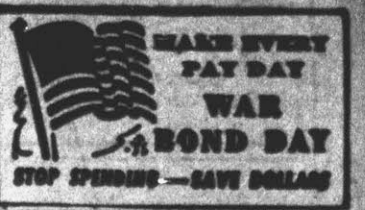


Considerably colder tonight, below freezing to the coast.



Nazis Stagnant New Attacks On Roads At Stalingrad

Positions Recently Gained By Russians Described As Under Heavy Attack; Russian Offensive Forward On Snow-Covered Central Front

By HENRY CASSIDY Moscow, Dec. 16.—(AP) German units slashing hard at the left wing of the Red army southwest of Stalingrad, were reported today to have driven an armored wedge into the Russian lines after mounting full scale attacks bolstered by tanks and planes.

Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, said the Germans struck heavily and repeatedly at positions occupied only recently by the Russians who had not had time to consolidate them. Dispatches from the front indicated that the enemy had advanced toward a water line and along an important road, their heavy artillery pounding a path before them and their infantry pushing into salients in the wake of the tanks.

The Red Army's offensive on the central front northwest of Moscow however, rolled steadily on through snow-covered forests studded with Nazi defenses.

The Russian positions on this front were described as roughly 100 miles west of Kaitan in the Velikie Luki region. Pravda, the Communist party organ, said that despite violent counterattacks several Basic German defense points in the minefields west of Rzhev had been captured.

The Axis attacks were described as evidently the prelude to a new offensive. It is believed that the beginning of the Russians' winter offensive November 19 but the dispatches declared there was still no sign that they had succeeded in shattering the encircling ring in which they were caught before Stalingrad.

Some German advanced units in the fresh counter offensive were even forced to retreat, the Russians reported, but others were managing to hold ground until reserves could be brought up.

The Russian pace on other parts of the long winter front was slowing moving but crushing, and in the territory west of Rzhev, two more villages after violent battle.

The Rzhev and Stalingrad areas provided the sharpest fighting in recent engagements.

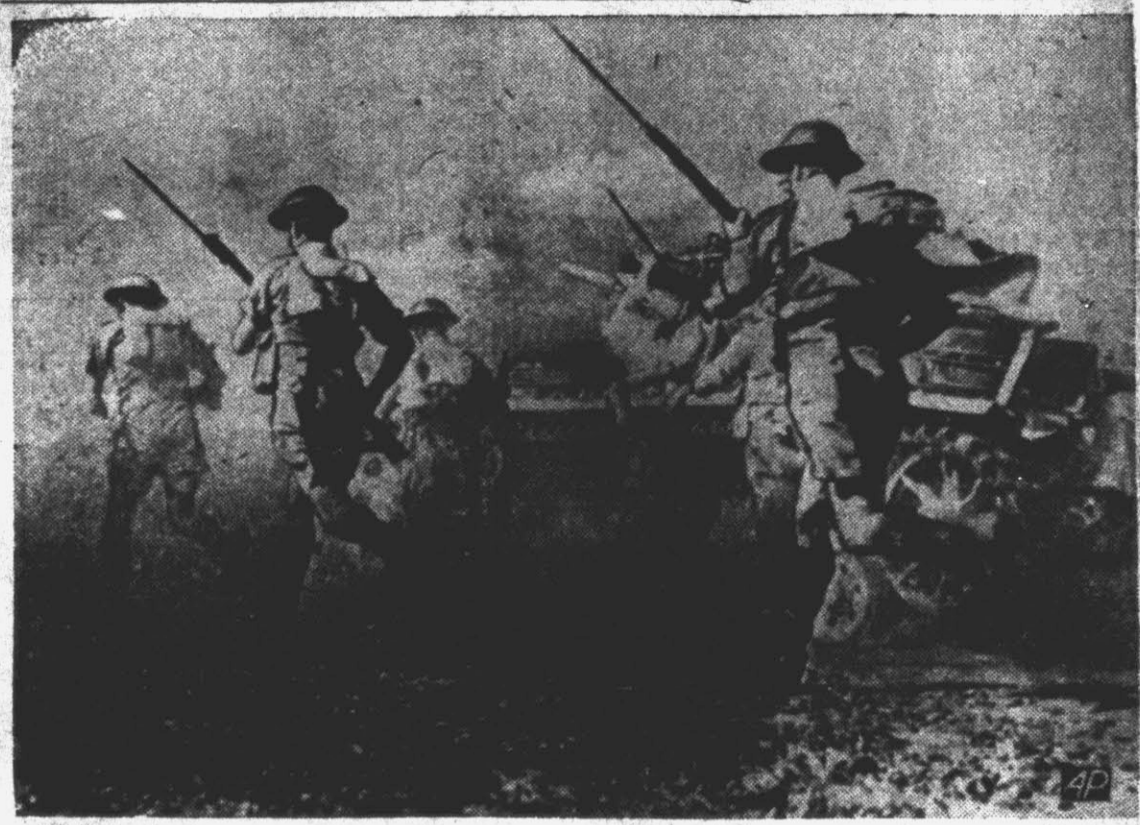
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Governor Pleased With State Guard

By CHESTER WALSH Governor J. Melville Broughton circulating with his Pitt county friends in the armory Monday while the barbecue luncheon was being prepared for him, the army officer who inspected the State Highway patrol troops and other prominent state highway officials asked what the army is doing used for at this time, since Battery A of the 113th Field Artillery has been in the U. S. Army a long time.

Mayor Sugg enlightened the State's chief executive and explained that State Guard unit, the Greenville company, under command of Capt. Jasper L. Jones, has headquarters in the armory; that the outfit of 50 men and non-commissioned officers and three commissioned officers, was organized here two years ago; the company is well drilled; is well armed and prepared for any local emergency; is working in close cooperation with law enforcement officers and the State Highway Patrol, and that the personnel of the company is representative of every sphere of the community life.

British Tommies Hot On The Heels Of Rommel



These infantrymen of the British Eighth Army run through the dust of the Western Desert in their pursuit of Gen. Rommel's Axis force fleeing across Libya toward Tripoli. They are passing an Axis tank which has been blasted out of the battle. The British drove Rommel's troops out of their stronghold at El Agheila December 13 and continued to chase the retreaters westward.

Attorney General Hands Down Several Opinions

TRIBUTE PAID TO LOCAL BOY

Memorial Service Today For Lt. John C. Johnston

This morning the Greenville High School auditorium there was held a memorial service to Lieutenant John Johnston, the first authentic casualty of an alumnus of Greenville High School.

Present at this service were the members of the family, friends, representatives from the American Legion Auxiliary, the School Board, the City Council, and the entire student body of Greenville High School.

Brief speeches were made paying tribute to the life of Lieutenant Johnston by the following people: Charles Pace, as a representative of the Student Council talked from the standpoint of what the death of John Johnston should mean to the students in Greenville High School. In comparison with the supreme sacrifice which he made, how does what we are doing measure up? His death should be an inspiration to us to do our very best.

Mr. Rose made a statement concerning the school record of John Johnston. As one who knew him in the school, church, and community, Mr. Rose paid tribute to the (Continued on page three)

Practice Blackouts Be After Christmas

There will be no practice blackouts in North Carolina during the period of December 21 to January 1, inclusive.

The Office of Civilian Defense feels that practice blackouts and air raid drills should not be authorized during this period of great activity and many gatherings as the practice blackouts might result in a large number of traffic accidents and other disasters.

Greenville Man Gets Commission

David W. Mosier, of this city, has received a commission as lieutenant (j.g.) in the United States Naval Reserve. Mr. Mosier will leave Greenville next Sunday and will report at Quonset, Rhode Island, December 22 for training.

Pay Increases Affect Many Federal Workers

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Uncle Sam was ready to day to say "Merry Christmas" and here's a raise in pay to an estimated 1,500,000 of his 2,500,000 federal civilian workers. President Roosevelt was expected to sign forthwith a bill passed unanimously by both the Senate and the House yesterday, extending wartime overtime pay provisions and providing a flat 10 per cent increase for many thousands of workers.

McMullan's Rulings Cover Wide Variety Of Subjects

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMullan held in an opinion today that a person who has been convicted of a felony and served a sentence in the penitentiary was still required to pay a poll tax.

The felon could not vote, however, until his citizenship papers have been restored.

Property owned by a church which is not a part of the property on which the church is built and is not used by the church in any way for church purposes is not exempt from ad valorem taxation, the attorney general rules in a digest, which also held:

If a farmer is licensed as a private hauler he would not be required to purchase a "for hire" license on account of the activity in hauling his neighbors' farm crops or products from the farms and forests to the first primary market.

Then the board of trustees has acted upon a voluntary application for retirement on account of age and has placed the applicant on the retired list and a state warrant has been issued covering an installment of retirement benefits, the retirement of the applicant from active service is complete and the person so retired cannot thereafter be employed as a teacher or state employee and paid by the state for his services.

The members of a county board of education are nominated in the primary and elected by the General Assembly. Their names do not appear on the general election ballot.

Payment of taxes due on real property, regardless of how long they are paid, does not give title to the taxpayer.

If a town commissioner should sell bonds and insurance to the town for which he is a commissioner he would violate the statutory provision regulating commissioners contracting for their own benefit. The clerk of Superior court could, however, sell bonds and insurance to the Board of County Commissioners without violating any statute. He should not sell bonds for guardians and administrators as he would be directly interested therein.

It's A Girl San Diego, Calif., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Their second child, a daughter, was born last night to Lieut. (jg) and Mrs. John Roosevelt. Lieutenant Roosevelt, the President's youngest son, is on duty with the navy here. He and the former Anne Lindsay Clark of Nahant, Mass., were married in 1938 and have a son, Haven, two and one-half years old.

Snow

Following a morning of intermittent rain, snow began falling here shortly after 11 o'clock and continued thick and fast at four o'clock this afternoon. Despite the wet ground, the snow was beginning to give the landscape a white cover, late this afternoon. A drop of 17 degrees in the temperature was recorded between 8 o'clock this morning and two o'clock this afternoon, the readings being 50.1 degrees at eight o'clock and 33.2 degrees at two o'clock, according to Mrs. B. T. Clark, official weather observer here.

YULE SPIRIT IN EVIDENCE

Activity Increases As Shopping Days Shorten

By CHESTER WALSH

There was favorable public reaction today to the progressive and wise action of the Greenville Merchants Association Monday night in approving the closing of stores and business places Saturday, December 26, the day after Christmas. Clerks in retail and wholesale stores were jubilant. Those who patronize the stores accepted the association's closing action as a courteous and appreciative gesture toward employees. War conditions justified the closing, bankers, business and professional men told a staff representative of the Reflector.

City and county offices and the banks will also be closed Saturday, the 26th.

Beginning Thursday the stores in Greenville will be open evenings for the benefit of Christmas shoppers. Santa Claus is frequenting the stores and hoochobbing with children on the streets.

The Salvation Army Christmas kettles for providing Christmas cheer for deserving people are in the streets in the business district. The various civic clubs, Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary and Ruritanians at Winterfalls; school groups, church organizations and others, heeding the fact that there is a war going on but there must be Christmas, and they are going to help in big (Continued on Page Three)

ALLIES BLAST NIPPON FORCES IN NEW GUINEA

Newly Gained Jap Footholds And Other Bases Under Heavy Fire

Allied Headquarters in Australia Dec. 16.—(AP)—General MacArthur's air forces have ceaselessly bombed the Japanese lodged in a new foothold near the mouth of the Mambare river while his land troops exerted heavy pressure on the invader's dwindling Buna area shore positions to the southeast, advices from the front said today.

Allied airmen also pounded anew the Japanese bases flanking the Papua sector, the headquarters noon communique reported.

They dropped a number of 500-pound bombs on the airdrome at Lae, on the northeast New Guinea coast, in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, and roared across the water strip to pock the Gasmata New Britain, airfield with a dozen 500-pounders. A covey of 12 Japanese planes came up to meet them and they shot down three and damaged two others, the communique said.

(A lone four-engined B-24 "Liberator" bomber stood off all 12 Zeros, Australian dispatches said. The crew saw two of them crash into the sea, another disappear in flames beneath the clouds and parts fly off from two more.)

There were few details of the ground action but a spokesman for General MacArthur said that there was undoubtedly still heavy fighting at Sanananda point, east of Buna village, and at Buna Mission airstrip, between which Allied troops had driven a wedge.

To the northwest, the Japanese attempted to come off landing barges let down near the mouth of the Mambare from cruisers and destroyers before dawn Monday.

(Advices from the front indicated that as many as 1,000 Japanese might have effected a shore hold.)

An air force beat back the warships and dropped bombs Monday night among the landing force.

It returned to the attack after dawn yesterday, pounding the soldiers who had managed to reach shore, aiming for landing barges and water-lift drums of supplies still floating in the sea.

Mamba, on the west bank of the river, was machine-gunned and houses set afire. All probable landing beaches in the area were also the targets for bombs.

At the end of the bombing operation, pilots reported that there was a decrease in the number of barges and supply rafts still afloat.

Japanese soldiers were seen swimming among them, attempting to salvage fuel, ammunition and food supplies the drums supposedly contained.

"The entire area is strewn with derelict barges, wreckage and enemy dead," the communique said.

Greenville Boy Seing Action

After no news for several weeks from their son, Seaman Second Class Clifton Hunter, Jr., U. S. Coast Guard, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hunter of this city, are in receipt of a letter written on November 21. Young Hunter who gave his whereabouts as "somewhere in the war zone" stated that his ship had been under fire 28 times and had been credited with shooting down three German planes.

College Closes For Christmas

East Carolina Teachers College closed today at noon, to allow its students to get home before the worst of the Christmas rush, and will not reopen until Thursday, January 7.

Registration for the winter term is scheduled for that day, and classes will meet for the first time on Friday.

Allied Planes Continue To Blast Fleeing Axis Forces

'Sorry, No Newspapers'



This newspaper dealer at the corner of 6th Avenue and 50th street, New York city, spreads his arms in a gesture of futility and informs his customers there were no strike editions of New York newspapers as a consequence of the strike called by the Newspaper and Mail Deliverers Union.

Record Session Of War Congress Comes To End

77th Congress Adjourns After Session Of 715 Days

By ALEX H. SINGLETON

The Senate of the 77th Congress adjourned finally today at 2:19 p. m., EWT, to end an historic two-year session, and the House was expected momentarily to finish its last business.

Minor legislation was handled during the day, and President Roosevelt sent letters thanking the senators and representatives for what they had accomplished during the last two years.

Eulogies were paid veteran members who will not return, and the House praised Speaker Rayburn for the manner in which he had presided.

The new Congress will convene January 6.

Longest in history, the 77th congress was in session 715 days. The house met on 404 legislative days. Five senator and 14 representatives died during the two years.

It leaves a tempestuous record of pre-war battles over foreign policies, of sharp skirmishes between isolationists and interventionists; and then of sudden cohesion on war measures as bombs fell on Pearl Harbor.

The shadows of war already were stretching eastward from Asia, westward from Europe when the present congress first convened in January, 1941. And, as they lengthened there was fashioned for the nation one of the greatest military programs in all history.

Unstintingly, the lawmakers opened wide the country's purses to provide funds for a war machine. All in all, approximately \$205,000,000,000 was appropriated during the two years, and of that total \$192,000,000,000 was earmarked for war.

By contrast, about \$46,000,000,000 was appropriated in 1917-18 for the first World War. Spending between the two conflicts reached its lowest point in 1924 and 1925, when the 68th congress voted a total of \$7,900,000,000.

To help pay the bills, new taxes were piled on both business and private citizens. In 1941, congress found \$3,553,000,000 in new revenue and this year probed even deeper to find an additional \$6,881,000,000.

Appropriation followed appropriation in those early days of the session to convert the broomstick guns (Continued on Page Five)

MANY ATTEND V. D. CLINICS

Legion Officially Recognizes Gold Star Mother

The Pitt County Post of the American Legion at its regular monthly meeting last night officially recognized Mrs. F. V. Johnston of this city as a Gold Star Mother of World War II, based on official reports received by her that her son, Lt. John C. Johnston, U. S. Army Air Corps, had been killed in action while in the service of his country. Post Commander Willard T. Kyzer was designated to represent the post at the memorial service held for Lt. Johnston at the high school this morning.

Other matters to come before the post included a report from the Pitt County Health Department on the progress of the anti-venereal disease campaign, reports from the membership committee, announcement that J. Roy Wilkerson had been appointed Pitt County Chairman for the American Legion Oratorical Contest, and the presentation of a citation from national headquarters of the American Legion to the post for meritorious service during the year 1942.

The membership reported revealed 195 members for the new year already officially reported to headquarters. (Continued on Page Six)

Change Hour Of Departure

Local draft board officials announced yesterday that until further notice all selectees who have already been inducted at Fort Bragg and are now at home on leave will report at the bus station at 12:30 P. M. on the day they are scheduled to return to camp. Previously the selectees have been reporting at the station at 6:45 A. M. Under the new schedule they will report at 12:30 and the buses will leave for Fort Bragg at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Put Union Maintenance On Probationary Basis

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The War Labor Board, trying a unique solution of the union security issue, granted maintenance of membership to a union on a probationary basis, revokable if the union fails to halt work stoppages and discipline those who cause them.

The decision, made public today, involves the CIO United Auto Workers and the Yellow Truck and Coach Manufacturing Company plant in Pontiac, Mich., where a series of work stoppages has occurred.

Those responsible, said an opinion by Wayne L. Morse, "are deserving of severe reprimand and censure by the Board and disciplinary action by the union." Morse is one of the four public members of the board. The union was ordered to report to the board whatever disciplinary action it takes.

It has been the board's policy in strike cases to deny any form of union security. A majority of the board, with the industry members dissenting, noted in this case that a three-man panel was unanimous in recommending maintenance of membership with the added proposal that the International union assign a representative to work with (Continued on page four)

Rommel's Forces Are Fleeing In Disorder 100 Miles Beyond El Agheila Under Continuous Fire From Allied Planes; Other Air Activity Throughout Mediterranean Area

By The Associated Press London, Dec. 16.—(AP) Britain's eighth army, paced by Allied air fleets littering the road to Tripoli with the blasted wrecks of Marshal Rommel's transport, were reported today as probably approaching Zautia En Nofilia, 100 air line miles west of El Agheila.

This report, by a competent British military source, indicated since the break-through at El Agheila a rate of advance exceeding that of the Eighth Army after it cracked Rommel's El Alamein line in Egypt. On the opposite side of the Allied squeeze on the Axis' dwindling foothold in North Africa, other strong forces of British and United States planes, were striking heavily at the enemy in Tunisia while winter rains and sticky, brown mud mired the land front in relative quiet.

Mileages were not given in the British communique. With Rommel apparently unable or unwilling to shield his retreat with more than delaying rearguard patrols, the speed of the British pursuit was governed chiefly by the Eighth Army's agility in picking it way through the maze of mines Rommel left behind and by its flow of supplies.

The British communique emphasized that "our bombing forces still are greatly impeded by mines." It's disclosure, however, that ground forces now are "well west" of El Agheila and that the air arm has struck as far as Zautia En Nofilia suggested that a wide lane now would be cut through the enemy's deep field of mines, TNT and booty trains.

Both sides resorted to air blows far behind the front to choke off the opponent's supplies.

Allied planes set new big fires in the harbor area of Naples Monday night, the British communique said, and pounded the Tunisian harbors of Tunis and La Goulette again in force this morning. The Italian yesterday disclosed that Naples again had been raided.

Shifting to the far eastern end of the Mediterranean, long a quiet sector, the Italian high command said its long-range bombers had raided oil depots at the Syrian port of Tripoli and oil refineries at Beirut. (Continued on Page Five)

Thelma Exum Gets Promotion Admiral

By CHESTER WALSH When Governor Broughton and Col. William A. Pritchard and other distinguished guests went into the armory for the luncheon Monday, after inspecting the Highway Patrol, a lone woman, among 300 men, neatly attired in semi-military fashion, attracted the Governor's attention. She was the center of interest in a group of a score of State Highway Patrolmen from the district, and appeared to be very much "at home." Governor Broughton had met her but did not catch the name. He asked Patrolman Leon Teague of the Greenville patrol, who she was. There were so many distinguished guests introduced that Patrolman Teague hesitated and chimed, "That's Admiral Exum—Admiral Thelma Exum, secretary for Lieut. Lester Jones, in command of Troop A." The name stuck and always will. She's "Admiral" to all highway patrolmen who drop into the patrol offices in the City Hall. The lone woman guest just had to have a title. Patrolman Teague provided it.

"Admiral" Exum has been secretary for the patrol a long time. She holds a warm place in the hearts of law enforcement officers and newspaper men who visit the patrol office. Mayor Bruce Sugg of Greenville and "Judge" Frank Harrington, clerk of Superior Court, and Governor Broughton approved Miss Exum's title of "Admiral."

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT... AND I STILL HAVE TO GET A TREE. Buy Christmas Seals

SANTA And The SKEPTIC

By LUCRECE HUDGINS

THE STORY SO FAR: Michael Woffington Bartholomew, with a map of Santa Land, endures great hardships, but finally harnesses a giant eagle and heads for Santa's home, where he wants to make amends for the trouble he has caused Santa, and to be freed of a witch's spell.

Chapter Nine Santa Is Dying

Soon after crossing the Oche Ota Pass, Michael saw that the land below him was covered with ice and snow. He watched carefully and when he saw a big house surrounded by stables and many tiny houses he knew that he had come to Santa Land.

Pulling sharply on the rein he brought the eagle to earth. Using his belt, he tied the bird's leg to a fence post. He didn't want to free the eagle yet because he didn't know for sure whether he might have to use him again.

He was very surprised to find Santa Land so quiet. He knew it was just a few days before Christmas and he had expected to find Santa and all his workers busy hammering and sawing on Christmas toys. Instead, there was not a sound—except that of the wind as it swept across the fields, sometimes bringing bursts of hail stones.

Michael hurried towards the big house but when he knocked at the door there was no answer. Finally he tried turning the knob and finding the door unlocked he pushed it open and walked into Santa's house.

As soon as he stood in the hall he heard the most terrible sound it was the sound of a woman weeping! This frightened Michael terribly because he could not imagine how anyone could weep in Santa's house. He was surprised, too, to find

Honored By Engineering Frat



C. O. HORNE, JR. JACK PINNER



R. W. BIVENS C. R. MCNAIR, JR. E. F. MENIUS, JR.

The five students pictured here have been initiated by the State College chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, national electrical engineering honor society requiring high scholarship and outstanding promise in the profession. New members are C. O. Horne, Jr., Greenville; E. F. Menius, Jr., New Bern; R. W. Bivens, Wingate; Jack Pinner, West New York, N. J.; and C. R. McNair, Jr., of Rockingham.

on looking around that the house was really in bad shape. There was dust all over the hall table and all around on the floor were little "kittens" which is what Michael's mother always called dust when it gathered into small furry balls.

"Goodness," thought Michael. "I should think Mrs. Claus would keep her house cleaner than this!"

And then he realized that the woman he heard crying must be Mrs. Claus herself, for what other wo-

man could it be? Softly, on tip-toe Michael crept down the hall and peeped into the big living room. There, sure enough, was Mrs. Claus sitting in a rocker by the hearth, her head buried in her apron, crying as though her heart would break.

Michael recognized her at once because she looked just like Santa Claus's wife ought to look—except that she was crying.

Michael was just wondering where

Santa could be when he heard a step on the stairs behind him. Quickly the boy hid himself behind the living room door and peered through the crack. In another second a tiny dwarf, wearing spectacles and carrying a little black bag, came into the living room.

Mrs. Claus looked up eagerly as the dwarf came over and stood by the hearth. "How is he, Doc Littlejohn?" she cried. "Is he any better?"

"Then Michael knew that Mrs. Claus had been crying because Santa was ill and that the little dwarf was the Santa Land doctor.

"Good heavens!" thought Michael. "What a terrible time for Santa to be ill—nine days before Christmas! But perhaps it's only a headache and he will be well very soon."

But Doc Littlejohn looked very sad. "I guess it's just as well the workers have stopped making toys in the shops," he said wearily.

"You mean—" began Mr. Claus and her hand flew to her mouth as though she couldn't bear to say what she was thinking.

"Santa is dying," said Doc Littlejohn. "He has only nine days to live. He will die on Christmas day."

Mrs. Claus was too stricken to speak. Doc Littlejohn blew his nose hard. And over behind the door little Michael stood twisting his cap around and around in his hands.

TOMORROW: Michael Works in the Shops.

Yule Spirit . . .

(Continued from page one)

way to provide Christmas cheer for the less fortunate.

The stores are displaying Christmas merchandise, and there is a tendency to give useful gifts for Christmas. A can of coffee or a package of sugar for a Christmas gift would be like gold money in the old days before the government called in all of the gold money. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and the Brownies are preparing Christmas cheer. As Christmas draws nearer the spirit is spreading. Decorations downtown were limited this year, but store windows are brilliantly illuminated and decorated for Christmas and make up for the lack of illumination overhead on the streets.

Mayor Bruce Sugg today asked the "idle reporter" to pass along the word to householders and business men and all others to guard against fires. Fire Chief George Gardner joined him in the warning to prevent fires. "If fire destroys a building or its contents now during the war, it will be difficult to replace the materials, and impossible to rebuild," the mayor said.

Tribute Paid . . .

(Continued from page one)

fine qualities of obedience, promptness, initiative, respect for the property and rights of others, clean speech and life. He concluded with the statement that John Johnston was a fine member of Greenville High School.

Mayor Sugg paid tribute to the fine contribution which the life of John Johnston made toward the protection of the country. His sacrifice will be remembered in its contribution to the protection of those principles for which our country stands, the democracy represented by our churches, our schools, our city, and our homes.

J. E. James, representing the Greenville School Board, emphasized the fact that it is the faith and spirit in a man or in a nation which are the animating principles. John Johnston fought to preserve for our country the love of independence, the love of freedom, and the love of constitutional government which are so truly American. He urged all of us to go back to the faith of our forefathers on which our nation was founded and place first those things for which John Johnston died.

The American Legion, represented by W. T. Kyzer, commander of Pitt County Post No. 39, presented flowers to Mrs. F. V. Johnston, mother of Lieutenant Johnston, as a token of sympathy and in recognition of her as the first Gold Star Mother of World War II within the jurisdiction of Pitt County Post No. 39.

At the close of the service the

audience stood while taps was played. Music for the service was furnished by the Greenville High School glee club, under the direction of Miss Ona Shindler.

NOTICE
North Carolina—Pitt County.
In The Superior Court.
Mary Anne Chapman
-vs.-
Alex L. Chapman.
The defendant Alex L. Chapman, above named will take notice that

an action entitled as above was commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County for the purpose of dissolving the bonds of matrimony between the plaintiff and the defendant on the ground or two years' separation; and the said Alex L. Chapman, defendant, will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, on or before the 3rd day of February, 1943, it being twenty days from the 11th day of January, 1943, and answer or demur

this proceeding in the Superior Court of the State of North Carolina, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
This the 11th day of Dec. 1942.
J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk
Superior Court of Pitt County.
Dec. 12-11w-4wk.

Reflector Ads Pay!

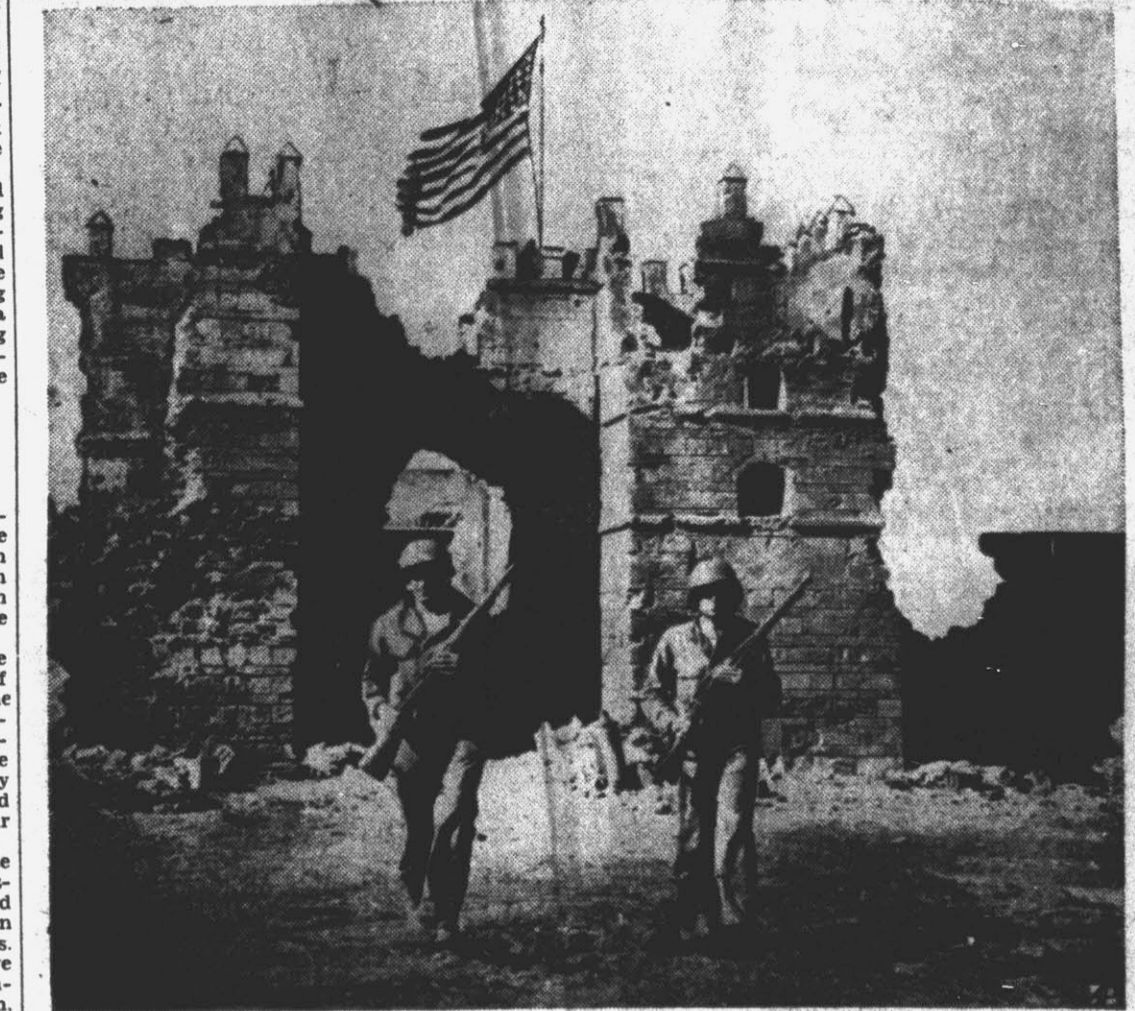
Regular Boarders Must Turn In Books

Washington, Dec. 15—(AP)—Persons who eat 14 or more meals a week at the same restaurant or boarding house must give their sugar and coffee ration book to the owner of the establishment.

The OPA issued this ruling today to clear up a conflict in its own regulations.

Formerly the deadline was 12 meals for sugar and 14 for coffee, but since both commodities are rationed with the same book, the rule had to be standardized.

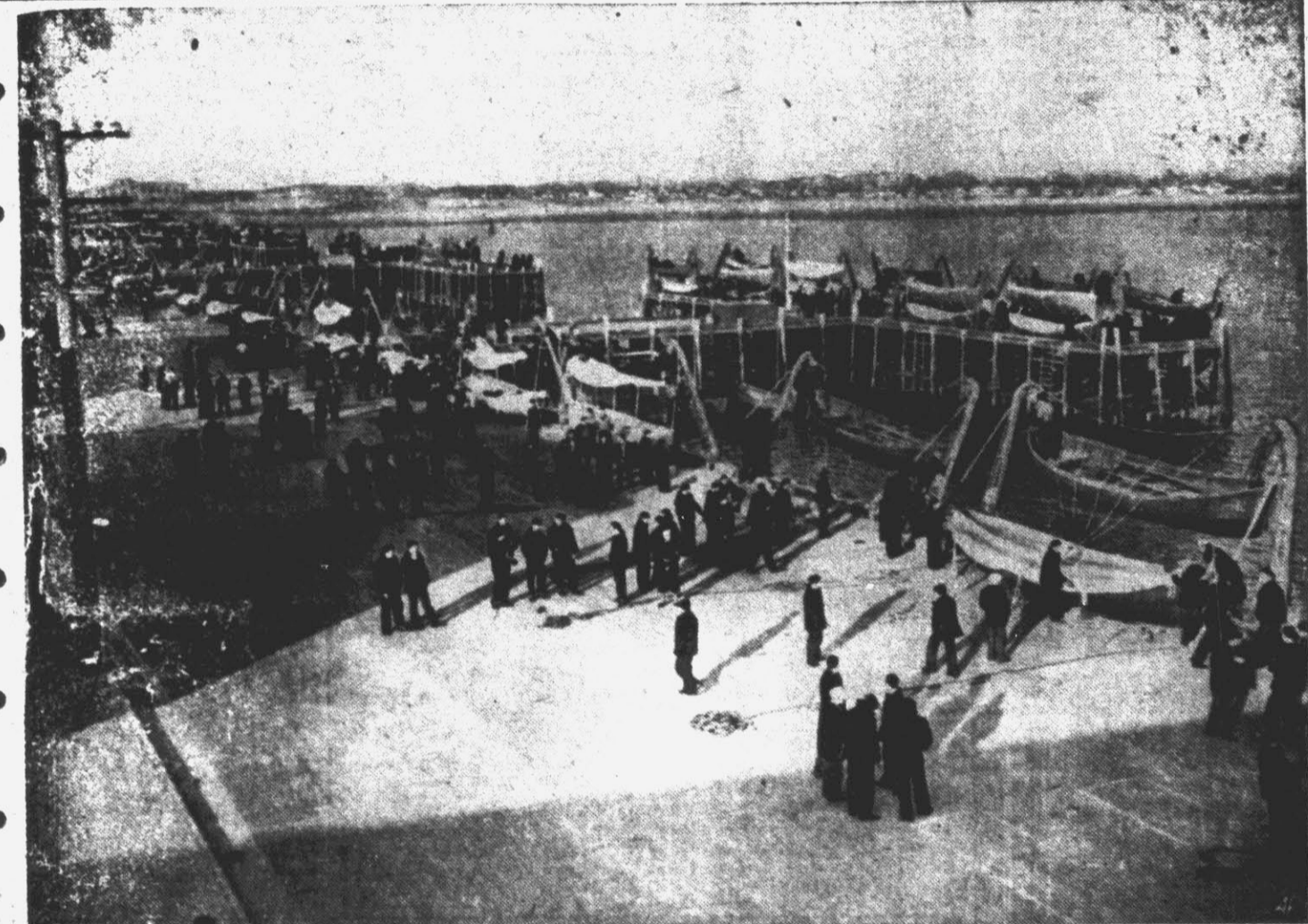
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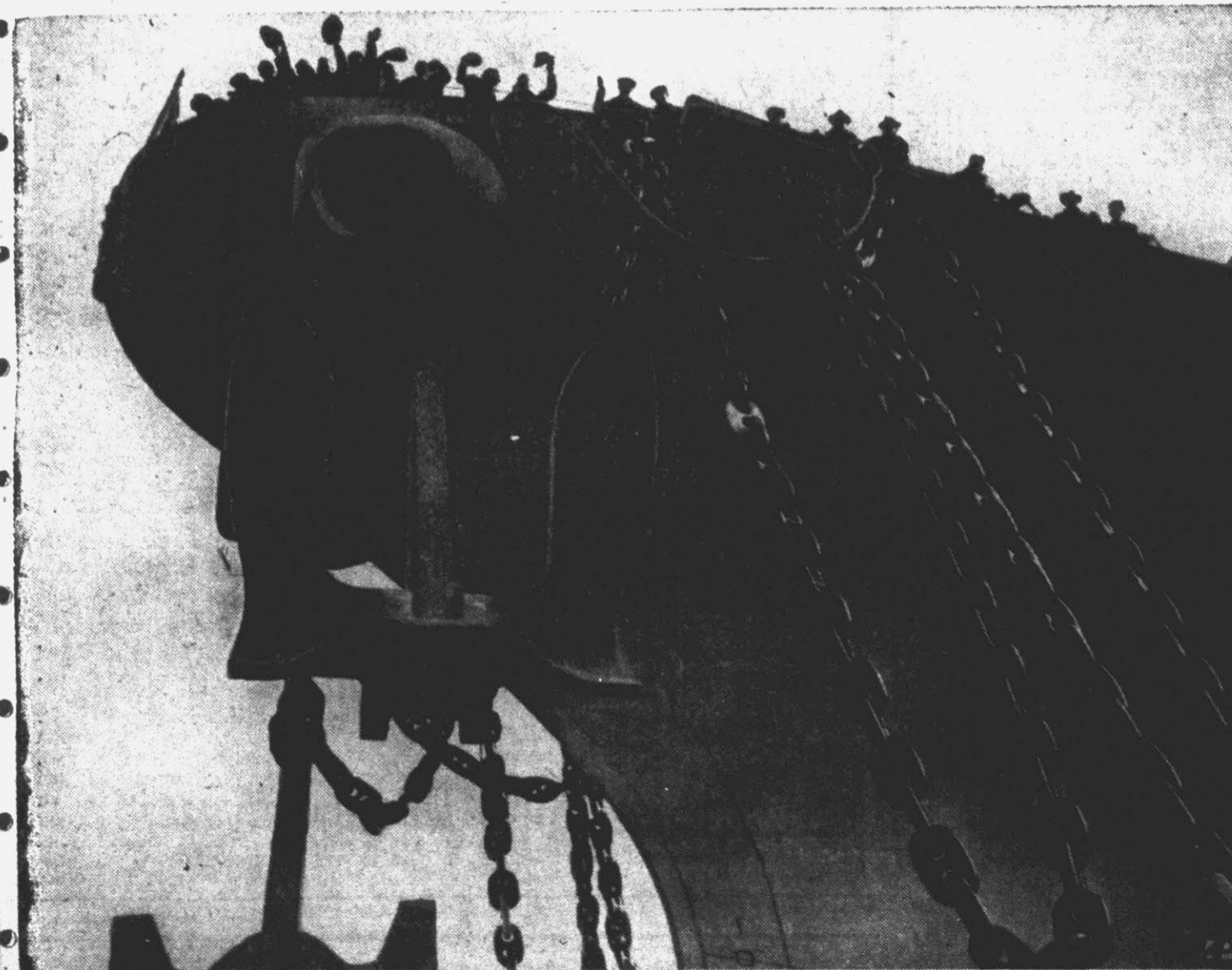
UNDER THE FLAG IN MOROCCO—American sentries march near a battered fort at Port Lyautey, near Rabat, French Morocco, after Allied occupation of that point.



McSPADEN WINS—Harold McSpaden (second from left) tallies his 272 strokes which won Miami open golf tourney. Johnny Revolta (left) was second. Willie Turnesa (right) led amateurs.



THEY'RE GOING DOWN TO SEA—Here are some of the 10,000 apprentice seamen learning nautical ways at the U. S. Maritime Service Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y. They are instructed in use of boat gear and small boats. A special school here teaches men to be pharmacist's mates to care for wounded and sick on cargo ships. The station occupies 76 acres and has 32 buildings, including a 400-bed hospital. Completed in record time, the station cost \$8,500,000, will train 30,000 seamen a year.



MIGHTY CHAINS FOR A MIGHTY SHIP—Great anchors and chains weighing many tons hang from the bow of Uncle Sam's newest battleship—the U.S.S. New Jersey, launched recently at the Philadelphia, Pa., Navy Yard.

Headed For Divorce



Ann Sheridan, red-headed film actress, is shown buying her ticket at Burbank, Calif., before boarding an air liner bound for Mexico City to get a divorce from her screen star husband, George Brent. They were married in Florida last January 5 and separated September 29.



SHE'LL MODEL—Gloria Vanderbilt De Cicco (above), socially prominent heiress, wears a fur coat which she will model December 23 at a benefit ice show in New York City.

THE SHELBY DAILY STAR

SHARP DECLINE IN COLLECTIONS

Revenue in State is Off 23.05 Per Cent During October

RALEIGH, Nov. 3. —(AP)—With sharp declines in returns from franchise and gasoline levies, North Carolina's tax collections showed a decrease of 23.05 per cent.

—AND WITHOUT BEER TAXES IT WOULD BE WORSE!

More Than Ever, North Carolina Needs Every Possible Dollar Of Taxes!

To the public treasury, the war is costly. For example, consider North Carolina's loss from gas taxes and related sources.

Fortunately, though, one source of revenue, the legal brewing industry, will pay more taxes to the state this year than last. Study these figures:

\$1,234,893.02	Taxes Paid in 1938-39	Fiscal Year
\$1,380,614.52	Taxes Paid in 1939-40	Fiscal Year
\$1,479,268.84	Taxes Paid in 1940-41	Fiscal Year
\$2,318,451.34	Taxes Paid in 1941-42	Fiscal Year

To preserve these important benefits of legal beer to the state, the brewing industry conducts its Self-Regulation campaign. In cooperation with law enforcement officials, constant effort is made to maintain wholesome conditions wherever beer is sold.

Since this campaign was begun in 1939, a total of 236 retail beer dealers have been closed up because they refused to clean up. We believe this campaign has your support, just as it has the support of the law-observing beer retailers—the overwhelming majority.

You help when you give your patronage only to places you know are respectable.

BREWING INDUSTRY FOUNDATION
North Carolina Committee
EDGAR H. BAIN, State Director 606-607 Insurance Bldg., Raleigh, N.C.

SINKWICH IS TOP ATHLETE

Georgia Star Receives Popular Acclaim

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

New York, Dec. 16.—(AP)—All-America Frankie Sinkwich, who ran and passed Georgia's football team to the Southeastern Conference championship and into the Rose Bowl, is the people's choice as the brightest star among all the male athletes of 1942.

Fireball Frankie collected 94 points in the annual Associated Press poll of 69 sports editors, finishing far ahead of his closest rival, the slugging star of Boston's American League baseball club, Ted Williams.

Sixteen athletes drew first-place votes in the wide-open balloting. Sinkwich was named first by only 15 of the voters, but he received 19 second and third-place votes to account for his top-heavy point total, figured on the basis of three for first, two for second and one for third.

Williams, who can qualify for the title of "runner-up champion" in various honors, finished second in the voting for the second straight year. The lanky outfielder, now training with the Army air forces, polled a dozen first-place votes but received little support elsewhere and wound up with 35 points.

Last year's winner, Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees, was forgotten in the balloting this time. Sinkwich, a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, got 12 votes in the 1941 poll.

Don Hutson, the record-breaking pass-catching end of the Green Bay professional football club, was third with 42 points, while Johnny Beazley, the rookie hurler who pitched the St. Louis Cardinals to two victories in the World Series, came fourth with 38.

Hutson and Beazley received six first-place votes each. Gunder Haegg, the Swedish track star who cracked world records at distances from a mile to 5,000 meters, was voted first on ten ballots but had a point total of only 37, good for fifth place.

Other stars who placed first on one or more ballots were Ray Robinson, welterweight boxer; Mort Cooper, St. Louis Cardinal pitcher; Cornelius Warmerdam, California pole vaulter; Ben Hogan, professional golfer; Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion and an army sergeant; Greg Rice, middle distance runner; Paul Governall, all-America football player from Columbia; George Kurowski, St. Louis Cardinals' World Series hero; Walker Cooper, Cardinal catcher, and Joe Gordon, New York Yankees' second baseman.

The complete voting:

Athlete and Sport	First Pts.	Total Pts.
Frank Sinkwich, Football	15	94
Ted Williams, Baseball	12	54
Don Hutson, Pro Football	6	42
Johnny Beazley, Baseball	6	38
Gunder Haegg, Track	6	37
Ray Robinson, Boxing	1	29
Morton Cooper, Baseball	1	26
Cornelius Warmerdam, Track	1	24
Ben Hogan, Golf	1	22
Joe Louis, Boxing	3	14
Greg Rice, Track	3	14
Paul Governall, Football	1	8
Willie Pep, Boxing	0	4
Bill Smith, Swimming	0	4
George Kurowski, Baseball	1	3
Gill Dodds, Track	1	3
Walker Cooper, Baseball	1	3
Joe Gordon, Baseball	1	3
Two points—Ted Lyons, baseball;		



Line-diving tactics of Andy Farkas helped the Washington Redskins beat the Chicago Bears 14 to 6 at Washington and win the championship of the National Professional Football league. Here, Andy comes right over the line for an eight-yard gain in the third quarter. Among the Bears trying to stop Andy are Sid Luckman (No. 42), Bob Nowaskey (20), and Clyde Turner (66).

Robert Falkenberg, tennis; Mel Ott, baseball; Les Steers, track.

One point—Garrard Ramsey, football; Byron Nelson, golf; Angelo Bertelli, football; Ed Dudley, golf; Paul Sarringhaus, football; Don Budge, tennis; Glenn Dobbs, football.

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR. Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Pro and con in the fight game. ... The con man, in this case, is Sgt. James Owen Madden of the Marines, who observes that there's a provincialism about New Yorkers and points to the stand of the State Athletic Commission about championships as an example. "Why," he asks, "Don't these three iron Dukes join the union of states in America style and give the guys from the so-called 'sticks' a chance at the title, whether or not they happen to be Uncle Mike Jacobs' pigeons?"

On the "pro" side, Harry Markson, Jacobs' Tub Thumper, produces figures to show that over 600 different fighters have appeared on Madison Square Garden cards since Uncle Mike moved in there in 1937 and over 100 made their first appearances in 1942. ... Except that he's been doing a lot of spade work in the sticks to dig up an average of two newcomers a week.

Ride 'Em, Cowboy

After his Flying Fortress raided the Jap naval base at Bowgainville in the Solomons, Lieut. D. A. (Rodeo) Parker, former-Simmons and Brooklyn Dodger footballer, kept talking about the 45-minute maneuver of his ship over a transport. Other members of the crew insisted it was only three minutes and even produced the flight log to prove it. ... But Parker wouldn't change his story. "I don't care what that thing shows," he argued. "Three minutes isn't any time at all, hardly, and we were over that

transport along, long time."

Today's Guest Star

Wilbur Kinley, Jackson, (Miss.) Daily News: "The usual wholesale firing of football coaches at this time of year is conspicuous by its absence. The war has made manpower so short that instead of the coaches having to sit up and say 'uncle' to keep their jobs after a shabby season, it is now the Alumni who must sit up and say 'uncle' to keep their coaches, regardless of records."

Shorts and Shells

Branch Rickey really was interested in buying the Phils until he saw the Brooklyn contract, which, by hear, calls for \$25,000 plus 15 per cent of the profits. ... During Larry MacPhail's free-handed regime those profits averaged 100 G's a year. The Orange Bowl game may be the last for Denny Myers as Boston College coach. He's supposed to be heading for a Navy commission. ... The Nation Semi-pro baseball congress has listed a national tournament in Australia next year and has appointed a commissioner to supervise it. Now how about getting the winner back to play here?

Service Department

Soon after Lieut. Cmdr. Thomas Klarking, the sub commander who watched horse races in Japan through a periscope, got back from that eventful cruise, he went out to Bay Meadows to watch horse races. ... The basketball program at Keesler Field, Miss., calls for 36

teams to compete in four leagues in addition to the officers' circuit—but no "varsity" for outside competition. ... Wally Stanowski, former Toronto Maple Leafs hockey star, is playing basketball this winter in Winnipeg as well as performing for the Canadian air force hockey team along with Bill Juzda of the New York Rangers and Andy Branigan and Will Field from the Brooklyn Americans. ... When Ed Frutig, former Green Bay packer end, made his first flight a few years ago, he became airsick and said, "never again." Now he's an instructor at a naval base near Detroit.

Allied Planes . . .

(Continued from page one) The British said that at least four more south-bound Axis transport planes in a heavily escorted air convoy were shot down by Allied fighters near Lampedusa island, between Sicily and Tunis, where the enemy has lost steadily trying to fly reinforcements across the Mediterranean. ... Although the Italians said five Spitfires and two Beaufighters were shot down "in repeated violent encounters" near Lampedusa, the British commune announced only four planes lost from all Allied operations, including widespread attacks in Tunisia.

Record Session . . .

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attacked, a pathway between Sousse and Sfax was bombed and an air-launched torpedo hit a beached vessel near Sousse.

On the Axis side of the Tunisian air war, the Rome communique reported a heavy German raid on Bone, Allied supply port in eastern Algeria.

It reported only reconnaissance activity around in Tunisia and said "we made some United States prisoners." The Morocco radio reported, however, that the Allies were entrenched firmly in all their positions in the Medjes-El-Bab sector, gateway to Tunis and Bizerte.

A British source reported that the Allies had reinforced Malta "with no particular incident" despite Axis attempts to cut the supply lines to North Africa to a degree which has lessened the U-boat menace elsewhere.

This source said the Allies' whole naval strategy in the Mediterranean was to prevent a great "build-up" of troops and supplies for the defense of Tunisia. While there has been a recent dearth of naval news he added significantly, "It's not because nothing is going on—it's because it cannot be revealed at this time."

The Rome communique reported an attack on an Allied squadron in Algerian waters and said a submarine sank one vessel out of a force of cruisers and destroyers.

While bad weather over the Sicilian narrows gave enemy airmen with hard-surfaced runways in Sicily and Sardinia, an edge over Allied fighters based on the primitive rain-softened fields in North Africa, one of the brightest spots was the Allies' virtually uncontested air domination over Rommel's line of retreat.

Damage to Axis transport undoubtedly has been "terrific," one British source said, and the communique's stress on vehicle targets on the road to Tripoli indicated that the enemy's flight was becoming hasty and disordered.

American fliers of the Ninth United States Air Force, it was officially announced, were operating with British and Australian airmen in the destructive attacks on Rommel's hapless troops.

A delayed dispatch from the Libyan desert said American fliers made their strongest fighter attack against Rommel's forces since their arrival in the Middle East Sunday shooting down six Messerschmitts and spraying Axis forces with thousands of pounds of bombs.

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Famed Boat Builder's Son Now Soldier



Roland C. Higgins (left), son of Andrew J. Higgins, Sr., noted torpedo and landing boat builder of New Orleans, is seen here with his father after young Higgins entered the army. As superintendent of construction of landing boats at his father's plant, Roland was deferred from military service, but resigned to become eligible. He also underwent an operation to remove a defect barring his induction and stated that he intended to apply for amphibious service, hoping to take part in landing attacks in which boats such as he has been helping build are used.

threw the legislative machinery into high gear.

In the face of the dictators' challenge that democracy is outmoded, congress provided for a two-ocean navy, an army designed to reach a strength of 7,500,000 men, and an air force intended to achieve mastery of the sky.

The drain of the military upon the nation's normal supplies began to be felt on the home front. With it came the potential menace of inflation, so congress passed one price control bill early in the war, later found it necessary to clamp down an even tighter lid.

Unprecedented powers were granted President Roosevelt to free his hands for normal peacetime restrictions. The ban against use of United States troops on foreign soil was lifted. Salaries and wages were stabilized at home.

Laws were passed to protect the soldier's civilian interests, to give him the right to vote away from home, to boost his base pay from \$21 to \$50. The draft age was lowered to 18. Women were accorded a place in the ranks.

The new congress will find the democratic majority reduced in the house, and facing the possibility of a coalition of some of its southern members with the republican minority.

Restrictions On All Enlistments

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Selective service headquarters said today that only men in Class 1-A, or those rated as available for immediate induction into the armed forces, would be allowed to volunteer through their draft boards for the navy, marines or coast guard. Spokesmen, desiring to remain anonymous, explained "it would not be fair to the army to let men defer from army induction volunteer for the other services" and said the rule applied to deferments either for dependency or occupation. Men now deferred who are later reclassified to 1-A may, however, volunteer for the sea services if reclassified while the plan is in effect, the spokesmen added. The plan, it was said yesterday, probably would be used until "about February 1."

It was emphasized that no one could volunteer after being ordered to report for induction.

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FOR SALE-TREADLE SEWING machine, \$12.00. Also Singer console electric, A-1 condition. Buttonhole workers make ideal Christmas gifts. Needles, parts and repairs for all machines. Alterations and fur coat remodeling. Dial 2623. Sewing Machine Shop, 105 East 5th St., at Five Points. 16-6t

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New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 16 (AP) - Cotton futures opened 10 to 25 cents a bale higher.

Late forenoon values were 10 cents to \$1.05 a bale lower, Dec. 1891, Mch. 1879, May 1865.

Futures closed 5 cents a bale lower to 20 cents higher.

Dec.	Open	Close	Prv. Cl.
Jan.	19.13	19.06	19.12
Feb.	18.77	18.87	18.88
Mar.	18.86	18.85	18.82
Apr.	18.73	18.70	18.69
May	18.56	18.56	18.52
June	18.51	18.48	18.49

Middling spot 20.50, up 1.

Grain Market

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP) - Profit taking bridled the wheat market today, checking the price advance of as much as 10 cents a bushel so far this month after quotations had reached seasonal highs within fractions of top figures for the past five years.

Wheat closed 1/4-1/2 cent lower than yesterday, December \$1.33 1/4, May \$1.34 1/4; corn unchanged to 1/4 cent, December 87 1/2, May 91 1/4; oats unchanged to 1/4 up; soybeans unchanged; rice 1/2 cent lower.

Try Our Want Ads

Germans Raid British Coast

London, Dec. 16 (AP) - Four Nazi Focke-Wulf 190's attacked the English south coast this afternoon and one raider, which approached the outskirts of London, set off a brief alarm, the first in the capital's environs since October 26.

Only one suburban area was affected by the alert which ended, apparently, without incident. Machinegun bullets, however, wounded two persons and caused minor damage to buildings in the coast town.

Another lone low-flying raider planted bombs in a second south coast town then machinegunned the area. Some buildings were damaged and some persons were injured.

Merchantman Sunk.
Washington, Dec. 16 (AP) - A mbedion-sized U. S. merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the north Atlantic during the middle of November and survivors have been landed at an east coast port, the Navy reported today.

The Navy also reported a sixth attack on Munda airfield, under construction by the Japanese on New Georgia Island, and the wiping out of two Japanese machinegun crews on Guadalcanal in communication No. 221 which said:

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Storm Warning
Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 16 (AP) - The weather bureau today issued the following advisory:

Small craft warnings are displayed Atlantic coast Hatteras to Brunswick and on Florida west coast Tampa bay to Apalachicola.

Seven Killed In Plane Crash

St. Louis, Dec. 16 (AP) - An army bomber carried seven men to their deaths as it crashed and burned last night a few minutes after taking off from Lambert-St. Louis airport. Two others escaped.

The plane grazed the roof of a barn before it nosed to the ground, burst into flames and set fire to the farm house of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Crouse.

Mrs. Crouse bundled her two-month-old daughter, Barbara, in a quilt and escaped from the burning house.

"I was in the kitchen giving the baby her bottle," she related, "when I heard a terrific noise. Something flew into the basement underneath the baby's room and exploded. The whole house seemed to burst into flames."

"I grabbed a quilt from the bed and wrapped the baby in it, and then tried to get out the back door but the way was blocked by flames. I ran to the front door and found flames there, too, but I managed to get out with the baby."

Blockade Runner Is Intercepted

London, Dec. 16 (AP) - An enemy blockade runner of about 5,000 tons, "has been intercepted by patrols in the Atlantic," the Admiralty announced today without further detail.

The Admiralty declined to amplify its bare announcement but naval observers commented that the ambiguous term "intercepted" is used when it is hoped to keep from the enemy specific information as to whether a ship is captured or sunk.

Three Killed; Five Hurt

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 16 (AP) - A mine hoist crowded with 14 men broke from its hillside moorings in the Cabin Creek mining section today and rolled to the foot of the slope, killing three men and injuring at least five others.

May Shoot Quail During Holidays

Raleigh, Dec. 16 (AP) - Licensed hunters may shoot quail in any county on Christmas and New Year's Day, the State Department of Conservation and Development said today.

Twenty-four counties observe a number of closed days each week and hunters otherwise would not have been allowed to shoot them on those holidays.

The bag limit is 10 quail a day.

Number Drowned In Bus Accident

Gloucester Point, Va., Dec. 16 (AP) - A "number" of persons were today, State Police reported, when a bus loaded with workmen plunged into the York river from a Gloucester-Yorktown ferry.

C. D. Burke, assistant manager of the Gloucester-Yorktown Ferry Company, said 25 occupants of the bus were rescued, but that it had not been determined the exact number aboard. The vehicle, carrying white and negro workmen to the navy mine depot near Yorktown, toppled from the after end of the ferry into some 15 feet of water as the boat was pulling out of the slip about 7:25 A.M.

The Navy sent a salvage boat to the scene and the bus was brought to the surface, Burke said it was found to be empty.

NO OPPOSITION FROM THE JAPS

U. S. Bombers Raid Airfield Without Hindrance

Washington, Dec. 16 (AP) - United States bombers, raiding the Japanese installations at Buin on Bougainville island in the Solomons, met no enemy opposition, the Navy reported today.

No explanation was available of the lack of opposition at Buin, considered as one of the principal Jap air bases and located about 275 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

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Sugar Stamp Good For Three Pounds

Raleigh, Dec. 16 (AP) - Sugar stamp number 10 became valid today and is good for three pounds until January 31, OPA headquarters said today.

The office also announced that industrial and institutional users of sugar could now apply for their January and February allotments. The allotments remain unchanged.

Navy Bomber Missing

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 16 (AP) - The Navy has officially listed as missing at sea a twin-engine patrol bomber and its crew of nine which has been unreported since Dec. 4.

The big naval aircraft was engaged in a routine flight off the Southern California coast. Names of the crew members were not announced.

Buried At Eureka

Funeral services for Mrs. Bettie D. Dawson Minshew, 81, who died in Eureka in Wayne County Tuesday, were held at the home of her son, L. D. Minshew of Eureka, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Minshew was the mother of Will Rose Minshew of Greenville. Burial was in the Eureka cemetery.

New Crime

London, Dec. 15 (AP) - Belgian government sources here reported today that a father in Brussels had been sentenced to nine months for what the Germans apparently regard as a new crime:

"He christened his newborn son 'Winston'."

N. Y. Stock Market

New New York, Dec. 16 (AP) - Buyers operated with a lot of discrimination in today's stock market but the favored issues covered a fair amount of territory and there were many gains ranging from fractions to more than a point, with some of as much as three.

In the final hour the list was well studded with plus marks. Volume approximated 800,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Al Chem and Dye	140 1/2
Allegheny	26 1/2
Allis Chal Mfg	26 1/2
Am Car Fdy	25 1/2
Am Roll Mill	9 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	20
Am Tob B	42 1/2
A C L	26 1/2
All Ref	27 1/2
Aviat Corp	15 1/2
Beth St	64 1/2
Boeing Airpl	15 1/2
Borden	21 1/2
Briggs Mfg	21
Budd Mfg	3
Can Dry	18 1/2
Cannon Mills	35 1/2
Case J I	71 1/2
Che and O	36 1/2
Int Harvest	57 1/2
Johns Man	71 1/2
Kroger Groc	26 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	60 1/2
Loews	46
Lorillard	16
Louis and Nash	57 1/2
Mont Ward	32 1/2
Nash Kely	6
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Nat Biscuit	15 1/2
Nat Cash Ref	15 1/2
Nat Dist	25 1/2
N Y Cent	10 1/2
Ohio Oil	11 1/2
Otis Elev	17
Packard	2 1/2
Param Pix	16 1/2
Penny J C	79 1/2
Penn RR	22 1/2
Pepsi Cola	27 1/2
Pullman	26 1/2
Pure Oil	10 1/2
Radio	4 1/2
Rep Stl	13 1/2
Reynolds B	23 1/2
Sears	60 1/2
Sou Ry	14 1/2
Sperry	23 1/2
Std Brands	35 1/2
Std Oil N J	45
Tex Gulf Prod	36 1/2
Tex Gulf Sul	36 1/2
Un Carb	36
Unit Air	79
Unit Corp	3 1/2
US Ind Alco	30
US Smelt and Ref	45 1/2
US Steel	47
Vanadium	16
Warner Pic	7 1/2
Western Union	29 1/2
Woodworth	29 1/2
ell T and C	12 1/2
Total Sales	906,200

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 16 (AP) - (NCDA) Raleigh egg and poultry markets steady. U. S. extra large (clean white) 47 to 49; colored hens 29 to 22.

Hog Market

Raleigh, Dec. 16 (AP) - Hog markets steady with tops of 13.45 at Richmond and 13.25 at Rocky Mount.

Farm Auction Big Success

The auction sale yesterday of the General Grimes farm owned by J. Bryan Winfield, was attended by approximately 500 people.

The farm, consisting of 1,114 acres, had been subdivided into 18 farms and was sold to the following people: F. A. Elks of Grimesland; Guy V. Smith of Greenville; S. G. Worthington of Winterville, and Mrs. Floye Staton of Robersonville, for the aggregate sum of \$62,085.70.

Some personal property was also sold.

The General Grimes farm is one of the largest farms in Pitt county and due to labor conditions, Mr. Winfield, the owner, thought it best to offer the farm for sale, because he felt the farm could be operated to the best interest of the country from now on by several owners, rather than one.

Mr. Winfield is patriotic and wants to see the best return from the farm lands in this section for our government and our allies.

The sale was conducted by N. O. Warren and the J. W. Ferrell Co., and they are glad to feel that they have made an effort to subdivide the large farms in Pitt and adjoining counties so that the small farmer may have a chance to own a home.

Mr. Warren is a native of Greenville and has been connected with a large number of farm sales and has contributed to the welfare and advancement of the farmers in this community. It is a prediction of all the members of the J. W. Ferrell Co., and Mr. Warren that for the next few years, due to the fact that we have to feed the "whole world," that farming for the next 10 years will be more profitable than it has ever been in the history of our great country.

Lions' Club On Air

WGTC Tonight 8:30

The Greenville Lions' Club, with Miss Annie B. Faircloth of the State Commission for the Blind as guest speaker, will present the weekly broadcast over the Greenville radio station, WGTC, tonight at 8:30, instead of 7:30.

Frank M. Brown, president of the Lions' Club, will direct the program. The Lions here and elsewhere in the State have as their main objective assistance to the blind and the conservation of eyesight.

Many Attend ...

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quarters four more members in hand yet unreported, bringing the total to within three of the total membership of 202 for the Legion year of 1942. Members pledged their efforts to procure enough renewals within the next 10 days to pass last year's total.

The venereal disease campaign report of Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, Pitt County Health Officer, submitted by D. J. Wichard, Jr., chairman of the post's venereal disease committee, revealed a big improvement in the situation in the county and drew commendation from the Legion membership. The committee was ordered to continue its efforts and cooperation with the health officials in the campaign to wipe out venereal disease in this county.

Dr. Ennett's official report to the post was as follows:

"The total number of venereal disease selectees reported to the Health Department by the Pitt County Draft Boards from their first report up to December 14, was 453. Warrants served on selectees in the past four weeks, 24; convicted, 20; acquitted, 4. All now under treatment."

"Number of selectees whose whereabouts are unknown and who are now ready to be turned over to the American Legion Venereal Disease Committee to the F. B. I., six."

"Report on delinquent non-selectee venereal disease patients: 'No. warranted, 43; No. convicted, 39; No. acquitted, 4. All delinquent non-selectees are now under treatment."

"The Health Officer appreciates the cooperation of the American Legion in the work of the venereal

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