

Reds Score Slight Gains Over Nazis

Germany Still Unable To Get Sustained Counterattacks Under Way Or To Restore Lost Positions; Red Gains Continue But Progress Is Slow

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
Moscow, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The double-barreled Russian offensive on the Stalingrad and central fronts appeared to be approaching a deadlock today with the Germans unable to get a sustained counter-offensive rolling, but still slowing the Red army's progress with vicious and repeated counter-attacks.

Since the Russian offensive started November 19 on the Stalingrad front and six days later on the central front, no important German progress has been reported in the effort to restore Nazi positions. Military observers expressed belief, however, that any deadlock would be short-lived. They asserted that as the winter deepened, increasing German difficulties more than Russian, the opportunity would come for the Red army to deal heavy new blows before the German command could extricate its forces now in difficulties between the Don and Volga rivers west of Stalingrad and around Rzhev.

The Red army has massed artillery along its newly-won lines and is battering enemy concentrations south and west of Stalingrad and keeping up a protective fire north-west of the city while the Russians consolidate their positions. The Germans, who were caught unprepared a year ago by an unusually severe winter, had better luck this year. The winter has been mild so far, permitting them to keep their tanks in operation. Although the first snows have fallen, they have left but a thin coat and heavy, clogging drifts have not yet occurred.

There are no signs, however, that the enemy has been able to improve his position between the Don and Volga since the start of the Red army offensive. Despite the loss of 100,000 men in their siege of Stalingrad and 94,000 more in the Stalingrad area during the Russian offensive—figures announced officially by the Russians—the Germans were able to launch a powerful attack with considerable forces south of the city yesterday, a communique said.

The Russians reported that this attack and three subsequent counter-attacks were thrown back with the Germans losing some 900 officers and men.

A special week-end communique said that 169,000 Germans had been killed and 74,500 captured since the start of the Stalingrad and central front offensives less than a month ago.

The Red army added 400 more Germans to this toll west of Rzhev on the central front yesterday in repulsing three counter-attacks, the midnight communique reported. In the region of Velikie Luki, where the Russians had advanced to within 90 miles of the Latvian border, an enemy battalion succeeded in pushing back advanced Russian units, but was surrounded later and now faces liquidation, the Russians said.

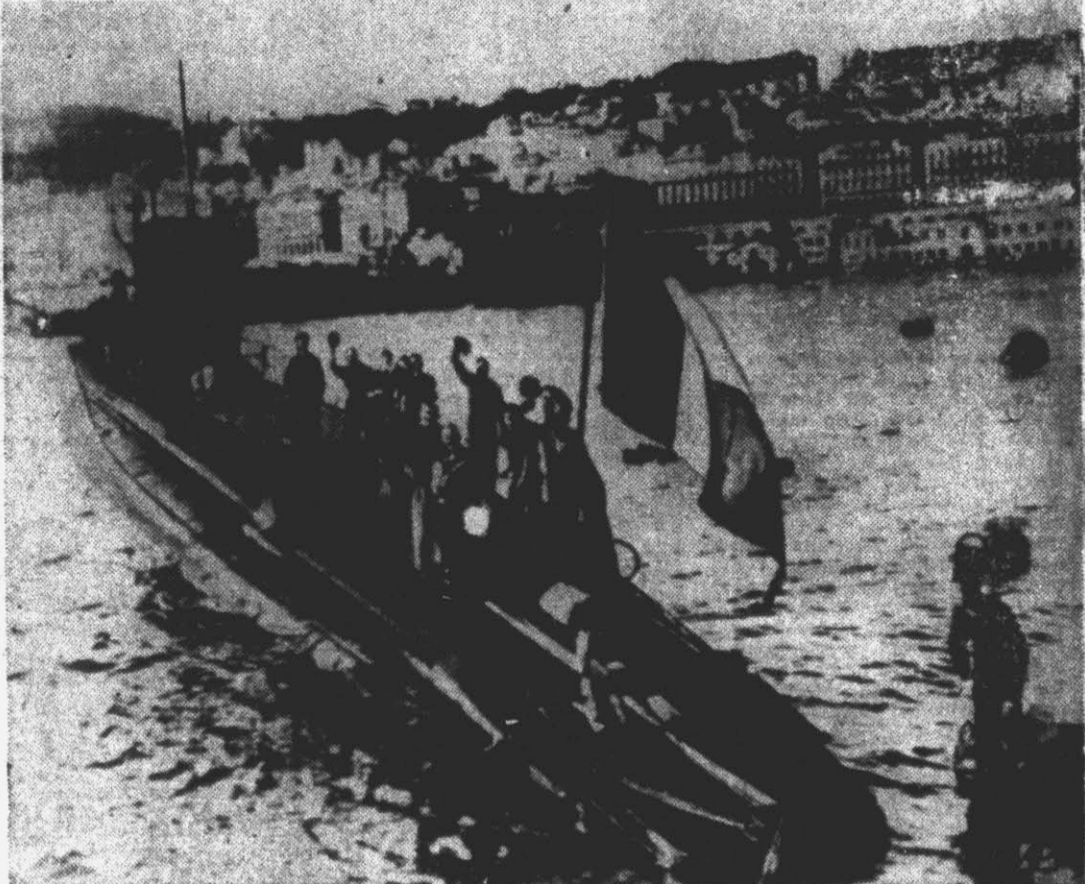
On other sectors of the central front, the communique said, Russian forces were consolidating newly won positions and undertaking some offensive engagements. Fighting still continued in the factory area of Stalingrad and So-

Will Discuss Freight Rates

Wholesalers, jobbers and retailers who are volume receivers of freight by motor carriers from the Norfolk area, as well as dealers in farm machinery, live stock and poultry feeds and agricultural supplies received by motor carriers from the Norfolk area, are urged to attend a meeting in the board of Aldermen's room, city hall, at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, December 15th, at which time rate increases proposed by the motor carriers will be discussed and analyzed. H. J. Wagner, director of the Norfolk Port Traffic Commission, an expert on rate matters will be on hand to assist.

Delegations from Kinston, Goldsboro and other affected communities will also be present, stated Willard T. Kyzer, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce which organization is sponsoring the meeting. The application for rate increases by Motor Carriers from Norfolk to Eastern Carolina points, is scheduled for hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on January 28, and in the meeting Tuesday those businesses affected will decide what procedure will be followed in opposing increases, which due to price ceilings will have to be absorbed.

Escaped French Submarine Reaches Algiers



This French submarine, which escaped the scuttling of the French fleet at Toulon, is shown arriving safely in the harbor of Algiers, French North Africa, after a hazardous trip across the Mediterranean. It was one of the vessels which slipped out of Toulon harbor while other ships of the fleet were being sent to the bottom by their crews to escape seizure by the Germans. This picture was radiocast from London.

Officials Praise Work State Highway Patrol

Army Says Services Of Patrolmen Essential To State

Troop A of the State Highway Patrol was complimented today on its request that it be taken into the armed services but high army and state officers told them they were needed too much at home.

Approximately 160 members of Troops A and B went on motor before Governor Broughton, County Vehicle Commissioner T. Boddie Ward and Col. William A. Pritchard, North Carolina officer of Interstate Security from Fort Bragg. Colonel Pritchard told Troop A, commanded by Lieut. Lester Jones, which requested that it be taken into the army as a unit, after some criticism that its members were not being drafted, that patrolmen were needed in the defense of North Carolina shores and to fight possible other enemy action.

The High School Band, under the direction of Harold A. McDougle, played several patriotic airs and led the singing of "America" during the inspection exercises.

Prominent highway officials here were: Commissioner Boddie Ward, Major John T. Armstrong, head of the patrol; W. H. Rogers, assistant commissioner and personnel officer; and Capt. Charles E. Farmer of Raleigh and Capt. L. R. Fisher of Charlotte; Lieut. D. T. Lambert of Greensboro; Lieut. W. T. Lentz of Asheville; and others.

Governor Broughton, Col. W. A. Pritchard, from Fort Bragg, and Major John T. Armstrong, from Raleigh, inspected the highway patrolmen in the amphitheater adjoining the high school. The governor paid fine tribute to the patrolmen for the part they are doing in the war effort. Col. Pritchard unqualifiedly complimented the patrol on personnel and excellent equipment, and said the patrolmen are doing as much to help win the war as any of the men in the armed forces. The highway vehicles and special equipment was inspected on Fourth street, strung out over several blocks.

Merchants' To Hold Directors Meeting

The board of directors of the Greenville Merchants' Association will meet at association headquarters in the City Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. President Charles B. Bissett will preside.

Reorganization Of OPA Part Of New GOP Plans

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Reorganization of the Office of Price Administration and of congress itself, and abolition of the National Youth Administration and the Farm Security Administration were listed by House Republican leaders today as among their first objectives in the 78th congress.

They said they expected that many Democrats, lukewarm toward the Roosevelt administration, would support at least part of their program. Reorganization of congressional procedure was placed high on the agenda by Representative Dirksen

NEW JAP DRIVE ON SOLOMONS IS FRUSTRATED

Jap Destroyer Sunk And Four To Seven Others Known To Have Been Hit

Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—American air forces in the south Pacific were reported by the Navy today to be continuing their heavy bombardment of the new Japanese air base at Munda on New Georgia island in the central Solomons.

The Sunday attack on the Munda airfield as reported today apparently was the fourth heavy aerial assault made on the enemy base, constructed as a buffer and an offensive threat to the American airfield on Guadalcanal.

The Munda positions were first attacked on December 9, according to Navy communiques.

Army Flying Fortresses again attacked them on December 11, when 155 bombs weighing 100 pounds each, were dropped on the airfield. Again on December 12 the fortress returned to the attack, scoring four 1,000-pound bomb hits on the flight strip and dropping 80 100-pound bombs in the base area.

No American planes were lost in those attacks and there was no mention of any interception on the part of the Japanese Zero fighters, facts which led to the speculation here that the Japs apparently have not put the field into full operation and that the Pacific command had chosen for its destruction the moment at which the enemy had expended a maximum of effort in creating it without yet being able to give it adequate protection.

Fate of a damaged Japanese destroyer task force which sought to strengthen Nippon's isolated finger-hold in northwestern Guadalcanal island remained hidden today in the wake of a flurry of Allied offensive blows all along Pacific battlefronts.

At least one of 1 enemy destroyers was sunk and from four to seven others were known to have been hit by American sea and sky slugs. Navy officers said no doubt hundreds of Japanese were sent to a watery grave as a result of the action.

But, whether some of the destroyers weathered the two-day storm of blows also blasted the island and its beleaguered Solomons outpost with supplies and troops was not stated in the Sunday Navy communique which also told of other American attacks in the southwestern scene as well as a sky stab in the winter-locked North Pacific.

In the Buna area of New Guinea, too, the Japs were on the receiving end as Allied forces poured a torrent of artillery and mortar shells into enemy positions. Allied headquarters in Australia, which reported the shelling said fighting planes bombed and strafed the enemy throughout Sunday and a reconnaissance unit shot down two Japanese fighters.

One American torpedo boat was lost in the Guadalcanal fighting which began Friday when dive-bombers scored hits on five Japanese.

To Call Dr. H. G. Haney Local Church

Dr. H. G. Haney of Indianapolis, Ind., preached at the Eighth Street Christian Church Sunday morning. His discourse was impressive. He is an interesting speaker, has a magnetic personality and from his sermon it was observed that he is a profound student of philosophy as well as religion and has a fine sense of humor.

The official board of the church will recommend Dr. Haney to the congregation next Sunday morning as the regular pastor.

Dr. Haney was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Edwards.

Dr. R. H. Crossfield of Birmingham, Ala., former college president and nationally known religious leader, has been serving the church for the past several months.

A Child's Pride Seals The Show



After her father, Lieut. James S. Gray of Milwaukee, had received a Gold Star in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic action in the southwest Pacific, little "Duggie" Gray forgot about military formalities and scooted out to clasp daddy around the knee in congratulation during the decoration ceremony on Bronson Field at the Naval Air Training center in Pensacola, Fla. Her act just about stole the show from Rear Admiral George D. Murray who was presenting the decorations. Left to right: Lieut. Gray, Lieut. I. H. McPherson of Glen Ellyn, Ill., Lieut. Nels L. A. Berger of Sioux City, Iowa, and Lieut. Commander Wilmer E. Gallagher of Wilmington, Del. McPherson, Berger and Gallagher were awarded the Navy Cross. (Official U. S. Navy Photo.)

Death Toll In St. John's Fire Now Listed At 100

102 Others Injured When Service Men's Center Destroyed

St. John's, Newfoundland, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Fire and panic in the midst of an old-time barn dance cost the lives of 103 merry-makers and injured 102 others as a servicemen's hostel and recreation center went up in flames Saturday night only 200 yards from the fire station on St. John's main street.

Like the Coconut Grove disaster in Boston, which claimed nearly 500 lives, many were trampled to death in the rush for the exits and the victims included servicemen and women. It was believed that there may have been Americans among them.

A knights of Columbus hostel for men in the armed services, the wooden structure was crowded with 500 persons when fire roared through the building and burst from the doors and windows in huge columns of flame that towered in the sky.

The terrified dancers, trying to force their way out through the four exits of the building, piled up in tangled masses of bodies. Sixty-nine of the dead had been identified last night; of the 41 unclaimed, many were so burned as to be unrecognizable. It was not known how many women were lost and exact figures were not announced on the number of Canadian navy, army and air force personnel lost.

First word of the fire came to the authorities still were without knowledge today of the cause of the disaster but an eyewitness said the fire "seemed to do its dreadful work in 10 minutes."

Fireworks Law Be Strictly Enforced

A city official today called attention to a special ordinance passed making it unlawful to buy or sell or to explode any kind of fireworks in the city. This action was taken by the aldermen at the request of Governor Broughton as a war time safety measure.

Roosevelt Opposed To Change In Farm Parity

Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Speaker Rayburn said today Congressional leaders had agreed to convene the 78th Congress January 6 and that President Roosevelt would deliver his message in person to a joint session of the Senate and House January 7.

The President was told, Rayburn said, that the historic 77th Congress would adjourn Wednesday of this week, "or certainly no later than Thursday."

Rommel Put To Flight In North Africa

Abandons El Agheila Without Fight; Meanwhile Allied Aerial Assaults Are Smashing At The Enemy's Strongholds; Subs Sink Axis Ships

London, Dec. 14.—Again in retreat under punishing air attack, Marshal Rommel's Africa Corps raced across Libya today before the British 8th army, while in Tunisia the Allies loosed a shattering air assault against the Germans and Italians in a coordinated campaign to squeeze the Axis from its North African footholds.

"The enemy is retreating westward, relentlessly pursued by leading elements of our forces," British Middle East headquarters announced in Cairo after General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces, brilliantly supported by American and RAF airmen, blasted the foe from his strong El Agheila position on Sunday.

Allied headquarters in North Africa, Dec. 14.—(AP)—American and British artillery have broken up a German motor column northeast of Medjez El Bab, it was announced today, while the French high command in Tunisia reported destruction of an entire troop train by French guerrillas operating between Sfax and Sousse.

Rommel's resumed flight towards the doubtful shelter of Tripoli, 400 miles from El Agheila, followed a series of retreats. The German Army's pursuit, which started more than 90 miles farther back at El Alamein, in Egypt, on October 29, six days after Montgomery launched his attack there.

Latest word from Cairo said that at noon today the Africa corps still was in full retreat after pulling out from El Agheila without a fight and that there were no indications when or if the enemy would make a stand short of Tripoli.

A large share of praise went to the American fighter group based in the Middle East for a thundering aerial assault in which 300 fighter-bombers were used to blaze the way for the Army's renewed attacks.

One account from the Libyan front said the Americans and the RAF hit the Germans and Italians with a dawn-to-dusk fighter-bomber assault yesterday, unequalled heretofore on any front anywhere.

The eagerly awaited news that the Eighth Army had resumed its push came in a brief official announcement from Cairo that Marshal Rommel's forces had been driven from strong positions at El Agheila and were retreating toward Tripoli, 400 miles to the west.

Pitt Delegates Back From Meet

M. O. Speight, J. J. Edwards, W. R. Highsmith, Woodrow Worthington, G. H. Pittman, F. P. Hendrix, and J. E. Winslow attended the National Farm Bureau Federation convention in Chicago December 6-10. This group accompanied a delegation of 48 farm men and women from North Carolina. The North Carolina delegation was the second largest delegation in terms of delegates times distance traveled. Vermont being the state having the greatest attendance record. The first days of the convention were devoted to committee meetings on various commodities. The North Carolina delegation had representatives in every committee meeting which was of interest to North Carolina.

Christmas Reading Club Being Held

A Christmas Reading Club is now held at the Sheppard Memorial Library and will continue throughout the holidays. All children are invited to become a member and enjoy the benefits of this club. Members of the club will be required to read three books after which they will be given a candle to place upon the Christmas tree.

A story hour and a Christmas party will be held in connection with the club and the dates for these will be announced later.

Visit the library today and enroll for the Christmas Reading Club.

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Social and Personal

Pvt. Augustus J. Seigler and Mrs. Seigler of Fort Dix, N. J., are home for a few days visiting Mrs. Seigler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Woolard.

Miss Frances Willard and Mrs. W. C. Goodwin and little son, Billie, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Willard. Mrs. Goodwin and Billie returned to Durham Sunday. Miss Willard will return Wednesday.

Miss Jewel Cozart of Asheboro, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cozart.

Mrs. F. T. Rogerson is a patient in Pitt General Hospital.

Mrs. E. E. Bradley and daughter of Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Howe and family returned last night from Binghamton, N. Y., where they attended the funeral of Miss Dora A. Howe.

Sgt. T. Charlie H. Little, who has been home on a 10-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Little, near Winterville, has returned to Camp Croft, S. C.

Miss Thelma House has returned to Washington, D. C., where she is employed by the Postal Telegraph Co., after spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus House.

Mrs. Jack Barrett and Miss Florence Phelps have returned from Raleigh after spending a few days there.

Mr. R. E. Hudson is out after several days of illness.

Ensign Earl Helen, Jr., left last night for Miami, Fla.

Major and Mrs. Carl Ingle left yesterday for a short visit with Major Ingle's parents in Jacksonville, Fla., en route to his new post in California.

Mrs. T. I. Wagner has returned from Corpus Christi, Texas, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. V. C. Fleming, Jr., of New Orleans, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Fleming, Jr.

Greensboro Alumnae To Meet.
The Greensboro chapter of Greensboro College Alumnae will meet with Mrs. W. C. Harris on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. All members are expected to be present.

Family Hobbies.
A talk on "Family Hobbies" in wartime will be given over WGTC Tuesday night at 7:45 by Mrs. J. H. B. Moore.

This is an essay prepared by the N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers and sponsored by them.

Junior Philathea Class To Meet.
The Junior Philathea Class of the Methodist Church will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Walter Cherry. All members are especially urged to be present. Anyone who does not have a ride, please call Mrs. Hicks Corey.

Birth Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Little announce the birth of a daughter, Jessica Dean, on Saturday, December 13, 1942.
Mrs. Little was the former Miss Mary Peaden, daughter of Mrs. Mary Brickhouse of Greenville.

Christmas Program.
The "Lost Carol," a sacred Christmas cantata, by Simpson, will be given by the girl club of the Third Street School Tuesday evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

The parents of the children of this school are especially invited. This will take the place of the December P. T. A. meeting.

Seal Chairman.
Other Seal Sale chairmen announced for the county by Dr. N. T. Emmett are:

Miss Annie Carroll, Chicod school community; Hyatt Forrest of Winterville, and Ed Cain of Belvoir.
For the Greenville colored population, Dr. J. A. Battle, general chairman, and Prof. Davenport, assistant chairman.

The King's Daughters To Meet.
The Patient Circle of the King's Daughters will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. E. W. Harvey.

American Home Dept. Meets.
The American Home Department of the Women's Club met Friday afternoon, December 11, at the club house. Mrs. Howard Mims, chairman of the program committee, presented Mrs. Lindsay Savage to the group. Mrs. Savage used as her subject, "Christmas as celebrated in other lands and the problems we have in answering children's questions about Christmas." She told briefly, in a charming manner, of the Christmas celebration in Russia, Italy, Holland, Germany, Sweden, France, England, Poland and Mexico and the customs we had taken from these celebrations. We were particularly interested to know that it was from Germany that we get our idea of the Christmas tree. Martin Luther originated the idea by putting candles on a tree to resemble the stars out-of-doors. Our Christmas is a composite celebration, made up from the celebrations of other countries. Mrs. Savage is a delightful speaker and she is always extended a warm welcome in this department.

The group voted to go to the county home Wednesday afternoon, December 23, to carry the inmates gifts and a little Christmas cheer.
—Reported.

Social Calendar

MONDAY
6:30 p. m.—Rotary Club.

7:00 p. m.—Lions' Club.
7:30 p. m.—Modern Woodmen

TUESDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of the Episcopal and Catholic churches in charge.

11:00 a. m.—Mrs. Hunter Irving will be hostess to the Forty-one Book Club.

3:30 p. m.—Mrs. J. E. Winslow will be hostess to the Ladies of the Round Table

3:30 p. m.—The Sans Souci Book Club meets with Mrs. J. H. Waldrop

3:30 p. m.—The Inter-Se Club meets with Mrs. M. K. Blount

7:30 p. m.—Christmas program at Third Street School.

7:30 p. m.—St. Mary's Auxiliary of Episcopal Church meets.

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

8:00 p. m.—Mrs. W. O. Freeland will present her piano pupils in recital in Sheppard Memorial Library.

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

3:00 p. m.—The Chatham Book Club will meet with Mrs. J. C. Lanier, Rock Spring Drive.

3:30 p. m.—Greenville chapter of Greensboro College Alumnae will meet with Mrs. W. C. Harris.

3:30 p. m.—Junior Woman's Club meets at the club house.

7:30 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 the Memorial Baptist Church in charge.

3:30 p. m.—The Clio Club meets with Mrs. W. S. Bost.

8:00 p. m.—Junior Philathea Class of the Methodist Church meets at the home of Mrs. Walter Cherry. Anyone who does not have a ride, please call Mrs. Hicks Corey.

FRIDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon—Red Cross work room open. Ladies of the Christian Church in charge.

6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis Club.
7:30 p. m.—Red Men meet.

Returns From Hospital.
Charles Whiteford III has returned to his home from Pitt General Hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis several days ago.

At Officers' Training School.
H. A. Peterson, formerly manager of the local Tip Bottling Company, but now with the company in Raleigh, has gone to Fort Bragg to attend an officers' training school.

Junior Woman's Club To Meet.
The Junior Woman's Club will have a short business meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30. This will be the last meeting of the year and a full attendance is desired.

Urgent Need For Knitters.
Mrs. Bruce Moyer and Mrs. Estelle Conway, co-chairmen of knitting for the Red Cross, are asking every woman in Greenville, who knits, to get wool and directions and knit during the holidays. The bandage and sewing rooms will be closed during the holidays and knitting will be ideal for all leisure moments at home.

There is enough wool on hand to fill the requirements for several hundred knitters. The service men need the sweaters and need them now. Mesdames Moyer and Conway hope that a minimum of 500 women in Greenville and Pitt county will go to the sewing rooms this week for wool. The sewing rooms will be open through Friday morning, December 18 and will reopen on Wednesday, December 30.

Christian Science Service.
"God the Preserver of Man" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science churches and societies on Sunday, Dec. 13.

The golden text was from Psalms 62:7. "In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God."
Among the citations which comprised the lesson-sermon were the following from the Bible: "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." (Gal. 3:6-7)
The lesson-sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The history of Christianity furnishes sublime proofs of the supporting influence and protecting power bestowed on man by his heavenly Father, omnipotent Mind, who gives man faith and understanding whereby to defend himself, not only from temptation, but from bodily suffering."
—Reported.

Conducts Revival



A revival is being conducted at the Free Will Baptist church on the corner of 11th and Cotanche streets. The services this evening will begin at 7 o'clock. The remainder of the services will begin at 7:30. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Field Evangelist of the body of National Free Will Baptists is doing the preaching. Mrs. McAdams of Huntsville, Texas is well known through this section. She conducted several revivals in Eastern North Carolina a few years ago. She brings gospel messages with stirring appeal and will bless the hearts of all who hear. The public is not only invited but urged to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing these messages, which are so sorely needed in our community today.

Forty Years Ago Today

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While we are all willing for Greenville to turn over a new leaf, it is to be hoped that the new year will not catch the best business town in North Carolina in the act of turning over for another year's nap.

Big trade is looked for by the merchants this week, and we hope they will get it.
A British steamer sailed from Wilmington with 17,000 bales of cotton on board. This is said to be the largest cargo ever shipped on a single vessel from a South Atlantic port.

Mrs. Corbett Entertains.
Honoring Mrs. J. C. Cockrell, charter member of her bridge club for eleven years, who is leaving this week to make her home in Virginia, Mrs. R. E. Corbett, Jr., graciously entertained the members of her bridge club and a few close friends of the honoree at an informal dinner party Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, at her home on Eastern street.

After the guests had assembled the hostess led the way into the dining room, where covers were laid for twelve. Christmas fir and red berries were artistically arranged about the base of the beautiful crystal bowl of vari-colored fruit and six red candles that formed the centerpiece for the table. A compote of crystal holding Christmas candies were at either end of the centerpiece. Small decorated cards tied to miniature snow covered Christmas trees were used as place cards.

A tempting four-course turkey dinner was served, and then coffee was poured by the hostess, after which she invited the guests into the living room, where three tables were placed for bridge. Mrs. B. P. Bullard was awarded imported linen for high score and Mrs. Cockrell the honoree, was given perfume.

Entertains For Mrs. Cockrell.
On Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Mrs. J. C. Cockrell was again honored when the members of her bridge club entertained at bridge and a miscellaneous shower at the beautiful home of Mrs. Milo H. Smith on East Fifth street.

On arrival the guests were greeted by the hostesses and directed to the spacious living room and library, where beautiful arrangements of Christmas greens and berries formed a lovely background for the setting of the eight bridge tables.

The honoree found her place marked with a corsage of red roses, and after several spirited progressions of bridge, high score prizes, war stamps, were awarded Mrs. John Karsnak and Mrs. George Clapp. Winners of bingo were Mrs. L. R. Meadows and Mrs. E. K. Willis.

After the hostesses served a tempting salad course with spiced tea, the climax of the evening came when Mrs. Cockrell was presented a surprise shower of beautiful and useful gifts.

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7:00—Larry Clinton's Orch.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—Silver Strings.
7:45—Mrs. Rose's Radio Actors.
8:0—Singing Up the News, MBS.
8:15—Lest We Forget.
8:30—Christmas Melodies.
8:45—Musical Interlude.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
9:45—Bob Crosby's Orch.
10:00—News of the News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—Meet the Band, TN.
10:45—1100 Club.
11:00—News of the World in Brief.
11:05—Sign Off.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15
7:00—Sign on.
7:01—News.
7:30—Yarn Patrol.
8:00—News.
8:15—Moonbeam Trio.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Your Morning Pickup.
9:00—News.
9:05—Local News and Ann'ts.
9:10—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
9:45—Rhythm and Recipes, TN.
10:00—Obituary Column.
10:05—Woman Goes Calling, MBS.
10:10—Farmville on the Air.
10:30—The Cheer Up Gang, MBS.
10:45—Headlines of Tomorrow.
11:15—Karl Zomar's Scrapbook, MBS.
11:30—Ayden on the Air.
11:45—Tony Pastor's Orch.
12:00—Hillbilly Roundup.
12:15—News.
12:25—Time Time.
12:40—Carolina Farm Features.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Bond Wagon.
1:15—Navy School Music, MBS.
1:30—Letters From the Navy.
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—Mama Goes Calling, MBS.
3:00—Stanley Dison, News, MBS.
3:15—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
4:00—Walter Compton, MBS.
4:15—Treasury Star Parade.
4:30—Gene Krupa's Orch.
4:45—Bridgport Ensemble, MBS.
5:00—Piano Melodies by Chris, 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—Rhythm Ensemble, MBS.
6:30—Sportscast, TN.
6:45—Oettinger Views the News, TN.
7:00—Al Kavelin's Orch.
7:10—Human Interest Drama.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—An Interview by Eric A. Johnson.
7:45—Family Hobbies in War Time by Mrs. J. H. B. Moore.
8:00—Bright Sun Four Quartet.
8:15—Crossfield Analyzes the News, TN.
8:30—Glenn Miller's Orch.
8:45—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
9:45—Christmas Carols.
10:00—News.
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11:00—News of the World in Brief.
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Christmas Program At College.
A Christmas program presented at the college last night by the music department, under the direction of A. L. Dittmer, department head, featured group numbers by the various music organizations on the campus. In several of them solo parts were taken by student singers, Jean Abeyounis, Morris Flow, Donald Perry and Mary Alice Charlton being the soloists.

The numbers, given continuity by a reader, Miss Bessie Fay Hunt, who read selections from poetry and passages from the Bible between the various groups, were presented against colorful tableau settings prepared by Miss Madeison Powers of the art department and Denton Rossell of the music faculty.

The program was introduced by a prelude by the orchestra and a procession of the choruses, the Women's Chorus, in white, entering by the left aisle, and the A Capella Choir of mixed voices, by the right one.

The Women's Chorus, trained by Miss Gussie Kuykendall and directed in her temporary absence by Mr. Dittmer, and Mr. Dittmer's own A Capella Choir, each sang several selections and both choruses joined in "Silent Night" which closed the program. The orchestra is under the direction of Mr. Dittmer.

For the Nativity scene, Molly Blacklock was Mary; Dave Owens was Joseph; Jack Edwards, W. B. Harris and Ralph Hunter were shepherds; and Virginia Cooke, Inez Simmons and Dorothy Whitely were angels.

The lighting of the tableaux was arranged by Ophelia Hooks, Dave Owens and Evan Griffin.

O. E. S. Christmas Party.
Greenville Chapter 149 Order of the Eastern Star will hold the regular meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Following the meeting at 8:15 p. m., the members will hold their annual Christmas party observing White Christmas and holding a "love feast" for the members and their friends.

All members are urged to attend and visiting Stars are invited.

U. D. C. Meeting.
The George B. Singletary chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met with Mrs. K. B. Pace, on Summit street, for their regular monthly meeting Thursday afternoon, December 10. The meeting was opened with reading of the ritual and song "Carolina." The president, Mrs. J. L. Fleming, presided over the interesting business session. Minutes of the November meeting, held with Mrs. Fleming, were read by the secretary, Mrs. Eugene Robeson. The treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Moore, reported a substantial sum in the treasury. The Daughters decided to help a Pitt county girl obtain nurse's training at Duke Hospital, for there is such a great need for trained nurses now, and will be more so after the war is over. Mrs. J. L. Lautares gave the report of Red Cross work done by the members. Each one of the members was asked to remember two boys of Confederate lineage, who are patients at tubercular sanatoriums in the state and who are being cared for by the U. D. C. It was reported that a nice box was carried to the Old Ladies' Home in Fayetteville at Thanksgiving, for the guests there, filled with contributions from the members of the Greenville chapter.

Mrs. E. W. Harvey gave the program for the afternoon, "Christmas During Wartime," and she told of the resourcefulness of the women of the Confederacy in a most interesting manner.

All present enjoyed the social hour that followed. With an open fire and Christmas greenery, red gladioli and red candles, the hostess, assisted by Mrs. P. E. Wells, served delicious refreshments consisting of cheese dainties, homemade cookies and fruit cake, accompanied by tea, which was poured by Mrs. Richard Stokes. The January meeting will be held with Mrs. J. H. Boyd, Jr., at her home on Seventh street.

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SANTA And The SKEPTIC

By LUCRECE HUDGINS

THE STORY SO FAR: Unhappy Michael Woffington Bartholomew, who spouts smoke and hot air instead of words because of a witches' spell, wanders through the countryside, hungry and tired. He finally meets Humphredink, the wood-

Chapter Seven
Humphrey Offers to Help Michael
When Michael heard Humphrey Humphredink speak he was so astonished he sat right up and stopped crying at once. He looked all around but he couldn't see anyone anywhere. Just then he sneezed very hard.

"Ouch!" said Humphrey in a disgusted voice. "Isn't it cold enough already without your sneezing on me?"

Michael looked down and there sitting on a toadstool by his hand was Humphrey Humphredink, the woodsprite. Humphrey was not very pretty to look at. He had big ears for one thing and big feet. The rest of him was very small—about as small as half a banana.

Michael was so interested that he forgot for a minute all his wretchedness.

"Who are you anyway?" asked Humphrey, who was getting very tired of being stared at. "What are you doing way off here alone in the woods?"
Then Michael remembered who he was and why he was alone in the woods. He sat back on his heels and stopped staring at Humphrey. "Speak up!" ordered Humphrey. "Haven't you any manners?" But Michael only sat there. He was afraid to open his mouth for then he knew the woodsprite would go away and leave him all alone again. But Humphrey was going anyway.

"If you don't care to talk," he said stiffly, "I'll be going along." And he began to climb down from his toadstool.

Michael leaned forward in alarm. Before he had time to think he cried, "Oh, please don't go!" And, of course, no words came out of his mouth. But a great puff of smoke did. And a rush of hot air that swept down and covered Humphrey Humphredink.

Michael bowed his head in shame and waited for Humphrey to get angry as all the others had. But Humphrey wasn't angry.

"Well," he said in a pleased voice. "That's the first time my ears and feet have been warm this winter! Can you do that again?"
"Oh, yes!" cried Michael, happy for the first time since the curse had fallen on him. "I can do it every time I speak."

And, indeed, every word was a gush of hot air that warmed Humphrey Humphredink's ears and feet. The woodsprite was tickled silly and for quite a while the two of them sat there, Michael breathing hot air and smoke and Humphrey warming himself.

Finally, however, Humphrey raised a hand and signalled Michael to stop talking. "I've just figured out who you must be," said Humphrey. "You're Michael Bartholomew Woffington, the boy the witches cursed at the Festival."

Michael's eyes widened. "Then I am cursed!" he thought. "But why? What did I do to have the witches curse me?"

Now Humphrey's ears were so big he could sometimes hear people's thoughts. And right now Michael's thoughts were so loud and so urgent that Humphrey could hear them very clearly.

"Why," he said in a surprised voice. "Naturally, you are being punished for spreading the story that there is no Santa Claus. What a tale for you to have started! And you don't look like a bad boy at all."

"But," thought Michael wildly, "I didn't know there was a Santa Claus. I had never seen him."
"What nonsense," replied Hum-

Food Chief



Roy F. Hendrickson (above), former Associated Press reporter who covered the Agriculture Department in Washington in the early days of the Roosevelt administration, has been named food distribution chief under the new war time food program of Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard. He was head of the department's agricultural marketing administration.

either. Yet there certainly must be witches for they have cursed me! But it's too late to find out all this now. I shall never be well again."
"I wouldn't say that," interrupted Humphrey. "Perhaps Santa will be good enough to remove the curse if he sees you are sorry. But it's a long, long way to Santa Land and the journey there requires lots of courage. Perhaps you wouldn't like to try it."
"Oh, show me! Show me the way!" cried Michael's thoughts. "There's nothing I wouldn't do to show him I believe in him now!"
TOMORROW: Michael Goes to Santa Land.

Personal Property Taxes Must Be Paid

The city has sent out the last warning to all persons delinquent in their personal property taxes. The Board of Aldermen has issued an order requiring that levy on personal property or garnishee of salaries and wages be made to collect the past due taxes. December 18 is the dead line. After this date a penalty will be added and the delinquent taxpayers will be subject to additional cost by court proceedings.

The aldermen also ordered that stricter rules govern the listing of personal property, such as automobiles, jewelry, household goods, etc. when listing of taxes begins in January. Review of the personal property tax books at the City Hall revealed that many persons of substantial income pay smaller personal property taxes than many persons in moderate circumstances and working for wages. It was stated at the recent meeting of the Aldermen.

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phrey. "You didn't know there was such a thing as Humphrey Humphredink. You had never seen me. Yet I've been here all along."
"That's true," thought Michael. "And I didn't believe in witches

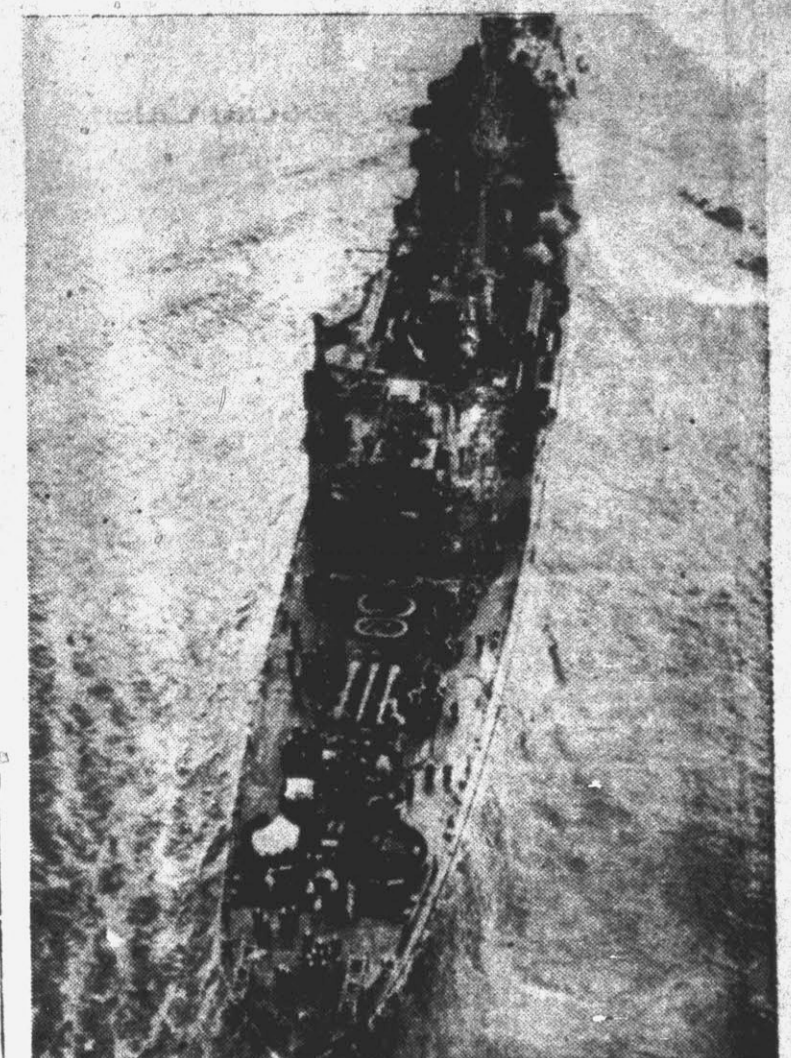
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Victorious Cruiser Comes



The United States cruiser San Francisco, which licked a Jap battleship in combat off the Solo man islands last month, slips under the Golden Gate bridge and into San Francisco harbor en route home from the war in the south Pacific. It was aboard the San Francisco in this action that Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, President Roosevelt's former naval aide, and Capt. Cassin Young, the cruiser's skipper, were killed.

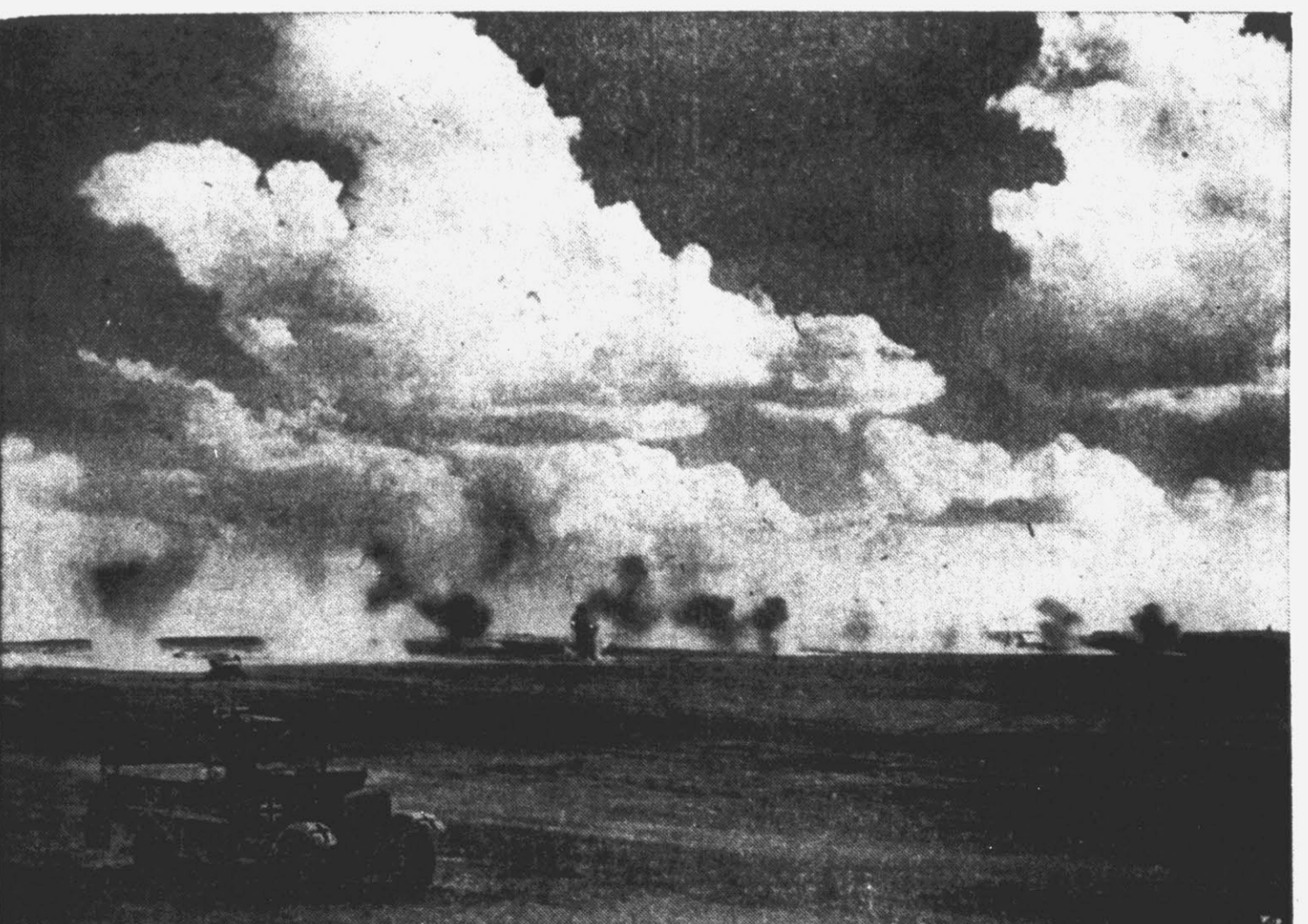
Bengasi Scrap Heap—Tommys Share Food



Reduced to junk by Allied aerial bombs, these twisted, battered hulks of ships (top) filled the harbor at Bengasi, Libya, when the British entered that port in hot pursuit of the fleeing Nazis. Bottom: Native men look on with approving smiles as a member of a British naval party gives some of his food rations to a smiling native woman at Giovani Berta near Derna, Libya. The incident took place after Axis armies retreated from the area. These are official British photos.



His wrists handcuffed together Rudolph Nies is escorted from Gallinger hospital in Washington to be returned to New York on a charge that he killed his wife at Islip Terrace, Long Island. He was captured after Congressman William T. Schulte of Indiana knocked him down in a Capitol barber shop where he got "tough" with the barbers. He was taken to the hospital for observation.



DESERT DESOLATION—Something of the "feel" of the war in the Libyan desert is captured in this view of the vast flat lands. Axis shells burst near a coastal road. A stranded enemy truck sits forlornly in the foreground.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

GET AT THE SOURCE

The late Walter Rauschenbush was in the habit of saying that we would never have permanent world peace until we handled the social injustice and discontent out of which war arises, and that we would never be able to do this on anything but a Christian basis.

The social implications of the gospel are so evident that no Bible reader can miss them. It is true that the gospel deals with the spiritual life of individuals. Jesus Christ came to make the world different by first making individual men different. His object was to work from one individual to another until He would have not only saved individuals but saved a society. His ideal was the kingdom of God, and while a kingdom is something which God gives, He gives it to men who are spiritually ready to receive it.

There are some people who believe that we can settle the world's troubles on an economic basis. Still others maintain that if we bind the forces of evil securely enough so that they can never rise again to plague us, we can be sure of a lasting peace. But war arises from discontent, anger, bitterness on the part of people whose disturbed state of mind is capitalized by leaders who have delusions of grandeur.

We will have peace not only when we win the war with a decisive military victory but when we wipe out those causes of discontent which give the Napoleon-Hitler type of men an opportunity to fascinate their misled multitudes.

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WELL-DERIVED PRAISE

Governor Broughton and army officials paid high tribute to members of the highway patrol here today and declared that the work of the organization is most important to the state and that members of the organization are rendering just as patriotic service as if they were members of the armed forces of the country. The responsibility of the patrol is an important one and those who viewed the inspection here this morning and noted the fine type of young men who compose the patrol need have no fear of their ability to perform their duties.

While there might be disappointment on the part of some patrol members that they were not accepted as a unit into the army, frankly we are glad that they were not, for it would have been a great loss to our state to have had the patrol taken away from us at this time.

We realized the necessity of this form of state police force and advocated it even before it came into being, and since it was established by the legislature it has, we believe, become more efficient from year to year. We are proud of the patrol and the compliments paid the organization today were certainly well deserved by the efficient work that has been and continues to be done by the patrol.

A century ago American sheep yielded an average of only two pounds of fleeces; now the average is 40 pounds.

At Last, A Traffic Cop



WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—Of all the recent shake-ups in our wartime government, it seems to me that by far the most important is the appointment of Paul McNutt as virtual dictator of manpower.

No one could read the 13 points of President Roosevelt's directive reorganizing the War Manpower Commission, with McNutt as chairman, without realizing that it could well be that McNutt controls the destinies of more of us than any other single man in the United States.

First, it should be understood that McNutt has no power to draft labor. That will take additional legislation. But through his controls of hiring (through the now vitally important U. S. Employment agency) and of Selective Service, his power might well amount to just that.

Using only figures that McNutt himself has given out recently, the scope of his job becomes clear.

Before the end of next year, about one half of the total population of the United States, and I do mean between 60 and 70 million persons, will be applying ourselves in one way or another to the war effort, or will be dependent on those who are. And that has nothing to do with volunteer workers who are giving extra-curricular hours to civilian defense tasks.

A year ago, there were approximately 7,000,000 persons directly or indirectly employed in war work. Today, there are close to 18,000,000. In a year from now there will be at

least 2,000,000 more.

Because the armed forces will siphon off around four or five million (and accidents, deaths, etc., will take more) about five million new workers have to be found in the next 12 months. About 2,000,000 of these will be women, to bring the amazing total of women in war industries to somewhere around 6,000,000. About a million more farm workers will have to be found although not necessarily on a 12-month basis.

Skilled workers will have to be trained. Old persons and children will have to be worked into the picture on such part-time schedules as they are able to stand. Hundreds of now complicated tasks calling for highly skilled workers will have to be broken up into simple operations that can be learned in a short time.

Labor hoarders and labor pirates will have to be ferreted out and their practices stopped. The few remaining prejudices against women workers and the sectional prejudices against Negro workers will have to be broken down.

Since all war workers from now on will be hired by the U. S. Employment Services, its offices will have to be strengthened and manned by capable persons fully informed of all the problems in hand. Selective Service will have to be revamped considerably with far more power in issuing directives in the hands of the national organization and far less in the heretofore practically autonomous local boards.

The WAR TODAY

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From 50 miles to 150. Thus the present offensive, although it is moving slowly through bitter resistance, shows at least a great starting speed as the repulse of the Germans from the

roads to Moscow a year ago.

Last winter, however, though Moscow was saved, the Russians were unable to pinch off the advance strongpoints to those fortifications the Nazis still cling to—Rzhev, Vyazma, Bryansk, all potential threats on the Moscow front.

This winter, along with the pincer attack into the Don bend west of Moscow, the Red army is undertaking anew to clean out the Rzhev-Vyazma strongpoints.

That would indicate that the Red army is willing to test its strength in the snows of two fronts almost 800 miles apart.

Hitler did not feel that strong this past summer and fall. Although his 1942 gains were comparable in depth to those of 1941, it must be recalled that in the first year of his war with Russia his armies attacked from the Black sea to the Arctic circle. In the second year he concentrated his drive on the 300 mile southern front between Voronezh and Rostov. Elsewhere he hung on as best he could.

The Russian offensives, as they stand now, are within 100 miles of the Latvian frontier on the North, and 150 miles of Rostov at the south.

One obvious Soviet strategy would be to drive a corridor down the Don to Rostov and the Black sea. That would cut off the whole Nazi salient into the Caucasus. It would cost Hitler dear in men and materiel. It would doom his hopes of a great oil-gaining drive into the southeast—by any other route save, perhaps, through Turkey.

But to accomplish this would necessitate a clean-up of the powerful German forces yet entrenched in the debris of Stalingrad and holding in force along a 30 to 50-mile wide corridor of escape of reinforcement to the west.

Reorganization . . .

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"Not since the days of Andrew Jackson has there been any such change in the congressional procedure," Dirksen said. "It seems to me that it is about time for a little modernization in the interest of efficiency."

Dirksen, who expounded his views after consulting with party leaders, said he believed the new congress should and would "honorably discharge" the National Youth Administration and the Farm Security Administration. Both of these agencies, he averred, no longer are needed.

He predicted that of all governmental bureaus, the Office of Price Administration and its director, Leon Henderson, would have "the toughest sledding" next year. "I think a thorough investigation and study of the entire price-fixing and rationing structure is in line and will be made early in the next session," Dirksen said.

Funeral Sunday For Mrs. J. Y. Monk

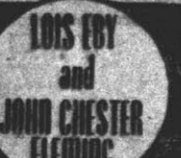
Farmville, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Reide L. Monk, 51, widow of J. Y. Monk, died at her home Friday afternoon, after a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, followed by interment in Forest Hill cemetery here. The Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Farmville Christian Church, officiated.

Mrs. Monk, the former Reide Lang, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lang, had spent her entire life in this community. She was an active member of the Farmville Christian Church. She married Mr. Monk in 1909.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. H. L. Watson of Wilson, and Mrs. R. V. Fisher of Farmville; one son, J. Y. Monk, Jr., and one grandson, J. Y. Monk III; two sisters, Mrs.

Two Girls and a Man



Chapter 16

The Meeting—And Gloria

A dozen or so oddly assorted old cars and trucks were drawn up in the speckled pattern of shade that spread itself peacefully under the even row of rustling eucalyptus trees that bordered the lawn of the Blossom Valley Orange Juice Concentrating plant.

Inside the plant it was much less peaceful. The men were gathered in a little room about the sprawling room talking in harsh undertones. Sam Arlen was pounding heavily on the battered oak desk.

"If you fellows will give me your attention, now, I'll read the letter we just got from the bank." He waited a minute until the room was quiet, then began:

"Dear Mr. Arlen: In response to your letter of June 2nd we wish to inform you that we are today beginning foreclosure proceedings against the ranch properties of the late Thomas Ralston. This property known as Blossom Ranch was designated as security for a \$20,000 loan made over two years ago by Mr. Ralston and now in default.

"This loan was purely of a personal nature and in no way places any encumbrances on the Blossom Valley Orange Juice Concentrating Company."

Sam Arlen stopped reading and swept his eyes over the tense faces of the group. A voice from the back of the room broke the silence. "Well, I can't see how we can rightfully hold nothin' against Tom Ralston. It was his own place he put up as security for that loan. A few scattered heads nodded their approval.

"That ain't the point, Jess," Sam Arlen boomed, "the thing is that Blossom Ranch was furnishin' almost half the fruit for this plant! You know blamed well we can't afford to go out and pay packing house prices for oranges! If we do there won't be a cent to makin' this concentrate!"

Strange Girl

At this point a heavy man with bulky, drooping shoulders pushed his way to the front of the group and faced Sam Arlen with a look of grim determination on his bronze face.

"I don't think that's the point, Sam, that us fellows is most interested in. I don't care if Ralston did put up his own place as security for our loan I'd like to know where he got rid of \$20,000! That's a powerful sight of money to sink in a one horse business like this! There was a general nod of approval.

Before Sam Arlen could answer the swish of automobile tires on the driveway outside drew every pair of eyes toward the open windows. They could see a brightly painted taxi pulled up to the front door with a white of dust settling back to the roadway. A slim figure of a girl was getting out and speaking briefly to the driver. A moment later, the young woman opened the door. She looked smilingly confident in a trim suit of powder blue with crimson hat and purse.

"Fardon this intrusion, gentlemen," she said quietly, "but I'm Gloria Cunningham from New York. I'm looking for Rita Ralston."

"She ain't around here any more," Sam Arlen found his voice.

Gloria looked despairingly from face to face. "But, I've come all the way from New York to see her!" Sam Arlen's eyes narrowed with

slow thought. "Say, you ain't any kin to the Cunningham in the bank at New York?"

Gloria swallowed a desire to laugh. "I'm his daughter." She dropped her dark eyes as she sighed heavily. "That's why I knew Rita was in serious trouble. I thought maybe I could help her."

"Ya mean maybe she got some of that money the bank loaned her?" a voice from the crowd asked.

Gloria looked alarmed. "You mustn't be too harsh with Rita. She just got in with a fast crowd when she came to New York."

Sam Arlen fairly shouted. "Those show people! Like as not that actor fella in the paper has got the money by this time. I wouldn't trust a stage actor as far as I could throw this factory!"

"Someone from the crowd cut in bitterly. "Tom was a good fella and a smooth talker, with his college education, and we all just trusted him to the limit! But he was nuts when it come to that girl of his. Now we've come and lost our factory because of her!"

A hot argument raged on this point. At the height of it, Gloria asked Arlen to pound for attention. When the group was quiet, she said earnestly. "In fairness to you and to Rita, too, I think the best thing would be a thorough investigation."

"I agree with you!" Sam shouted. "Slowly the group fell in with him. Good Angel!"

"I'll tell you what," Gloria proposed. "I think that Rita has probably gone to Frisco. That actor friend of hers is playing in a show up there. I'll take the plane up this evening. When I locate her I'll wire Mr. Arlen, here, and two or three of you can come up and see things for yourselves."

The meeting broke up peacefully. Gloria offered her crimson gloved hand to Sam Arlen as she prepared to leave. "You'll be hearing from me—I'll do all I can for both you and Rita."

"Thanks a million, Miss Cunningham, you sure have helped us out!" Sam shook Gloria's small hand enthusiastically.

As the taxi wheeled out of the dusty driveway a cruel smile drew Gloria's lips into a hard line.

But she was just starting. Now it was a game of speed. First she must get quickly back to town, and just as quickly she must find a plane for San Francisco.

Then Duffy. It was lucky, she thought, that actors were by the nature of their calling conspicuous people. She could not possibly have trouble finding where Clark lived, and of course Duffy would be there.

For a moment she thought over the situation, first leaning forward to urge the taxi driver to greater speed. Gloria thought she could understand why Rita had deserted the Ranch. First there had been discouragement, then death to blight her life there.

And because she judged Rita by her own standard, it seemed obvious to her that she had learned in some way that Clark was to be in San Francisco, and had gone there to meet him.

She thought a little wryly of the telegram she had stolen with the help of Duffy, and then rewritten. Well, she thought, I'm prepared to do more than re-write a telegram now!

(To Be Continued)

Reduce Collections Of Garbage, Trash

Complying with an order from the federal government the Street Department of Greenville has reduced the mileage the city's vehicles travel

in collecting trash and garbage. The government's request was for a reduction of 40 per cent by all municipalities to meet war time conditions, Mayor Bruce Sugg stated.

Garbage is collected in residential sections every other day, in the business district daily. Special calls for garbage and trash trucks must be considerably reduced. Wherever possible householders are requested to burn what paper and trash they can in their stoves or furnaces.

Roosevelt Grets Cuban President



The pointers on this map indicate the zone south of Tebourba, Tunisia, where German and Allied tank columns were reported locked in a fierce and highly important armored battle. The shaded area is the Mateur-Tebourba-Djeideida strategic triangle for which the Allies are contesting in their attempt to move closer to the Axis-held strongholds of Tunis and Bizerte.



Congressman William T. Schulte, 200-pound "lame duck" from Indiana, looks in a mirror at Washington and examines a welt over his left eye after knocking out a stranger who attacked him in a capital barbershop. Later, to his astonishment, Rep. Schulte learned that his assailant, listed by police as Rudy Nies, 36, of 1515 Terrace, N. Y., was wanted for questioning in connection with the killing of his wife and daughter. Schulte said the fight started when he remonstrated with the stranger who walked into the barber shop and started "getting tough" with the barbers.



SCULPTURES ABSENT FATHER — Ann Clark, daughter of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, here of intrigue leading to French capitulation in North Africa, holds half-completed head of her father which she is sculpturing.

Fierce Battle Rages In Tunisia



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UCLA To Be Bowl Hosts For New Year's Game

Los Angeles, Dec. 14—(AP)—UCLA's Bruins, new football champions of the Far West, participated today in a preview of the Georgia Style of play.

Coze Hollingsworth, who scouted the Bulldogs against Georgia Tech, directed a squad of reserves in Georgia plays. The Bruins regaled went after impersonators of Frankie Sinkwich and Charlie Trippi in a brisk game of touch football.

Hollingsworth was reluctant to be drawn into a comparison of Georgia and the coast team. He predicted it should be one of the best attractions in all Rose Bowl history. "Sinkwich is a great passer and a great runner," Hollingsworth said. "I have no hesitation in saying he's the kind of football player who could break up a game with a long run or a pass. I was much impressed with the ends, George Poschner and Lamar Davis. Trippi is a strong runner. Georgia will be hard to handle."

There is ample evidence in the attitude of the UCLA players that they figure they have a good chance to upset the favored Bulldogs. Much of their attention is going to be devoted to pass coverage. They had the Southern California passing game covered faultlessly last Saturday. Howell Halls, Georgia scout who saw this contest, must have noted the improvement.

Say Touchdown May Not Stand

Washington, Dec. 14—(AP)—National football league "experts" today were discussing the possibility that the lone touchdown against the Washington Redskins yesterday might have been illegal. The Redskins won 14-6.

The touchdown was scored by tackle Lee Artoe in the second quarter when Washington back Dick Todd dropped the ball. Artoe picked it up and galloped 45 yards to score.

National pro league rules say a player can run with a loose ball only when it is fumbled, but that when a ball is "muffed" either on a lateral pass or a snap from center, it can not be advanced.

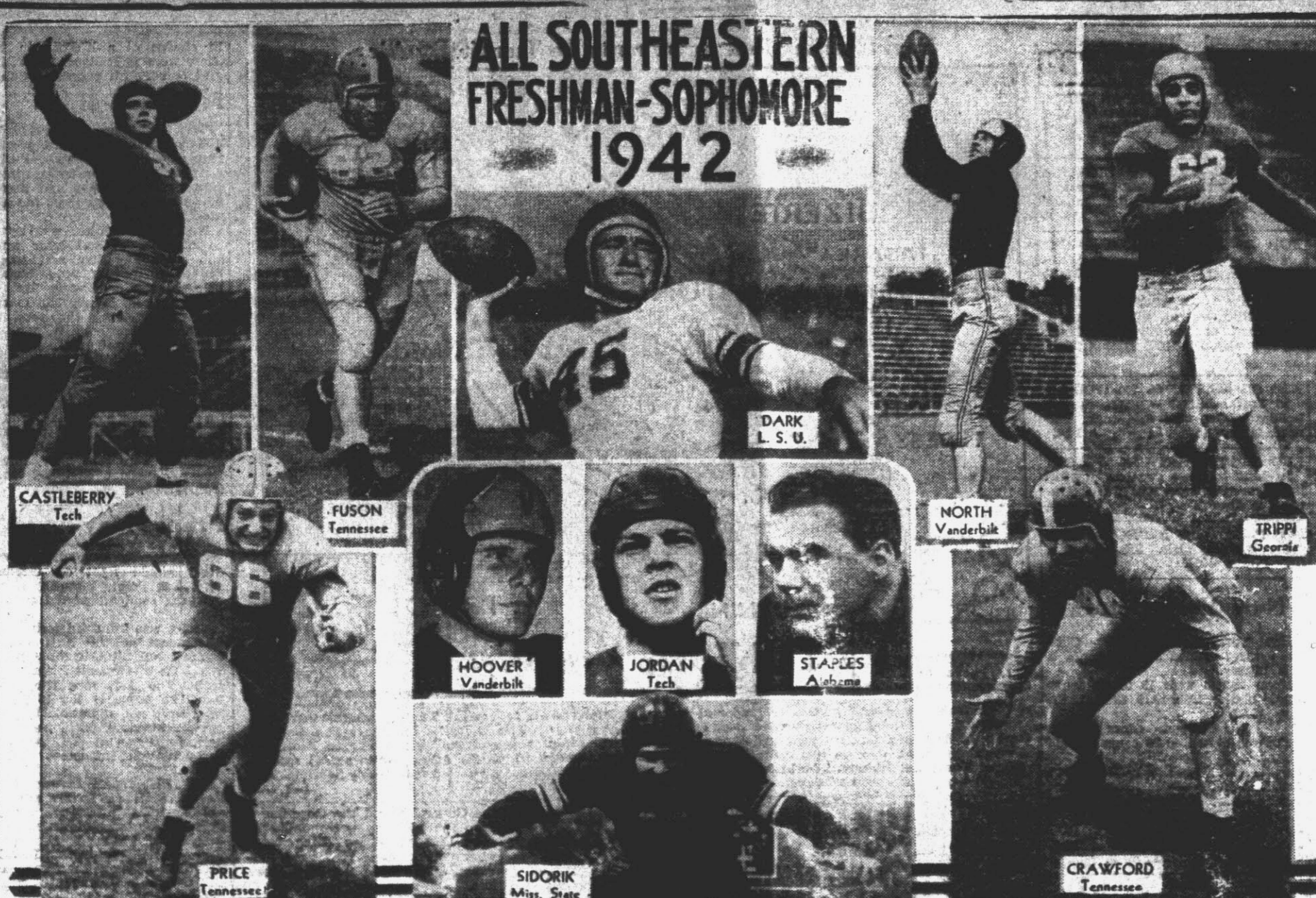
The question over yesterday's play was whether Todd "muffed" the ball on a bad pass from center or whether he had possession of it was running, and then fumbled it. The pass from center was wide, but to many it appeared Todd had caught it and had run a step or two before dropping it. Others maintained he never had actual possession, that it was a "muff," and that the touchdown should have been called back.

Referee Roland Gibbs ruled it a fumble, and the touchdown stood. At that time, it gave the Bears a 6-0 edge.

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR. Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 14—(AP)—Don't quote me, but the reason why Branch Rickey took Joe Medwick off the trading block was that the Dodgers didn't receive a single nibble from any club. ... And the betting is 3-5 in Brooklyn that Dolph Camilli sticks to his decision to remain on his California ranch in spite of Rickey's efforts to talk him out of it. ... Another Dodger who may be intasing, come spring, is Arky Vaughan. He and Leo the lip aren't exactly Damon and Pythias. ... The "Ivy Colleges, which always



Of the eleven rookies named this year in the Associated Press annual selection for the Southeastern Conference's "Junior" team, this year called the Sophomore-Freshman team, three Fresh were nominated. Tennessee placed three on the team, while Georgia Tech and Vanderbilt each had two men on. Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi State, and L. S. U. landed one each. Here's how the team lines up: Ends, Ralph Jordan of Georgia Tech and John North of Vanderbilt. Tackles, Denver Crawford of Tennessee and Alexander Sidork of Mississippi State. Guards, John Staples of Alabama and Royal Price of Tennessee. Center, Charles Hoover of Vanderbilt. Backs, Clint Castleberry of Georgia Tech, Charles Trippi of Georgia, Clyde Fuson of Tennessee, and Alvin Dark of L. S. U. The freshmen are Castleberry, Hoover and Price.

have looked on Fordham, Manhattan, Boston College, etc., as so much "poison ivy" may be playing them in football before very long and liking it, too. ... Horse racing is more than likely to return to Texas next year if the guys who own the tracks can get them repaired. ... The above statements do not necessarily reflect the opinions of this column but are the views of the guys who originated them.

Monday Matinee
Wonder if that master's degree Jimmy Conzelman is getting from Dayton U. marks the first time a grid coach has been so honored? Jimmy doesn't know the answer to that one. ... A half dozen trotting and pacing horses have been named after General Douglas MacArthur in the past few weeks. Frank Platz of Sigel, Ill., got in first to register the name "General MacArthur" for a colt sired, appropriately, by Fortune. ... John J. Hettche, Michigan boxing commissioner, likes nothing better than working around his farm and especially making his own sausage. ... Another of those fight mixups.

Today's Guest Star
Desk Morse, St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Caledonian Record: "With New England shivering for lack of fuel a lot of people are wishing they could use the oil Boston sports writers were spreading about B. C. before the Holy Cross Crusaders showed the football world that the eagles were mortals after all."

Service Dept.
Pvt. Joe Medeiros of Camp Blanding, Fla., is perfectly willing to do the Dodgers a good turn by becoming that ranch hand Dolph Camilli needs. Writing from the station hospital, Joe says he's about to be discharged from the army and

their lockers before the Christmas holidays, which start at 4 p. m. Thursday. All books due the library are to be returned before Christmas.

Remember
—the program for Christmas and bring your donations.

NEWS OF GREENVILLE HIGH

By CORA REDDITT

Green Lights

Green Lights, the high school paper, will be issued to students at third period Wednesday. The date, last Friday, was postponed to catch the Christmas holidays.

Students
Students are asked to clean out

Assembly
There was an assembly in the ravine this morning during third period. At the end of the second period all pupils and teachers returned to their respective classrooms and followed fire drill routine in leaving the building. The band played and the Highway patrol was inspected. The guest of honor was Governor Broughton, and a detachment from Fort Bragg conducted the inspection of arms and

Merchant Vessel Sunk
Washington, Dec. 14—(AP)—The navy reported today that a medium-sized United States merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an ene-

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DAN DUNN - SECRET OPERATIVE 48

THIMBLE THEATRE — Starring Popeye

Now Showing: "Oceanna Roll Call!"

my submarine in the Atlantic off the northern coast of South America early in November. Survivors have landed at an east coast United States port.

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Relief At Last For Your Cough

Chronic bronchitis may develop if your cough, chest cold, or acute bronchitis is not treated and you cannot afford to take a chance with any medicine less potent than Creomulsion, which goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes.

Creomulsion blends beechwood creosote by special process with other time tested medicines for coughs. It contains no narcotics.

No matter how many medicines you have tried, tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly silences the cough, permitting rest and sleep, or you are to have your money back. (Adv.)



Lieut. D. J. Callaghan, son of Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, receives from President Roosevelt a Congressional Medal of Honor and citation for his father who was killed during the battle of Savo Island in the Solomons. The naval task force, which Admiral Callaghan commanded, sank 24 Jap warships and damaged 10 others. Lieut. Callaghan met the President at the White House in Washington to receive the medal.



WELL, I GOT 'EM ALL ABOARD AT LAST.



YOU OKAY, BABE? YES, OSCAR—I'M WITH YOU.



WILL YOU LIFT YOUR FOOT, PLEASE, DAGWOOD? NOW LIFT THIS FOOT.



NOW, THIS FOOT.



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WANTS

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26-PIECE FIESTA CHINA—if you are looking for an inexpensive gift, yet perfect, this is it. Only \$4.50. Quinn-Miller & Stroud.

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FOR SALE—GIRLS' SECOND- hand bicycle, \$15.00 cash. May be seen at Reflector office. 14-2f

FRUIT CAKE, CINNAMON BUNS, Potato Rolls and Vitamin B-1 Bread, Doughnuts, 20c doz. People's Bakery.

FOR SALE—VICTORY BICYCLE with accessories. In use very short time. Call 3747 before 6 p. m., or 2463 after 6 p. m. 14-2f

FOR SALE—FOUR O.I.C. BRED girls, F. A. Worthington, Winterville, N. C. 14-2f

FOR RENT—6-ROOM HOUSE—400 Biltmore St. Coal heated. Furnished or unfurnished. Chas. W. Reynolds, Dial 3005 after 4 p. m. 14-3f

RED CROSS WANTS 500 WOMEN to knit soldiers' sweaters during holidays. Get wool this week. The need is urgent. 14-6f

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New York Cotton
New York, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 to 70 cents a bale higher.
Noon values were 15 to 70 cents a bale higher. Dec. 19, 19, Mch. 18.82, May 18.66.

	Open	Close	Prv. Cl.
Futures closed 40-65 cents a bale higher.			
Jan.	19.15	19.16	19.05
Feb.	18.79	18.82	18.84
Mar.	18.79	18.86	18.78
Apr.	18.64	18.74	18.61
May	18.52	18.61	18.50
Oct.	18.45	18.55	18.47
Middling spot	20.52	up 9.	

Grain Market
Chicago, Dec. 14.—(AP)—An early upturn that lifted December wheat futures to \$1.32 1/2, highest price posted here for nearby delivery contracts since last January, faded today when mill buying and short covering subsided.

Wheat closed 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher compared with Saturday, December 13, at \$1.32 1/2, corn up 1/4 to \$1.32 1/2, soybeans 87-87 1/2, May 90 1/2-91; oats 1 1/2-1 1/2 down; soybeans unchanged to 1/4 off; rye 1/2 lower to 1/4 higher.

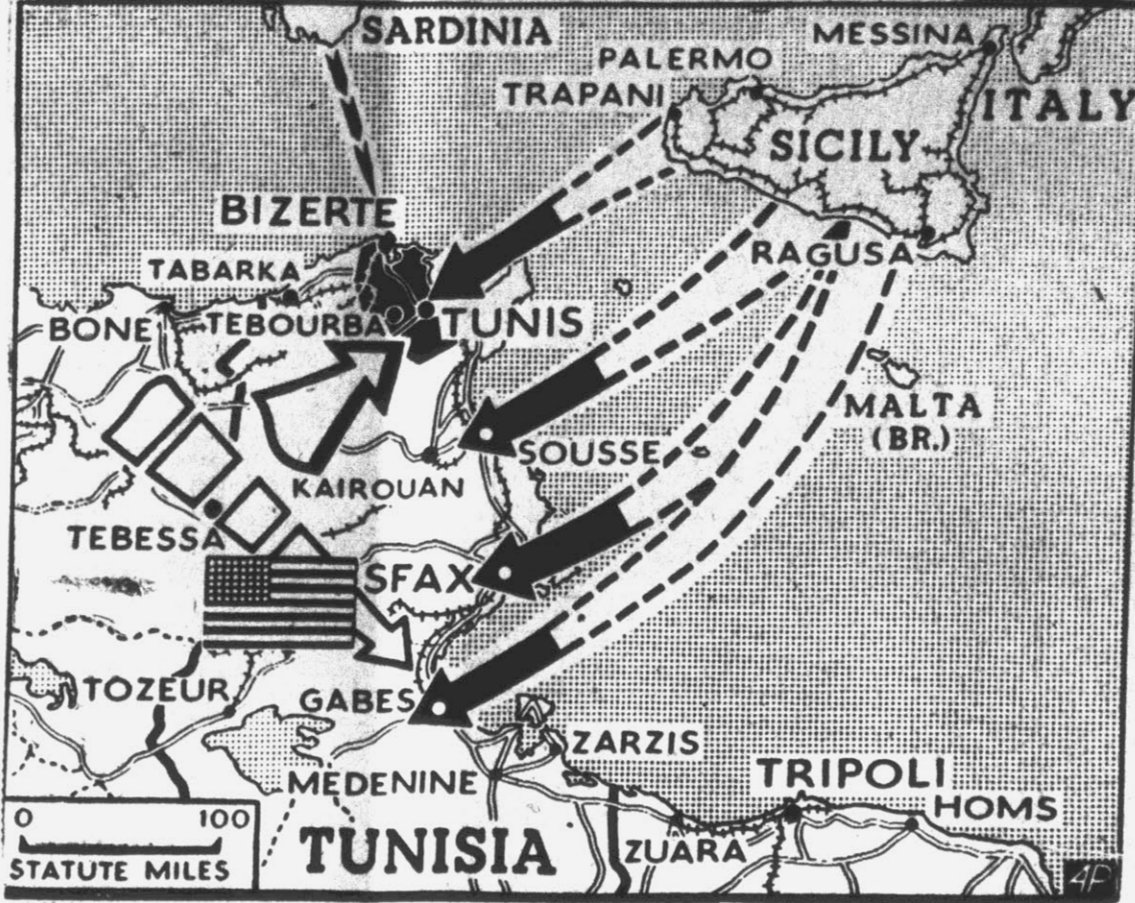
N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A little more tax selling and switching in today's raised volume to one of the best levels in more than a month without altering the generally irregular price picture.

There were many slow intervals but the day's aggregate was around 700,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Al Chem and Dye	138 1/2
Allegheny	25 1/2
Allis Chal Mfg	25 1/2
Am. Can	72 1/2
Am. Car & Tdy	25 1/2
Am. For Pow	1 1/2
Am. Roll Mill	9 1/2
Am. Smelt and Ref	36 1/2
Am. Tob B	42
Arm III	2 1/2
A C L	25 1/2
Atl Ref	18 1/2
Aviat Corp	3
Bendix Aviat	32 1/2
Beth Stl	64 1/2
Boeing Airpl	14 1/2
Borden	22
Borg Warner	25 1/2
Briggs Mfg	21 1/2
Bur Ad Mach	8 1/2
Cannon Mills	35
Case J I	68 1/2
Caterpillar Trac	37 1/2
Champl P and F	18 1/2
Ches and O	33 1/2
Chrysler	66 1/2
Coml Credit	27 1/2
Coml Solv	8 1/2
Comwith and Sou	1/2
Consol Edis	14 1/2
Con Oil	26 1/2
Cont Carely-tred	4 1/2
Corn Prod	54 1/2
Curtiss Wright	6 1/2
Doug Airc	56 1/2
Dow Chem	129
Dupnt	130 1/2
Eastman Kodak	147
Elec Auto Lt	28 1/2
Firestone	28 1/2
Freepost Sul	34 1/2
Gen Elec	29 1/2
Gen Foods	34 1/2
Gen Mot	42 1/2
Goodyear	23
Int Harvest	56 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	6 1/2
Johns Man	69 1/2
Kroger Groc	18 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	60 1/2
Loews	46 1/2
Lorillard	16 1/2
Mack Truck	28 1/2
Mont Ward	32 1/2
Nash Kely	5 1/2
Nat Biscuit	14 1/2
Nat Dairy Prod	14 1/2
Nat. Y Cent	23 1/2
Otis Elev	17 1/2
Pac Mills	17 1/2
Packard	2 1/2
Param Pix	16 1/2
Penny J C	78 1/2
Penn Dlx	1 1/2
Penn	1 1/2
Pepsi Cola	27 1/2
Phillips Pet	43 1/2
Pullman	25 1/2
Pure Oil	10 1/2
Radio	4 1/2
Rep Sul	13 1/2
Reynolds B	23 1/2
Seary	60 1/2
Sou Ry	13 1/2
Sperry	22
Std Brands	3 1/2
Std Oil N J	44 1/2
Swift	22
Tex Corp	39 1/2
Tex. Can Sul	35 1/2
Unit Carb	77 1/2
Unit Airc	24 1/2
Unit Corp	24 1/2
US Pipe	26 1/2
US Rub	24 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	45 1/2
US Steel	46 1/2
Total Sales	684,505

Nazi Rushing Reinforcements To Tunisia By Air



German planes and gliders are reported rushing reinforcements to central Tunisia where other Axis forces were said to be pushing inland from Sfax, Gabes, and Sousse. The Germans sought to halt the advance of American paratroopers and tanks which threaten to cut Axis communications between Tunis and Tripoli. The black area on this map shows the battle zone through which the Allies (white arrow) seek to attack Tunis and Bizerte. The broken lines indicate Axis reinforcement air routes from Sicily Sardinia. The broken arrow denotes the direction of the new U. S. thrust.

SEES MARKET FOR FARMERS

Wickard Says Sensible Post War Policies Necessary
New York, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard told a meeting of eastern farm leaders today that given full industrial employment and a "sensible" foreign trade policy after the war there would be a market for every needed product a farmer could produce.

Addressing the last of a series of regional meetings to mobilize agriculture for 1943 war production, the new food administrator asserted in his prepared text that even then it would be necessary to curtail some products and expand others, but that "if we follow any other course I don't see how we can expect anything but a series of incurable farm plagues."

Wickard promised to "do everything possible to make our national food program one closely knit process from the fields and barns to the mess kits and the tables" and urged farmers to produce the necessary foods to the limits of their ability.

The American housewife, Wickard said, could help on the food problem by learning to substitute plentiful foods for those which were scarce and, "above all, she can prevent waste."

Special School Meeting Called
A special meeting of the North Carolina College Conference has been called by Dr. Leon R. Meadows, president of the Conference, for the purpose of considering the high school program during the war period and the question of requirements for admission to colleges.

It will be held in Raleigh, Thursday of this week.

Cotton Growers Vote For Control
Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Cotton-growers in 19 southern and southwestern states appeared today to have approved federal control over the production and marketing of cotton for the sixth successive year.

Incomplete but fairly conclusive returns from an Agriculture department referendum held Saturday showed 642,234 farmers favoring federal control and 103,186 against, with a majority of the returns tabulated.

Specifically, the growers were asked whether they favored marketing quotas on the 1943 cotton crop. Approval by at least two-thirds of those voting was required.

American Legion To Meet Tuesday Night
Pitt County Post No. 39, American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting at the High School Cafeteria Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Supper will be served. The card announcing the meeting says, "Come and bring a buddy."

Willard T. Kyzer is post commander, James R. Worsley is adjutant.

Hog Market
Raleigh, Dec. 14.—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets 25 cents higher with tops of 13 1/2 at Richmond and 13 25 at Rocky Mount.

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, Dec. 14.—(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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McNutt Would Keep NYA For War Work

Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt will ask Congress to merge the national Youth Administration into the general war worker training program of the War Manpower Commission.

McNutt told a Press Conference today, adding that he intended to ask that statutes limiting NYA training to persons in their 20's be repealed so that its appropriation could be used to train war workers of all ages. NYA recently became a unit of WMC.

Sen. Byrd (D-Va) and others in Congress have criticized NYA, saying it used 12,500 supervisors and clerical workers to train 53,603 young persons for industrial work.

Stores Open Nights Beginning Friday
Beginning next Friday, December 18, stores in Greenville will be open for the convenience of Christmas shoppers. Santa Claus is now circulating in the stores and the downtown district will continue to greet the youngsters until Christmas Eve.

Death Toll ...
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St. John's residents shortly after 11 p. m. as they listened to music being broadcast from the dance floor.

Suddenly, amid the square dance calls, several voices were heard shouting "fire," while others gruffly ordered them to "keep quiet." The music stopped and then the microphone went dead.

Listeners who rushed outside their houses said they could see sheets of flame streaming from the building and some heard the terrified cries of those inside.

Some who escaped from the hostel said the fire began in the auditorium and dance hall while others asserted an explosion seemed to come from the kitchen and then the whole building was engulfed by flames.

From Boston, word came that Mayor Tobin had offered assistance to St. John's medical facilities at St. John's. He offered to rush supplies of blood plasma by plane to treat the badly-injured and also offered the services of Dr. Charles C. Lund, Boston City Hospital expert on burns who treated victims of the night club fire.

Mayor Andrew Carnell of St. John's said this morning, however, that "the situation is well in hand" and that he had advised Mayor Tobin to that effect.

"The generous offer of supplies and the services of Dr. Lund is very much appreciated, but it is not considered necessary," he declared.

No inflammable paper decorations were used ordinarily in the hostel but it was not known definitely whether special Christmas streamers may have been strung in the auditorium and dance hall for Saturday's dance.

Besides being a recreation center the hostel had roomy dormitories upstairs for the homeless service men. Twisted, blackened and covered with ice, the iron beds that stood there were the only concrete proof today that a hostel once stood on the charred ground.

Official Praise ...
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mented the patrolmen and their part in the war work. Boddie Ward, commissioner of the patrol, was eloquent and impressive in his description of the service the patrolmen are rendering.

June H. Rose, superintendent of city schools and assistant director of State Civilian Defense, presented Colonel Pritchard, The Port Bragg Army officer recognized the state patrolmen as a valuable unit in war work. He said if the State is ever invaded the patrolmen will be among the first to report it and help hold the enemy until our troops arrive. He presented a letter to Governor Broughton from Major General William Bryden of Atlanta, commanding the Fourth Service Command, U. S. Army, in which

The general urged the Governor to keep the highway patrol units intact, that they are doing better work now than if they were individual members of the armed services.

The Governor, "always happy and well-fed when I come to Pitt County," substantiated Col. Pritchard and said he "had never asked a draft board to defer any man and never will, but here we have the commanding general of the United States Army in these Southern States urging us to keep the patrols intact and permit the Army to instruct them and equip them for the emergency of enemy attack and for internal security."

In presenting the Governor, P. C. Harding, dean of the Pitt County Bar, said "we have the best Governor of any of the States of the Union."

Secretary Willard T. Kyzer was in charge of arrangements for the luncheon. Capt. Jasper L. Jones of the State Guard, assisted.

Tell Story ...
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mander of one of them told a German who was taken aboard the undersea raider after the sinking. The senior second engineer, of Meols, Cheshire, England, said the sub commander told him the transport was like "a sitting target." The German said he had not known women and children were aboard.

Four of the transport's lifeboats were rendered useless by the torpedo explosions but 18 other boats and a number of rafts were launched successfully after the captain, of Liverpool, gave order to abandon ship. Crewmen said the boats were badly overloaded, some with a 68-person capacity carrying as many as 90.

The first officer said that although there was much confusion among the prisoners, the crew and passengers were "remarkably cool." The engines were stopped and the lifeboats manned immediately after the attack, he said, and "all precautions were taken to get the women and children and the sick into the boats. All boat ladders and nets were dropped over the side, and also all lifeboats and buoys. All confidential papers were thrown overboard in weighted boxes to keep the enemy from getting them."

The second engineer, who was on a raft with others, said a German submarine commander approached the raft between land 2 a. m., the next morning. "They took me below, gave me a hot spiced drink and ordered me to remove my clothing so it would get dry."

The sub commander told him he would radio the survivors' position and would "give us safe escort to any ship in the neighborhood" and would not attack as long as the submersible was not attacked.

"The sub submerged then and did not surface until 9 a. m.," the engineer related. "Later the commander said he had picked up 130 persons from lifeboats but that it was impossible to keep them aboard because of the shortage of air."

"He said he had located some lifeboats and that we were to go on top, where he divided the survivors among several lifeboats he had rounded up."

Later, the men in the engineer's boat and those in three other boats decided to sail for land. The four boats had proceeded 120 miles when one of them was stopped by an Italian submarine.

The sub's crew told the boat's occupants: "You damned British are always determined," and then towed the boat 120 miles back to the area from which it had started. The other three lifeboats were stopped by a German submarine whose crew fed them and told them to remain where they were and they would be rescued. Four hours later they were picked up by the warship.

Survivors told naval officers here that one sub took several women and children from a lifeboat, saying they should receive better treatment aboard the submersible. At the same time the German placed aboard the lifeboat eight Italians they had picked out of the sea. The sub commander said to the Britishers in the lifeboat: "I apologize for having to put the Italians with you Britishers."

The captain was among those unaccounted for. The third engineer said he was

in charge of a lifeboat in which there were 20 Italians, 18 Britishers and four Polish guards. A sub surfaced near them and placed 36 more Italians aboard the boat.

The next morning the third engineer was taken aboard a submarine whose crew questioned him in a friendly manner concerning the war, explaining they had been out of contact with war news for several months.

The third engineer was returned to his lifeboat and later another sub came alongside and its crew began to transfer food from the boat to the submarine, the third engineer said. While the Germans were transferring the food some Italians started to eat it. The third engineer objected, saying the food belonged to the British. The Germans then returned the food to the lifeboat, the engineer said.

Survivors said no radio messages for assistance were sent from the transport because the torpedo explosion had destroyed the aerials. Messages were sent later, however, from a lifeboat equipped with a transmitter.

France May ...
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army would fight on Germany's side, but Petain stopped short of pledging complete armed collaboration.

Vichy was informed today of the dissolution of the Axis armistice commissions hitherto functioning at Wiesbaden, Germany, and Turin Italy. The Axis took the position that the terms of the 1940 armistices were not applicable to present circumstances. French negotiations henceforth will be conducted through Von Rundstedt and Von Nidda.

(A DNB report broadcast from Berlin today said Laval's allusion to an expected interview with the Fuehrer was much discussed in German circles although it had not yet been officially confirmed. Laval was described as more than ever in favor of Franco-German cooperation "because of the impending Communist danger.")

(Moscow radio broadcast a Tass agency report, quoted in Geneva, which declared Von Rundstedt had rejected Petain's proposal to admit demobilized French officers into a new army of "continental defense." Von Rundstedt suggested that French volunteer Fascist legions be inducted as regulars but whether an order would be issued to this effect was left to Hitler for decision. Leaders of these organizations have announced their readiness to fight either in the east against Russia or in the west against Britain and the United States.)

New Jap Drive ...
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nese destroyers but failed to stop the task force. Naval surface craft swung into the scene Saturday, the communiqué said, reporting one destroyer sunk by another, fired and probably sunk and a third damaged. It did not say whether these three were among the five damaged the previous day or separate ships.

The tally, which raised to 141 the total of Jap ships sunk, probably sunk, and damaged in the Guadalcanal area, was seen as a surprise attempt to sneak a small force through to the northwestern hump of the island where enemy forces have been virtually isolated since early November.

Meanwhile, new raids against Japan's new Munda airfield on North Georgia Island—only 150 miles from Guadalcanal—brought indication that previous bombings had rendered the base temporarily useless. For two days, Army Flying Fortresses plastered the field with more than 27,500 pounds of bombs, ripping the flight strip with fur, 1,000 pounders, and neither time was any aerial opposition reported. In both instances, all American planes returned.

Far to the north, three army medium bombers struck at Kiska Island, blasting a grounded and already damaged Japanese ship and bombing and strafing shore installations.

Rommel Put ...
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resses and Billy Mitchell bombers had unleashed the mightiest assaults of the campaign on the Axis-held harbors of Bizerte, Tunis and Sousse.

The raids exemplified the growing strength of the Allied air forces in Tunisia, where British and American troops were reported to have beaten back another German attempt to turn their right flank in the vicinity of Medjed El Bab, 35 miles southwest of Tunis.

Axis attempts to rush equipment and supplies to North Africa met another setback, meanwhile, with the disclosure that British submarines had sunk four more enemy supply vessels, including an armed merchant cruiser, in the Mediter-

anean. The news that Rommel had been driven from his strong position at El Alamein was acclaimed by British observers as the beginning of the last phase in Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's campaign to annihilate the battered Africa Corps.

Once that objective has been achieved Montgomery's troops were expected to press on toward Tunisia, grinding the Axis forces there against the Allied forces massing for an assault from the west. Approximately 900 miles still separates the on-rushing Eighth Army from the British First Army and the American and French forces fighting by its side in Tunisia.

Allied hopes that this distance might be narrowed swiftly were bolstered, however, by the fact that Rommel is falling back over ground poorly suited for defense purposes. Dispatches from Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery also quoted observers there as saying the next defensible position at which Rommel might be expected to attempt a stand is Misurata, 300 miles west of Agheila and only 100 miles from Tripoli, his main base. Tripoli is about 500 miles west of Tunis.

Vast damage was reported done in the latter port by American bombers which subjected it to two terrific batterings over the week end.

On Saturday, American Flying Fortresses were reported to have set afire an area 10 blocks long and two blocks wide in the port. The waterfront, scoring direct hits on docks, warehouses and a supply ship.

This attack, however, was expected in intensity by another delivered yesterday, along with raids on Bizerte and Sousse. Roaring fires were reported in harbor installations in all three ports.

Comparatively little action was reported from the Tunisian land front. A communiqué from Lieutenant General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters yesterday said that enemy efforts to infiltrate north and south of Medjed El Bab had been stopped and also reported activity by Allied advance forces.

The Germans gave a different version of the fighting, the Berlin radio reporting today that Axis forces had advanced yesterday southwest of Tebourba, which is 20 miles west of Tunis, driving British and American units out of two localities. Ten Allied tanks were captured and 15 destroyed, the broadcast said.

The information that British submarines had sunk four more Axis supply vessels in the Mediterranean was contained in an admiralty communiqué which also reported that torpedo hits had been scored on an enemy convoy of two supply ships and three destroyers within 30 miles of Naples. Full results of the attack were not observed, the communiqué said.