18.36	18.46

Middling spot 20.33, off 11.

Hog Market

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets steady with tops of 13.10 at Richmond and 12.85 at Rocky Mount.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The selling drive against the rails halted in today's stock market and most of the steam-road issues, along with assorted blue chip industrials, pushed up fractions to a point or more. There were scattered losers. Approximately 600,000 shares changed hands.

FINAL STOCKS	
Al Chem and Dye	139
Allis Chal Mfg	25 1/2
Am Car Fdy	22 1/2
Am Roll Mill	9 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	36 1/2
Am Tob B	41 1/4
A C L	26
Atl Ref	19
Aviat Corp	3
Bendix Aviat	34 1/2
Beth Stl	54 1/2
Boeing Airpl	15 1/2
Borden	21 1/2
Borg Warner	25 1/2
Briggs Mfg	21 1/2
Budd Mfg	21 1/2
Burl Mills	18 1/2
Bur Add Mach	8 1/2
Cannon Mills	34 1/2
Caterpil Trac	37 1/2
Ches and O	33 1/2
Chrysler	66 1/2
Coca Cola	86
Coml Solv	9 1/2
Conlith and Sou	14 1/2
Con Edis	14 1/2
Con Oil	6 1/2
Cont Can	25 1/2
Curtiss Wright	6 1/2
Dow Chem	56 1/2
Dupont	131
Eastman Kod	146 1/2
Elec Auto Lt	28 1/2
Firestone	20
Gen Elec	26 1/2
Gen Foods	34 1/2
Gen Mot	42 1/2
Goodyear	23
Johns Man	68
Kroger Groc	25 1/2
Libby O F Gl	30 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	60
Loews	45 1/2
Lorillard	15 1/2
Mont Ward	34
Nash Kely	6 1/2
Nat Biscuit	15 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	19
Nat Dairy Prod	14 1/2
Nat Dist	23 1/2
NY Cent	11 1/2
Oils Elev	16 1/2
Pac G and E	22 1/2
Pac Mills	17 1/2
Packard	2 1/2
Penny J C	80 1/2
Penn Dix	1 1/2
Penn RR	21 1/2
Pepsil Cola	26 1/2
Phillips Pet	42 1/2
Pullman	25 1/2
Pure Oil	10 1/2
Radio	4 1/2
Rep Stl	13 1/2
Reynolds B	23 1/2
Seab A L	2 1/2
Sears	61 1/2
Sou Ry	14 1/2
Sperry	23 1/2
Std Brands	4
Std Oil N J	43 1/2
Swift	22
Tex Co	39 1/2
Tex Gulf Prod	3
Unit Carb	77 1/2
Unit Am	24 1/2
Unit Corp	9 1/2
Unit Drug	7 1/2
US Ind Alco	27 1/2
US Rub	27 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	45
US Steel	47
Wick Chem	35 1/2
Western Union	26 1/2
West Elec and Mfg	77 1/2
Woolworth	29 1/2



SKY RIDER—Capt. Vest D. Leuhring leans into propwash of his fighter plane before taking off from Mitchell Field, N. Y.

Venereal Cases In Pitt County Court

In County Court today Judge Dink James disposed of 13 cases in which the defendants were charged with failure to take treatments for venereal diseases in violation of a state law.

Cases against Lillie Ebron, Mollie D. Adams and James Brockett, all colored, were dismissed.

Cases against John Keyes (two) and Heber Greene were not pressed on recommendation of the Health Department.

The following defendants were given 30 days in jail, sentence suspended on payment of court costs provided they promptly take treatment: Eleanor Brockett, Pearl Mae Blount, William McLawhorn, Council Brown, Jr., Jesse Clements and Willie Knight Carney.

Thomas Best and Jesse Chapman all colored.

Other cases included the following: Speeding: Robert P. Williams and Jarvis Dunn, taxi drivers, guilty. Williams to pay \$25 fine and forfeit driver's license 30 days; Dunn \$25 fine and forfeit license 45 days; Floyd C. Nichols and Elmer Mills and James Henry Spell, colored, all guilty, each to pay court costs and forfeit licenses 10 days.

Thomas L. Matlock, driving while drunk, \$50 and costs and forfeit license a year; A. F. Harrington drunk on highway, guilty, pay court costs; John White, colored, driving without license, 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of costs; Cleveland Smith, colored, driving recklessly, pay court costs and forfeit license 10 days.

Ardo Joyner, colored, reckless driving and assault with deadly weapon (a car) not guilty; Theron Cox, colored, driving without lights and recklessly, not guilty.

Nathan Coward, colored, assault with deadly weapon, 90 days on roads, suspended provided he pay court costs and \$5 doctor's bill to prosecuting witness.

Fred Roach, putting out poison, not pressed with leave.

Bill Simpson Mayor 'Civicsville' Athens

Bill Simpson, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Simpson, formerly of Greenville, was recently elected mayor of "Civicsville" in the Childs Street Junior High School at Athens, Ga. The former Greenville youngster and active Boy Scout leader heads a juvenile municipal administration of eight aldermen from four wards of the college town. Through a process of practical experience the students reap a world of knowledge of civil government.

"Mayor" Simpson, while in school in Greenville, conducted Pitt county's only "one-man newspaper," a breezy mimeographed sheet that attracted much interest and favorable mention.

Two Fliers Killed—Two Albany, Ga., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Two Turner Field men, one a Royal Air Force officer and the other a private in the United States army air forces, were killed Sunday night between Fitzpatrick and Thomasville Ala., when their plane crashed. Turner Field authorities announced today.

In the Soviet Union 45 per cent of all war workers are women.

Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Interest in the grain markets lagged today and prices slumped. Selling was moderate and traders said the decline reflected lack of buying orders more than any pressure to liquidate. Rye paced the downturn.

Wheat closed 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher, December \$1.27 1/2, May \$1.30 1/2. Corn was off 1/4. December 86 1/2, oats finished unchanged to 1/4 lower, soybeans gained 1/4 and rye dropped 1/4-1/2 cent.

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—(AP)—(NCDA)—Egg and poultry markets steady. Raleigh—U. S. extras large (clean white) 47 to 49; colored hens 20 to 22.

Washington—U. S. extras large 50 to 53; colored fowls 24 to 25.

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PUBLIC TIRED OF NEW DEAL

New GOP Head Optimistic Over 1944 Prospects

St. Louis, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Harrison E. Spangler, new chairman of the Republican National Committee, says he believes the public is "tired of the New Deal, both in peace and in war."

While declining to state flatly that he thought the November election, at which the Republicans registered heavy gains, was an outright repudiation of the New Deal, he declared:

"I do feel there is a definite trend against many policies this administration is following. If this trend continues, the Republicans should be even more successful in the 1944 elections."

The new chairman, a 63-year-old Cedar Rapids, Ia., lawyer and dog fancier, announced he planned to devote his entire time to the job.

Spangler, boomed into office as a harmony candidate, said he wished to discuss party strategy with "all our leaders," including Wendell Willkie, the 1940 presidential candidate; former President Hoover and the 1936 contender Alf M. Landon of Kansas.

He emerged as a compromise choice to break a two-ballot deadlock between Werner W. Schroeder, Chicago attorney and Illinois committee member, opposed by the Willkie forces on isolationist grounds, and Frederick E. Baker, a young Seattle business man.

Rotarians Hear Bible Teacher

By WYATT BROWN
Religious education in public schools was discussed last night at the Rotary Club by Miss Isabelle Reade who is doing the teaching of Bible in Greenville High School and the three elementary schools. Her remarks covered the children's why and the 'why' in the minds of the Rotarians.

Miss Reade said she faced her first class of the thirty students at Greenville High School wondering why they were taking bible—did they believe in a mother, did they believe in a father, did they believe in a God? She asked the students. These were some of the answers she passed on last night.

"I decided to take bible because I did not know enough about it. I read the bible but I did not understand it." "My parents directed me



NAVY LEADER—Admiral Harold Stark (above) commands U. S. naval forces in European waters. He is now in London where this picture was recently made.

Many Sign Victory League Pledges

Membership in the Victory Service League, new patriotic alliance of motorists who are conserving their cars under war time operating plans, is open to owners of all makes of vehicles, according to Walter Harrington, secretary-treasurer of White Chevrolet Company, Inc. sponsoring agency of the League in Greenville.

"Hundreds of car owners are now displaying the VSL emblem," Mr. Harrington said. "The goal of the League is every car and truck operator in this vicinity. Not until every car and truck owner has pledged to conserve his car for his country can the VSL succeed fully."

"Chevrolet dealers nationally more than 8,000 strong, are uniting in the sponsorship of the VSL," Mr. Harrington said. "However, the program is bigger than any one dealership or make of car it is a national program with a principle of national importance, car conservation."

The cars and trucks that are operating in the United States are uniting in the sponsorship of the VSL. There are virtually no replacements available, and the average person cannot buy a new car or truck. Consequently business and industry, and the successful prosecution of this war, are dependent upon the automotive transportation system as it is today. We must care for our cars for our country."

Motorists may sign the VSL pledge at the White Chevrolet Co., Mr. Harrington said. New members are being signed up daily, as evidenced by the increasing number of VSL emblems seen in this area.

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With these ideas from her students as an opening Miss Reade then proceeded to give her answers to the "hows" and "whys" of her audience.

"If God is going to be in life, He must be in education. We are not concerned with the church in the public schools but with religion. By leaving religion out of the educational program the students had begun to think God was of less significance than education. There is no need of leaving students not knowing the value of God. To leave religion out of school would leave students to sectarianism and atheism. People have realized that training just the mind leads to a materialistic philosophy.

The meeting last night was opened with a minute of silent prayer in memory of those who died last December the 7th and since, at the conclusion of the period of silence Reverend George W. Perry led in an appropriate prayer. At the conclusion of the prayer, President Steve Wilkerson again touched a

religious note leaving a bible quotation with the Rotarians on adjournment. Miss Reade was presented by the Fellowship Committee, A. B. Stalworth, Chairman. Rev. Perry introduced the speaker commenting on the great job Miss Reade is doing with the students in the schools. Visiting Rotarians were Alton Rowe and Bill Bullock of Ayden. Louis Wilkerson of Winston Salem was the only guest of the Club. Rotarian Bill Hough was commended for setting the Vines House going for soldiers.

Jap Prisoner
Detroit, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The wife of Capt. Arthur W. Wermuth, "one-man army" of the Bataan campaign credited with killing 116 Japanese single-handed in the Philippines, said today she has been notified by the War Department that he is alive and a prisoner of the Japanese.

Franco Declares . . .

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The audience burst into the Falange song and cheers for Franco. Before his appearance in the place of the Falange National Council, Franco and members of his government watched a military display. Implying that considerable disunity still existed in Spain, Franco told his audience "we must prevent

old political groups from impeding the smooth working of our new political system; we must be on our guard because the enemy could destroy our new and flourishing industries and agriculture." "We live in a new era," he asserted. "Spain has a place therein and will fulfill her part."

Cotton Vote . . .

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on hand enough cotton for almost two years, and it is beneficial to the war effort for acreage devoted to cotton to be shifted to production of crops more urgently needed for war purposes.

"While our domestic consumption increased last year, it probably won't increase much more this year because of manpower and equipment limitations in textile mills, and our foreign sales, of course, are virtually cut off," he said. "We have had fair prices for cotton during the past several years, but it has been due mainly to the loan program of the federal government. Under the law, however, this program must be dropped by the government if quotas are not approved."

He said quotas were proclaimed by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard on the 1943 crop, but that they will not be in effect unless approved by at least two-thirds of the eligible producers voting in the referendum.

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