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BOND DAY
STOP SPENDING—SAVE DOLLARS

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Russians Crush German Counter-Offensive And Take Five Strongholds

Tempo Of Red Army's Offensive Rising On Whole Russian Front; Nazi Motorized Division Wiped Out On Central Front In 10-Day Battle; Other Thousands Killed

By EDDY GILMORE
Moscow, Dec. 17.—(AP)—After a week of comparative indecision, the broad course of warfare on the frozen eastern front appeared to be swinging definitely back in favor of the Red army today as the Soviets announced the capture of five more German strong points in the Rzhev sector on the central front and the bloody repulse of a heavy Nazi counter-drive southwest of Stalin-grad.

The Axis armies, in waves of counter-attacks at Kotelnikovi, 90 miles southwest of Stalin-grad, attempted to roll back the flank of the Russian forces south of the Don river and thus to destroy the Russian trap about the Stalin-grad heights, dispatches from the front said.

But the attacks, led by tanks, dive bombers and motorized infantry, were hurled back decisively, and the Soviets thereupon surged forward to occupy enemy fortified positions. Axis troops were slaughtered in great numbers, Red Star, the army newspaper, said.

"Every effort to obtain their ultimate objective was rejected," it added.

When the German forces were repulsed, the Red army was already broadening the already existing barrier they had created between the Nazis on the Don steppes and those trapped before Stalin-grad.

Two battalions of German infantry were declared wiped out and 24 enemy tanks destroyed as the Russian drive on the central front rolled over seven more villages. A dispatch said that the entire 14th German motorized division, which once numbered 20,000 men, had been destroyed since the Russians began their offensive west of Moscow.

(Kotelnikovi, or Verkhne-Kumskiy, is on the railway into the Caucasus. English maps variously carry it as Kotelnikovo and Kotelnikivskaya.)

Dispatches from the central front said that German dive bombers were frantically attacking a water crossing previously taken by the Russians in the Rzhev area, coming down at low altitudes from above low-hanging clouds on a 15-minute schedule.

Within 24 hours, the dispatch claimed, anti-aircraft guns had brought down 38 bombers and the crossing remained intact.

The Russians noted last week that they were ready to lay siege to a large populated place in their southwestern flanking move and said that deep mine fields and a strong German force protected it. The Soviet communiqué last night for the first time identified it as Verkhne-Kumskiy.

Whole units of Axis troops were slaughtered in the battle along the railway, Red Star's dispatches said.

As the Germans advanced, they were halted and tried to retreat, but large groups were surrounded in giant Red army pincers and wiped out. It was claimed that the southwestern flank, the noon communiqué—

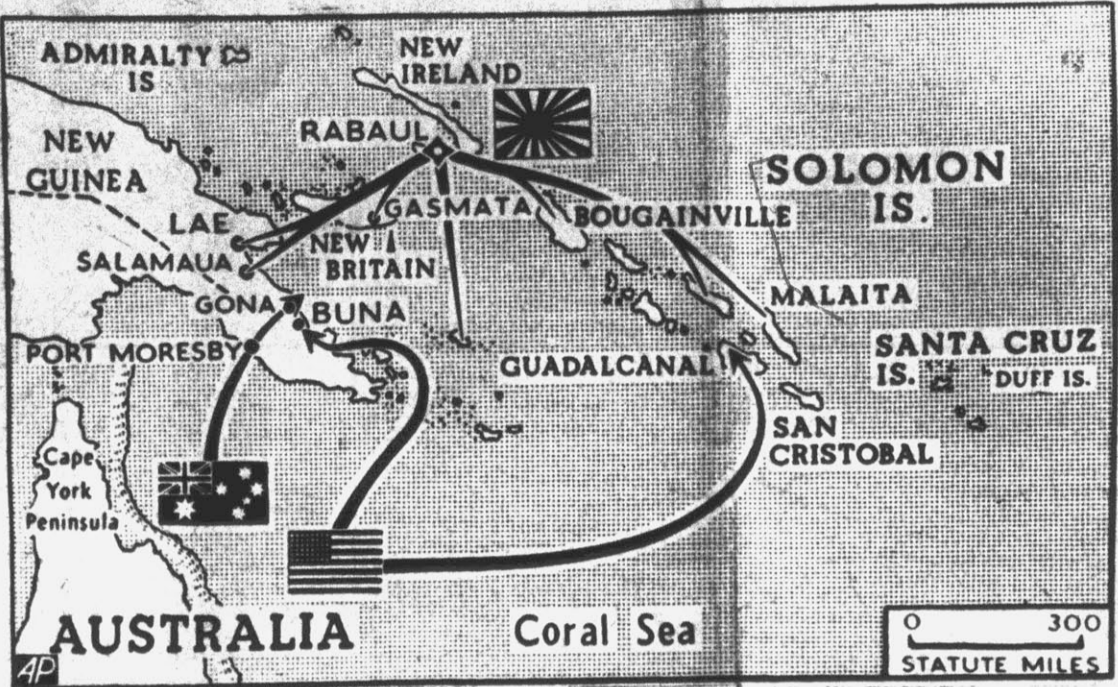
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Extension
Governor J. M. Broughton today came to the aid of fuel oil users of this section by procuring the promise of an extension of the time limit on fuel oil coupon No. 1, which was to have expired Saturday night, Dec. 19.

The Governor's action came in response to a telegram sent by John G. Clark of this city, advising him that the supply of fuel oil on hand here was not sufficient to fill orders and would it be possible to make all deliveries before Saturday night, even if the supply was on hand and that unless the time limit on the coupons could be extended, a lot of oil users would lose their rights to purchase under the number one coupon.

Gov. Broughton's reply to Mr. Clark this afternoon follows: "I have conferred with Mr. Lamford of the Fuel Rationing Administration and have assurance that necessary extension will be allowed so as to protect the people of Pitt County and other sections of the state in the matter of fuel oil rationing."

Allies Tighten Grip In Southwest Pacific



The map shows how recent Allied successes at Buna and Gona, New Guinea, and on Guadalcanal all combine to present a stronger, two-pronged spearhead at the Jap forcs (black arrows) stemming out of their important base at Rabaul. American and Australian troops took Buna last week after seizing Gona. Until the Allied offensive began, the Japs controlled all of the Solomon Islands, were threatening to over-run all of New Guinea including Port Moresby, and seemed on the point of trying to invade Australia from these areas.

Nazis Take-Over

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—An unofficial but usually reliable source with continental connections said today that the Germans have assumed full control of all Italian railroads and ports without consulting the Italians.

The step was decided upon at a meeting of high German officers called by Reichsmarschal Goering in Rome last week-end and put into immediate effect, said this informant, whose name may not be disclosed.

AIR ACTIVITY IN FAR EAST

Jap Bases In Burma And Indo-China Bombed

New Delhi, Dec. 17.—(AP)—RAF Blenheim bombers, escorted by fighters, subjected Japanese bases in Burma yesterday to their fifth bombardment in five days, attacking enemy-occupied villages in the Maungdon and Butthadaung areas, a British communiqué announced today.

"Bombs were seen to burst well in the target area at each place and some fires were started," the bulletin declared. All the planes participating were said to have returned safely.

The communiqué announced that Japanese planes had raided Chitradurga and Ponnaiyur, India, yesterday, but said that only slight damage and extremely light casualties resulted.

RAF fighters intercepted the enemy bombers, but full reports from resulting combats are not yet available, the communiqué added.

Headquarters of the U. S. Army (Continued on Page Two)

'Buddy' Hill Gets Commission Marines

Edgard G. (Suddy) Hill, 36, manager of the Paramount theater in Kinston the past 15 years, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He will report for active duty at the New River base about January 1. It was announced yesterday.

Hill is secretary of the Kinston Lodge of Elks. He will be assigned management of New River Marine Base's 11 large theaters after 30 days of indoctrination, Marine officers stated.

Lieutenant Hill is a brother of Mrs. Chester Walsh of Greenville.

Recruiting WAACS In Kinston
An officer of the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACS) will be at the postoffice in Kinston from tonight through Monday to receive enlistments of volunteers. Women from 21 to 45 are eligible. The recruiting office is open to permit women of this area to volunteer.

Softening Of Rationing Controls Is Predicted

By JACK BELL
Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Reports that Leon Henderson would be succeeded as Price Administrator soon by Senator Francis Brown of Michigan brought predictions today that one of the immediate results would be a softening of rationing controls to release more supplies to civilians.

Reliable sources said that unless some hitch developed, Henderson would resign shortly after the first of year for a four months rest and treatment for a back ailment and Brown, defeated in the November elections, would be named as his successor.

The appointment of Brown was said to have been agreed upon at a

British Army Cuts Axis Forces In Two In Libya

Navy Fliers Hit Jap Ship

Allied Drive On Japs In New Guinea Continues

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Navy dive bombers striking at Japanese ships off New Georgia island in the Solomons, hit and damaged one enemy destroyer or cruiser, the Navy reported today, while Flying Fortresses engaged and destroyed 12 Japanese Zero fighters nearby.

The Navy said the Flying Fortresses were attacked by the dozen Japanese fighters near New Georgia island. The entire force of Zeros was shot down in a sharp engagement. One fortress was lost, but its crew was rescued.

One of the dive bombers, a Douglas Dauntless, failed to return from the raid on Munda where the Japanese have been seeking to establish a new air base.

The raid was the seventh on the Munda base. It encountered the first enemy opposition in two days.

The damaging of a destroyer or cruiser brought to 142 the number of Japanese ships announced as sunk or damaged in the Solomons. The enemy's plane losses were boosted to 649 by destruction of the 12 Zeros.

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Dec. 17.—(AP)—On land and in the air Allied forces strove today to complete domination of the Buna area where Emperor Hirohito's men faithfully obeyed his mandate to hold the New Guinea beachhead to the last man.

"Our pressure on the enemy is slowly increasing," the headquarters communiqué said succinctly.

But from the Papanuan front came reports that United States and Australian soldiers still fought on both sides of their hold on Buna village and a headquarters spokesman said Allied planes were bombing and strafing the enemy's positions.

A captured Japanese artilleryman told intelligence officers that his Emperor's order was delivered to troops of 6th Army Tamateo Horii last November 28 after Hirohito was given word of the pounding his men were getting from General MacArthur's forces.

The newest communiqué did not mention the Mambare area, on the northeast coast, where Allied planes smashed at Japanese warships attempting to land more men at the beginning of the week and where the fliers kept up their punishment of those who did land at the river mouth and in Mamba village.

Headquarters added eight more Zero planes to the toll exacted by the American bombers which raided the Gasmata, New Britain, airbase Tuesday night. Three intercepted ships previously had been reported downed. This brought the tally to 11, without loss to the Egyptian force.

Delayed official reports also said that Japanese medium bombers unloaded missiles from a high altitude in a raid on Port Moresby in a second attack Tuesday night. There was no indication of their effect.

Police Arrest Man Burglary Charge

Police today arrested Leroy Allen at his home on Cotanche Street and charged him with breaking into Reids Stores, on Dickinson Avenue, last night and stealing between \$30 and \$40. Allen broke a glass in a front door, police stated. Officers investigating the case found between \$15 and \$20 in change in a pot or can in a garage on Allen's premises. He finally confessed to police that he broke into the store.

Allen was employed for some months in the grocery department at the store. Recently he was employed at the Water and Light Department.

Camphor is used not only as a drug but in manufacturing motion picture film.

Proclaims Farm Mobilization Day

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The White House disclosed today that President Roosevelt has proclaimed Tuesday, January 12, as Farm Mobilization Day, when meetings will be held to consider means of "insuring for the year 1943 the maximum production of vital foods."

He called on farmers, wherever possible, to gather that day with the Department of Agriculture representatives, extension service agents, vocational teachers, state officials, farm organizations and others concerned.

Nazi Barbarism Against Jews Condemned By U.S.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The United States today joined other United Nations governments in condemning Germany's "bestial" policy of cold-blooded extermination of the Jews and in pledging that those responsible "shall not escape retribution."

In announcing the move the State Department said reports from Europe indicated that German authorities, passing beyond the stage of ordinary persecution, "are now carrying into effect Hitler's oft repeated intention to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe."

The announcement described Poland as "the principal Nazi slaughterhouse," where ghettos established by the Germans now are being systematically emptied of all Jews except a few skilled workers valuable to the war industries. It added:

"None of those taken away are ever heard of again. The able-bodied are slowly worked to death in labor camps. The infirm are left to die of exposure and starvation or are deliberately massacred in mass executions. The number of victims of these bloody cruelties is reckoned in the many hundreds of thousands of entirely innocent men, women and children."

Associated with the United States in the joint action were the Belgian, Czechoslovak, Greek, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norwegian, Polish and Yugoslav governments. (Continued on Page Four)

High Scorer



Capt. Joseph Foss (above), 22, of Sioux Falls, S. D., a Marine Corps pilot, is credited by the navy with being the high score fighter pilot of the Pacific fleet, with 22 Jap planes to his credit. His accomplishments represent six weeks of service at Guadalcanal. This picture was radioed from Honolulu to the United States.

SERVICES TO USE COLLEGES

Army And Navy To Contract For College Facilities

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Army and Navy announced plans today to contract for college facilities at which qualified young men estimated to number 250,000 will be detailed for training in a uniform-and-pay system which gradually is to supplant the college reservist arrangement.

The 250,000 figure, which is an estimate of qualified persons who can not be quoted by name, would represent nearly a third of the nation's presently shrinking male college population.

Training for specialist assignments or as officers will be provided in these institutions, a joint announcement said. Candidates for the training so far as the army is concerned must come from the enlisted ranks or existing reserves, while youths in civilian life may be enrolled under the Navy's phase of the program.

Generally, said War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox, the program is designed to maintain a steady flow of young men suitable for specialized educational technical training for the Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard.

They noted that the recent amendment to the selective service and training act reducing the draft age to 18 years will eliminate the (Continued on Page Five)

Entrapped Portion Of Rommel's Army Cut Off West Of El Aghelia Receiving Ferocious Pounding Allied Forces In Tunisia Again On Move Toward Tunis And Bizerte

By JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press War Editor

The British eighth army has cut Marshal Rommel's retreating African Corps columns in two along the road to Tripoli, trapping armored formations which "already have suffered heavy casualties and continue to be severely mauled," the British announced today.

The columns of retreat were severed at Wadi Matratin, 65 miles west of El Aghelia.

This blow was dealt to the eastern flank of the shrinking Axis position in North Africa as reports from the western flank indicated that Allied forces were on the move again there, too.

The Morocco radio said Axis forces were retreating from Medjes-El-Bab and that "the course of the battle already is changing under the weight of Allied air superiority."

This account, which was without official confirmation, contradicted an earlier broadcast by the Nazi controlled Vichy radio that the Allies had withdrawn from Medjes-El-Bab, 35 miles southwest of Tunis.

The Cairo communiqué gave this account of the Eighth Army's heavy new blow to the Axis in Libya.

"Early yesterday our advance forces reached Wadi Matratin and took up positions there southward, thereby cutting retreating enemy columns in two."

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British observers said "a good part of the Africa Corps—the cream of Rommel's army"—was believed to have been destroyed.

There was no immediate estimate of the number of men and vehicles at the eighth army's mercy, but observers said they formed a large Nazi force, intended by Rommel for rear-guard fighting, and were being methodically mopped up.

Before Rommel withdrew from El Aghelia, his strength was estimated at 50,000 to 60,000 troops and an unknown number of tanks. Most of this army is believed to have retreated well west of the Wadi Matratin, beyond the British wedge.

Besides bringing at least part of the enemy to battle, military commentators in London said, the British now have faced him with the dilemma of leaving his rear forces uncovered or of pulling back more tanks from the line of retreat.

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Greenville To Work For Improved Laws

The Greenville Board of Aldermen cooperating with the North Carolina League of Municipalities, at the last meeting of the board, appointed Aldermen I. B. Fleming, J. A. Watson and David A. Evans a Legislative Committee to look after the interests of the city of Greenville while the State Legislature is in session.

The league is behind eight separate proposals for the Legislature in behalf of the State's municipalities. Mayor Bruce Sugg stated today. The mayor recently attended a meeting of the league's executive committee at Raleigh. He came back with an "armful" of valuable information for the city's legislators.

A matter of special importance which was considered by the league's executive committee was a law to allow municipalities to license and regulate taxicabs and cab companies (thus permitting a municipality to deny cab drivers' licenses to known criminals, rapists and other undesirables from engaging in public service transportation).

Other bills to be presented to the Legislature concern a number of matters of vital concern to the taxpayers of the cities of the State.

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT!
AND WE NEED ORDINANCES FOR THE TREE!



Buy Christmas Seals

Social and Personal

Mrs. Carl Winters of Warsaw and Wilmington, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellis.

Mr. Charles G. Ratcliff has returned to Norfolk after spending the week-end here with his mother on Green street. He had as his guest Mr. Gus McAbee of Macon Ga.

Miss Joy Flanagan, a student at Salem College, Winston-Salem, has arrived to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Flanagan.

Thad Nobles is home from State College to spend Christmas with his father, Mr. W. L. Nobles.

J. Hicks Corey, Jr., has returned from Chapel Hill to spend the holidays.

Mrs. John Hodges and Mrs. Willis Glass spent yesterday in Richmond. Miss Frances Glass, a student at Mary Baldwin College, will return with them today to spend Christmas at her home in Greenville.

Miss Pauline Bell of Greenville, will return from Mars Hills College tomorrow to spend the holidays with her parents.

Charles Bailey Davenport is at home from McCall's school for boys in Chattanooga, Tenn., to spend the holidays.

Mrs. J. Knott Proctor spent yesterday in Richmond.

Karl Pace, Jr., has returned from Chapel Hill for the holidays.

In Local Hospital. Friends of Mr. Ola Tucker will regret to learn that he is critically ill in Pitt General Hospital, following a heart attack Sunday.

German Club Dance. The German Club will give its Christmas dance on Tuesday, December 22, at 10 o'clock, at the Country Club.

All members who have not paid their dues by this time will be dropped from the roll.

Meeting Cancelled. The Garden Club will not hold its regular meeting this month. Instead the members plan to keep the Woman's Club decorated for the service men from Friday, December 18, through New Year's.

The public is invited to come to the club house to see the decorations.

Missing Postponed. The meeting of the Junior Philanthropy class of the Methodist Church has been postponed until further notice.

Entertain Book Club. On Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, Mrs. Hunter Irving, Mrs. George Wilkerson, Mrs. Billy Norman, Mrs. Mack Simpson and Mrs. Ray MacKenzie were hostesses at MacKenzie and luncheon to the Forty-one Book Club, at the home of Mrs. Irving.

Coca-Colas were served during the early part of the game. After the completion of several rubbers, a novelty Christmas package was presented to Mrs. Bob Moffett for high score. Mrs. Bill Barbe was given a similar package for cut prize.

At noon the hostesses served a delicious three-course luncheon. Mrs. Fisto Evans, president of the club, presided in the dining room.

Entertain for Miss Bullock. On Friday night, December 11, Mrs. Verdon Cox and Miss Louise Branson jointly entertained at the home of Mrs. Cox in Winterville, with Mrs. tables of bridge, announcing the engagement of Miss Rosalie Bullock of Bethel to Chaplain Charles Arthur Francis of Waynesville, N. C., and Camp Edwards, Mass. The home was beautifully decorated carrying out the Christmas motif.

After the guests were greeted by the hostesses, the announcement of the approaching marriage was made by Master Boyce Cox and little Miss Sandra Hunsucker, who entered together dressed as miniature bride and groom. The chrysanthemum bouquet which the small bride carried, was presented to the honoree as a corsage.

High score table prizes were awarded Miss Sallie Lee Brewer and Miss Sarah Brown Braxton. The honoree was presented silver in her chosen pattern.

Refreshments consisted of wedding moulds, iced cakes and salted nuts.

CRANBERRY MEAT LOAF. 2 cups ground cooked ham, 1 lb ground uncooked veal, 2 Nabisco shredded wheat biscuits, rolled fine, 2 eggs, beaten, 3 tbs. chopped parsley, 1 tsp. minced onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1-2 tsp. pepper, 2 cups cranberry sauce.

Combine cooked ham, veal, Nabisco shredded wheat, eggs, parsley, onion, salt and pepper. Add 1-2 cup cranberry juice (from sauce) and mix well. Form mixture into loaf; placed in greased 9x5x3 inch loaf pan and bake in moderately hot oven (375 deg. F.) 1 hour. Pour over remaining sauce during last 30 minutes of baking. Baste with sauce once or twice to glaze top of loaf. Serves 6-8.

Cranberry Sauce. 1-2 cup corn syrup, dark or light, 1-2 cup sugar, 1 cup water, 2 cups fresh cranberries.

Boil corn syrup, sugar and water together 5 minutes. Add cranberries and boil, without stirring, until all the skins pop open—about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and allow the sauce to remain in saucepan until cool. Makes one quart of sauce.

Social Calendar

THURSDAY

8:00 p. m.—The Business and Professional Women's Club will meet at the recreation rooms on West Fourth street.

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.

8:30 p. m.—The Woman's Club will be hosts to the girls at the N. Y. A. center.

SUNDAY

3:00 p. m.—Greenville and Goldsboro civic choruses will present "The Messiah" in Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

Francis Bullock.

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Bullock of Bethel, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosalie, to Chaplain Charles Arthur Francis, United States Army, Camp Edwards, Mass., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Francis of Waynesville, N. C. The wedding will take place during the Christmas holidays.

Ladies of the Round Table Meet.

A most delightful meeting of the Ladies of the Round Table was held at the home of Mrs. J. E. Winslow, with Mrs. Winslow, Mrs. T. A. Person and Mrs. Walter Taylor as hostesses, on Tuesday, December 15.

The home was most artistically decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. The mantels over the fireplaces were particularly beautiful.

A short business meeting was held, after which Mrs. J. E. Nobles read a pamphlet, "I Am An American," followed by a most interesting and informative paper on "Christmas in Latin America." She told how Christmas is observed in the various Latin American countries and how their customs differ from ours.

This was followed by a Christmas story, "Where Love is, God is," by Tolstoy, read by Mrs. F. E. Snider in a most charming manner. Christmas records furnished music during the refreshment and social hour. Most delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, who also presented each one present a gift from the Christmas tree. The Christmas spirit radiated from the hostesses and decorations to each one present.

Mrs. C. W. Shuff of Greenville, and Mrs. Norman Winslow of Washington, N. C., were guests.

Notice To Curb Market Patrons.

Beginning next Saturday morning, December 19th, selling will begin at 8 o'clock on the Curb Market. For fresh meats, cakes for Christmas, eggs, country butter and fresh vegetables, be there at 8 o'clock. The market is open each Tuesday and Saturday morning. Mrs. B. L. Tyson, Mgr.—(Adv.) 17-2t

NEWS OF GREENVILLE HIGH

By CORA REDDITT

Christmas Program

The annual Christmas program sponsored by the senior class, was given today during last period. The program theme was "Christmas is Giving," and a tree decorated with ornaments contributed by seniors, was placed on the stage.

A professional by the glee club and singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" opened the program. Scripture and prayers, with choral response by the glee club; a carol "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" was next in the presentation. The introductory speech was by Shirley Warner, after which Josephine Gibson sang "O Holy Night." Jimmy Warren spoke on the theme of the program, and this was followed by the carol "Joy to the World."

Gifts were then presented, with Charles Pace presenting Willie his basket and Shirley Warner, president of the senior class, presenting the basket to the League. The program ended with the entire student body singing "Silent Night" as they left school for the Christmas holidays.

Aldermen

Again thanks go to the local Board of Aldermen who at the first of this year took the progressive step of prohibiting the sale of fireworks in Greenville this year, for strictly enforcing the law and prosecuting people who order out-of-town fireworks. Thank you, very much, gentlemen.

Greetings! Pardon me if I Axis you To take a look at World War II. Don't know what started the fuss. But it's bound to be a victory for US. So now you know the Bear facts. You won't think I'm Lion or Dragon. If I say Merry Christmas And Happy New Year For each and everyone of you!

The Inter Se Club Meets. The Inter Se Book Club met at the home of Mrs. M. K. Blount Tuesday afternoon. After a short business meeting, Mrs. Sam Underwood presented a most interesting and timely paper on wartime substitutes.

"Yesterday you lived in the age of metal. Today metal is yours only to a point where your need encroaches on that of your country's defense. And so, for the moment, this is the age of substitutes," said Mrs. Underwood. She told us that many of these substitutes may



SPiRiT OF '76—Reviving the Spirit of '76 for wartime America are (left to right) Viola Smith, Lorna Wren and Joanne Parlee of an all-girl orchestra.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR December 17, 1902

If Christmas is no longer what it used to be, do something to make the occasion to someone else what it used to be to you.

The city fathers have kindly permitted you to enjoy the usual fireworks Christmas, barring large cannon crackers. Be good enough not to throw any bombs under any of the Board, or you may have to do your shooting out of the limits next time.

prove superior to the traditional materials. Many have been used without the public realizing the difference, as in the case of plastic tips for shoe strings. However, many substitutes will need to be replaced by others, as some of the ingredients used in making them are now becoming scarce.

Among the interesting facts presented was a new metal molybdenum which will play a leading role in making steel. Also a fiber ersatz is replacing metal for canning foods. Dehydrated foods are being prepared in greater quantities and will cause many changes in the availability and cost of many foods. The United States is now making synthetic precious stones which are needed in navigation instruments and other vital places. Scientists predict that the pipes used for plumbing in the future will be pliable and able to withstand freezing weather. The techniques for producing synthetic rubber are rapidly advancing. So far it has not proven as good as natural rubber for most uses.

In conclusion Mrs. Underwood urged that consumers must learn to make the best use of what we have and the substitute we are given because our privations are few compared to those of people in the warring countries of the world.

During the social hour delicious Christmas refreshments were served in the dining room from a beautifully appointed table.—Reported.

Air Activity . . .

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Air forces in China, Burma and India told in a previous communique of raids by the tenth air force, based in India, upon rail lines at Nam-ti and at Myohang, a junction near Mandalay, in Burma Sunday and Monday.

One group also strafed a large motor launch on the Chindwin river.

Nazis Bomb England.

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Four enemy raiders bombed and machine-gunned a village in southwest England today, causing considerable damage to buildings and seriously injuring one woman.

Russians Crush . . .

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que stated, Soviet tanks pursued and clashed with German tank outfits, destroying nine of the Nazi armored giants, 11 anti-tank guns and 14 trucks.

About 400 Germans were reported slain in the one salient and about a company of the enemy was wiped out in the latter engagement, the war bulletin said.

Big Decrease In Traffic Deaths

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Fifty-nine persons were killed in 52 motor vehicle traffic accidents in North Carolina during November, compared with 145 in November, 1941.

During the first 11 months this year 755 persons were killed in 644 accidents, representing 413 less deaths and a percentage decrease of 35.5 under the same period last year.

British Army . . .

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The splitting of his forces also has spoiled the German propagandists that he was withdrawing un molested, they said, and there is now overwhelming evidence that he is beaten and in full flight.

Producer Convicted

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Planes based in India crossed 10,000 foot mountains Tuesday to bomb a Japanese gun convoy in the Hukawng valley in northern Burma, and to strafe Malinghawn, a Chindwin river village which garrisoned advanced units of the Japanese army near the India frontier.

The five-day program of bombing of Japanese targets from Burma to Indo-China began Saturday night when Japanese concentrations at Tenshug, west of the Salween river near the north Burma-China border, were struck.

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- 7:00—News.
 - 7:05—Yawn Patrol.
 - 7:40—Lost and Found.
 - 7:45—Musical Clock.
 - 8:00—News.
 - 8:15—Treasure Song Parade.
 - 8:30—Morning Meditations.
 - 8:45—Your Morning Pickup.
 - 9:00—News.
 - 9:05—Local News and Anne's.
 - 9:10—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
 - 9:45—Rhythm and Reelies, TN.
 - 10:00—Obituary Column of the Air.
 - 10:05—Women in the News.
 - 10:10—Farmville on the Air.
 - 10:30—The Cheer Up Gang, MBS.
 - 11:00—Headlines of Tomorrow.
 - 11:15—Karl Zomar's Scrapbook, MBS.
 - 11:30—Ayden on the Air.
 - 11:45—The Four Belles.
 - 12:00—Hillbilly Roundup.
 - 12:15—News.
 - 12:25—Tune Time.
 - 12:40—Carolina Farm Features.
 - 12:55—News and Markets.
 - 1:00—Bond Wagon.
 - 1:15—Music Shop, MBS.
 - 1:30—10-2-4 Ranch.
 - 1:45—Broadway Bandwagon.
 - 2:00—Today's War Commentary.
 - 2:05—Robersonville on the Air.
 - 2:15—Baron Elliott's Orch., MBS.
 - 2:30—Dickson's Melody Mustangs.
 - 2:45—Let's Be Neighbors.
 - 3:00—Waltz Time.
 - 3:15—The Story of Madame Dumont.
 - 3:30—George Hinkle With the Accordion.
 - 3:45—Lew White's Organ Melodies.
 - 4:00—News.
 - 4:15—Treasury Star Parade.
 - 4:30—Jungle Jim.
 - 4:45—Sweethearts of the Tobacco Network, TN.
 - 5:00—Swing Session, TN.
 - 5:15—Joe Reichman's Orch.
 - 5:30—Superman, MBS.
 - 5:45—Story Time, TN.
 - 6:00—Nation's Prayer Minute, MBS.
 - 6:01—Sunday Serenade.
 - 6:15—News.
 - 6:20—Musical Interlude.

- 6:30—Sportscast, TN.
- 6:45—Oettinger Views the News, TN.
- 7:00—Ray Noble's Orchestra.
- 7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
- 7:30—At the End of Day.
- 8:00—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
- 8:30—Harry James Orch.
- 8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
- 9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS.
- 9:15—Judy Kayne's Orch., MBS.
- 9:30—Double or Nothing, MBS.
- 10:00—Beau Jack and Tippy Larkin Bout.
- 11:00—News.
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Rogers Named Mileage Boss

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—W. H. Rogers, Jr., assistant commissioner of motor vehicles, was appointed by Gov. Broughton today as state government mileage administrator. The appointment, which carries no salary, was made at the request of the Office of Price Administration, which is seeking to curb non-essential driving by state and county employees.

Soap Companies Pay Big Fines

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Justice Department announced today that it had filed a criminal information charging the nation's three largest manufacturers of soap and soap products with fixing prices in violation of the anti-trust law. The information was filed in the Federal District Court at Newark, N. J., and the three companies and the president of each immediately pleaded not contumacious and were fined \$10,000 each, the department said. The defendants were listed as: Procter and Gamble Company,

and Richard Dupree, president, Cincinnati; Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company, Jersey City, N. J., and E. H. Little, president, Orange, N. J.; and Lever Brothers Company, Cambridge, Mass., and Francis H. Countway, president, Brookline, Mass.

Hotel Fire. Murphy, N. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Cherokee Hotel, opened here a year ago, was destroyed by fire early today. One guest, W. T. Cunnard, an employe of the TVA in Chattanooga, was injured in jumping from a second story window but his injuries were not believed serious. The 20-room hostelry was filled with guests, many of whom lost their clothes and other possessions.

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Roberts Oriental Perfumes . . . Dorothy Gray Facial Aesthetics
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Open Evenings 'Till Christmas

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Jap Plane Fails To Stop Cruiser San Francisco



Thirty-three Japanese planes attacked an American convoy off Guadalcanal November 12, and U. S. fighter planes and anti-aircraft fire brought down 32 of them. Here one of the Jap planes has just side-swiped the U. S. cruiser San Francisco (right), and leaves a big column of smoke (center) where it crashed into the sea. In the left foreground is a U. S. cargo transport. The Jap plane killed 30 of the San Francisco's crew. Two days later, the cruiser met and licked a Jap battleship off Guadalcanal. The San Francisco is now in San Francisco harbor for repairs.

French Fleet At Toulon Before Scuttling



Vessels of the French fleet ride peacefully at docks in Toulon harbor before their French crews scuttled some of them to keep them from falling into the hands of the Germans. The numerals identify classification groups. No. 1, submarines; No. 2, eight-inch cruisers; No. 3, large class of destroyers; No. 4, ordinary destroyers; No. 5, six-inch cruisers; No. 6, the battleship Strasbourg. This is a British official photo taken from the air.

SANTA SKEPTIC

By LUCRECE HUDGINS

THE STORY SO FAR: Michael reaches Santa Land but finds it strangely quiet. He comes upon Mrs. Santa, and then learns that Santa Claus is dying because of rumors Michael had started that there is no such person as Santa.

Chapter Ten Michael Works In The Shops

When Michael heard old Doc Littlejohn tell Mrs. Claus that Santa would die on Christmas day he forgot that the only reason he had made the long journey to Santa Land was to have the witches' Curse removed. Now all he cared about in the world was having Santa get well. He gladly would have endured ten thousand Curses if he could just hear the sound of toys being made in the Santa Land workshops and know that Christmas was coming again.

Suddenly Michael thought, "It might help him get well if he knew the toys were being made in the workshops just as if he were there!" So watching his chance, Michael stole from behind the door and crept out of the house. He ran across the snow covered ground and went into the first shop he came to. There he found all the Christmas elves and fairies sitting around looking gloomy. Not a bit of work was being done!

None seemed surprised to see Michael. In fact, no one paid him any attention at all. For a minute the boy just stood there. "If only I could speak!" he thought. "If only I could tell them how much it might mean to Santa to know that the toys were being finished!" But he couldn't tell them—not in words.

But, without speaking at all, he went straight up to one of the work tables and picked up a little armless doll baby. The arms were there too, covered with cobwebs and be-

gan fitting the arms on the doll.

He picked up a hammer and began banging away with it—making such a racket that all the idle workers looked up in astonishment. When Michael went right on hammering the fairies gathered around and watched him curiously.

"Bang! bang! bang!" went Michael's hammer, slamming away at the poor doll. In truth, Michael had not the slightest idea how to go about putting on a doll's arms but he wanted the fairies to see that at least somebody thought some work ought to be done.

At last Patrick Tweedleknives, the oldest worker in Santa Land, stepped up to Michael's side. "What's the big idea?" he asked. "Nobody works here anymore. There isn't going to be any Christmas. Hadn't you heard?"

Michael went right on hammering, paying no attention to Patrick Tweedleknives. "Anyway," exclaimed Patrick very crossly, "that no way to put a doll's arms on. You're putting the right arm where the left should be and the left where the right should be. And doing a very bad job of it into the bargain!"

And snatching the doll from Michael's hands, Patrick changed the arms about and had them attached to the doll in a twinkling. Then because Patrick, like all Santa Land workers, really loved making toys he kept right on finishing other dolls.

Picking up a can of yellow paint and a brush Michael began painting little wagons. Right away some of the fairies stopped him. "These wagons are supposed to be red," they told him irritably. And they got out some red paint and began doing the job themselves.

Michael started looking at some little cooking stoves but the fairies snatched him away. "You do everything wrong," they said. "We'll finish these stoves ourselves. What can a terrible worker like you be doing here anyhow?"

"It must be because Santa is getting well!" said one fairly suddenly. "That is why the boy is here—trying to finish the toys in time for Christmas!"

"Santa getting well?" cried the other fairies. "Then we'll finish the toys ourselves!"

And suddenly everyone in the shop was hard at work. The word quickly spread to the other shops and very soon Santa Land came alive. There was such a banging and singing and shouting that the clatter could easily be heard a half a mile.

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CASH, at 11:00 a. m., on Saturday, December 19, 1942 at the home of the late Mrs. Sarah Braxton in the Town of Winterville, North Carolina, the following described personal property, to-wit:

- 4 Feather Beds, 2 Bedsteads, 1 Set Bed Springs, 1 Sewing Machine, 1 Center Table, 3 Rocking Chairs, 2 Dressers, 1 Picture and Stand, 1 Hall Rack, 1 Desk, 1 Book Case, 1 Wardrobe, 2 Tables, 2 Bureaus, 1 Wash Stand, 1 Mantel Clock, 1 Kitchen Cabinet, 7 Dining Room Chairs, 1 Dining Room Table, 1 Kitchen Cabinet, 1 Majestic Range, 1 China Closet, 2 Kitchen Tables, 1 Lot Bed Spreads, 3 Scatter Rugs, 1 Large Rug, 1 Trunk and all contents, 1 Lot Kitchen Utensils.

Also nine (9) shares of stock in Free Will Baptist Press. This the 8th day of Dec., 1942. S. A. WHITEHURST, Adm., Estate of Mrs. Sarah Braxton. J. B. James, Atty. Dec. 10-11w-2wk.

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 has been 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 of 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 to the Complaint this day filed in this proceeding in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, State of North Carolina, or 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.

Darlan Declares . . .

(Continued from Page One) French cabinet was to keep within due limits the power Germany had gained over France and to save all that could be saved of the French empire. No Frenchman in the first place, could willingly submit to German rule. In resuming the struggle I tried to prevent France from dying under the German heel.

When the Allied forces landed in North Africa I carried on the orders I had received to keep France's word, which latter had prevented for 28 months Axis forces from coming to French Africa. "I gave the cease fighting order as soon as possible. Being disavowed by Vichy I committed myself to the American military authorities so that I should not cause more French and Allied blood to be shed. Then, when Germany broke the armistice, I considered I could open more act freely.

"The so-much wanted hour having struck, I acted as the man who was eventually, to take Marshal Pétain's place and tried to muster on the Allied Nations' side all Frenchmen still able to resume fighting and march on with them against the Axis.

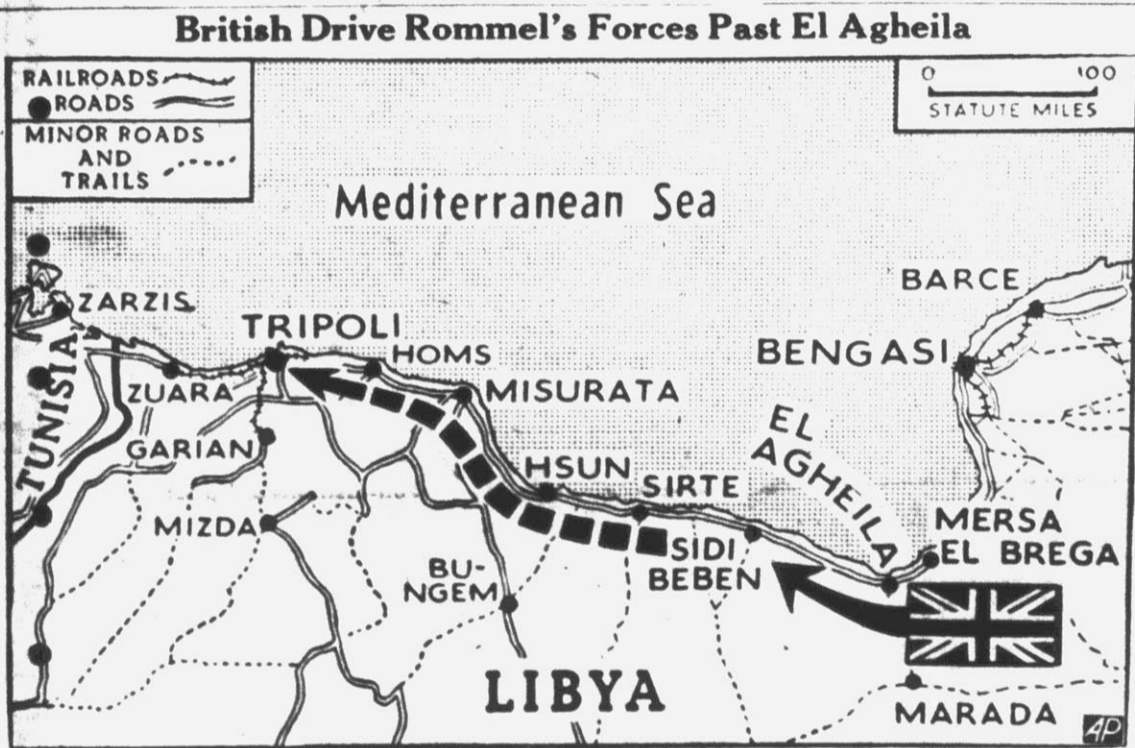
"On Nov. 11 I ordered the fleet in Toulon to cross to Africa so that it should preserve its freedom and power of action where French interests were concerned, but on the evening of Nov. 10 the Marshal had taken over command of all French military forces.

"The commander-in-chief of the fleet did not listen to what I said I reckon that from the minute Hitler's gangs invaded unoccupied France and broke the armistice it was absolutely necessary to give the fleet and air force orders to leave France to come and reinforce our military organizations in Africa."

Darlan left Algiers yesterday morning in a French army Martin bomber for a one-day inspection trip to "the east of Algeria"—presumably Tunisia. British fighters escorted his plane.

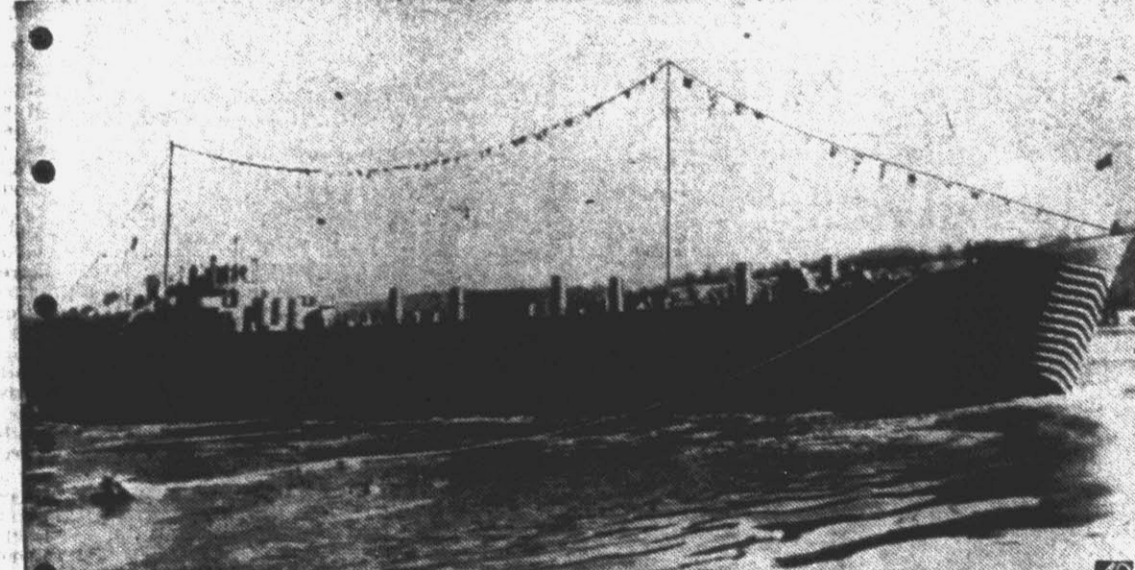
SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned Administrator on the Estate of Mrs. Sarah Braxton, deceased, will offer for sale, for



The British Eighth Army has driven Gen. Rommel's Axis forces out of their positions at Mersa El Brega and is now pursuing them past El Agheila (black arrow), with Tripoli (broken arrow) as the ultimate objective. Some observers said the Axis may try to make a stand at Misurata.

Ocean-Going Tank-Carrying Ship Launched



This ocean-going ship for carrying tanks, the first to be constructed in the middle west, rides in the water at Seneca, Ill., after being launched sideways into the Illinois river at a shipyard there. The ways from which the vessel was launched was just a strip of pasture land less than six months ago.



THE KING OF EGYPT PRESIDES — Wars and tumbling governments do not change the formalities of Egyptian statecraft. King Farouk sits on throne as parliament opens.

Advertisement for Miracle Whip salad dressing. It features a woman's face and a jar of the product. Text includes: "Everybody raves about your salads, Peg. What's the secret? MIRACLE WHIP! Its different flavor always makes a hit. MILLIONS AGREE—Miracle Whip does work wonders with salads! A unique combination of old-fashioned boiled dressing and fine mayonnaise, Miracle Whip is by far America's favorite salad dressing."

Large advertisement for Rose's 5-10-25c Store. It features a glass of wine and a list of Christmas gifts. Text includes: "Shop ROSE'S FOR LAST MINUTE Gifts. A Wide Variety of Practical Glassware Suitable for Christmas Gifts. Moderately Priced! 5c-10c-25c. Gift suggestions for the ladies: Rayon Panties 29c to 39c, Lace Trimmed Slips 69c to \$1.69, Brassieres 29c. Rose's 5-10-25c Store, Greenville's Most Popular Store, 327-329 Evans St. J. W. Glover, Manager. Per Box \$1.00."

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

GETTING WHAT WE DESERVE
Sometimes when everything seems to be going against us, we declare that there is precious little justice in the world. We feel that there is no such thing as disinterested virtue. We point to the inefficiency of many persons in high places and maintain that it is not what a man can do which determines whether he gets the place of preference or not, but whom he knows.

And yet, are we justified in making such statements? How many times have you been unjustly dealt with, compared with the number of times that you have had not only justice but generosity accorded you? How many thoroughly inefficient persons do you know occupying positions of trust today? How much better would things have been for you had all your desires been granted? How often have you failed in accomplishment because of the sordid meanness of others?

Taken all in all, injustice is rare in life, especially in a free country like this America of ours. It may be, in fact it can be said with certainty, that there is an abundance of justice in countries under the domination of dictators, and even in nations where old feudal ideals still obtain. But in this country, because of the nature of our people and the general set of our tradition, people as a rule get what they prepare themselves to receive.

TIMELY WARNING

Mayor B. B. Sugg and Fire Chief George Gardner issued a most timely warning for our people when they urged that they take every precaution against fires during the holiday season. With the present bad weather there is a tendency to force heating plants or stoves in an effort to keep the premises warm and such a practice is dangerous from a fire hazard standpoint. Likewise the holiday season with its decorations offers fire-dangers. The practice of real fire prevention on the part of our citizens during the holiday season will help to keep the holidays free from being marred by fires in this community.

NO SHORT CUT

William M. Jeffers, rubber czar, recently struck hard at "loose and careless" talk about the rubber problem. The rubber problem is not licked; there is a definite rubber shortage; there will be tires for all only if the most stringent measures are applied and received with 100 per cent cooperation on the part of the public. That is the grim truth.

There is no easy short cut to rubber conservation, or to the production of more rubber. "The facts are," Mr. Jeffers said, "that the Japanese cut off 90 per cent of our supplies and that as a result the United States is compressing into two years the building of a tremendous synthetic rubber industry which ordinarily would take a dozen years to build.

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I BELIEVE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING THERE -- BY THE WAY, IS YOUR TRIP NECESSARY? WOULDN'T THE PEOPLE WHERE YOU'RE GOING BE AS WELL OFF IF YOU STAYED HERE? COULDN'T YOU SERVE BETTER BY STAYING WHERE YOU ARE AND WORKING HARDER?



supply of rubber we have in this country is in the million tons in the tires of our passenger cars and trucks. We must stretch that million tons as far as it will possibly go—and maybe a little farther."

FELICITATING A NEIGHBOR

The Free Press extends felicitations and best wishes to The Daily Reflector, which last week entered the 49th year of its publication as a daily in our neighboring city of Greenville.

The Reflector and its predecessors date back 70 years, 48 of which have been as an afternoon daily. The late David J. Whichard, father of the present publisher, was the first editor and publisher of The Daily Reflector. At the time the daily was established, Greenville was nothing more than a village. In those pioneer days it took courage to start and operate a daily newspaper. There were many trials and vicissitudes which had to be overcome and The Reflector, like other of the smaller dailies which have had 40 or 50 years of continuous service, but attests the fortitude of its founder and publisher, in those early days.

The Reflector has kept step with its community. It has grown. It has pioneered in many worthwhile undertakings. It has been a community asset the value of which would be difficult to estimate.

The Free Press congratulates Editor D. J. Whichard, Jr. and wishes him and his paper many more years of useful service to their community and section.

Crossword Puzzle

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WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

(Second of two articles on food at war.)

Washington—The farmers of this country have a real problem and make no mistake about it. For years the government has been hammering away on the most extensive scientific farming education program in history. Nearly two years ago, the Department of Agriculture issued a call for the greatest production of needed crops ever known. These things, this year, combined with practically perfect growing weather, permitted the farmers to come through in spite of handicaps.

If another such growing season followed this one, it would probably be the first time on record. The handicaps have multiplied endlessly. These handicaps can be reduced to three essentials: manpower (farm labor, from the farm owner right down to seasonal and migrant farm workers); farm transportation; and the jolopy that takes produce and eggs to market every few days to the milk trains and truck fleets that carry farm and dairy products to the big distribution and consumption centers; and farm machinery, from the hoe right up to the biggest combines, threshers and tractors.

If any farmer wonders why I haven't included prices, the answer is that prices are bound up in all of these things, plus a good many more. If any one wonders why I haven't included the troubles of the canners and quick freezers in get-

ting labor and essential materials these too, are only multiplications within the three essentials.

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The elimination of waste, prayers for another good growing season, education in changes in diet, victory gardens, instruction in conservation methods—all of these things will help.

Still, the fact remains that if the United States is going to mold its farm products into bullets that can and may actually win this war, the nation must pull its belt up a couple of notches, and Food Czar Wickard and Manpower Chief McNutt will have to see that the farmers get labor, equipment and transportation.

According to the experts, any other wrangles that come out of the situation will be just so much political fluff.

The WAR TODAY

(Continued from page one)

ported, the Eighth Army has performed wonders in the organization of transport.

That Montgomery should be able to move his supplies across hundreds of miles of desert and strike so soon must remain one of the marvels of World War II.

How long Rommel can keep up his delaying tactics is purely a matter of guesswork. Probably he himself has small idea. There is one thing his mines will not halt and that is the merciless bombardment to which he is subjected day and night by the British and American air forces.

There is no escape for the unhappy Axis troops and their transport for whichever way they go those all-seeing warships of the air are after them.

By the way, our American airmen are continuing to do a grand job along with their British colleagues. It is likely that Rommel may hope to make some sort of stand in the great gorges which lie ahead. That probably will depend on whether he can escape the bloody pounding of the Allied air forces which never sleep and never let him sleep.

Nazis Barbarism ...

(Continued from Page One)

ish, Soviet, United Kingdom and Yugoslav governments and the French National (Fighting French) Committee.

Attention recently was called to the German extermination campaign by Rabbi Stephen M. Wise who issued a statement charging that the Germans not only systematically slaughtered Jews but utilized the corpses in the manufacture of soaps, fats and other products.

London, Dec. 17—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden read to the House of Commons today the Allied declaration condemning treatment of Jews in Axis-dominated countries, and Commons stood briefly in silence in a gesture of protest to what one member called "this disgusting barbarism."

There was deep silence in the hall when Baron De Rothschild voiced gratitude that such an announcement had been made by the Allied Nations.

Eden was asked whether the government could explore the possibility of a mass migration of Jews into a neutral country, such as Sweden.

The Foreign Secretary said that he would be happy to do anything he could but that the difficulties of such a step easily could be appreciated.

Dispatches from Moscow said that the Soviet radio at noon broadcast the Allied declaration.

Population of the United States proper is about 400 times as dense as that of Alaska.

Two Girls and a Man

Chapter 21
The Brooch

That afternoon Rita felt better. She came down to the Inn garden in a gold housecoat that called out the red-gold lights in her hair. Clark led her gently to a long reclining chair, tucked her in with glowing cushions.

Gloria moved about arranging a light robe over her feet. She had stayed right with Rita all day, frantically on the alert for some way to stop the growing pains and intimacies between her and Clark. She listened anxiously as Clark gently questioned Rita about the orange juice concentrating plant. Rita told him what little she knew of her father's business.

Vividly, Rita told him of the thousands of European children being fed with the concentrated product which could reach them only because it required so little shipping space.

Gloria said, "You're just like your father, Rita. Much more concerned with the end than the means."

Clark shot Gloria a questioning glance but Gloria's face showed only affectionate warmth. The shadow of a frown crossed his face as he turned back to the lovely, frail Rita, whose whole being seemed radiant now as she spoke of her father's dreams.

He fought against the sudden impression Gloria's words had brought of an idealist, impulsive creature whose emotions might outweigh her judgment—even her honesty. He banished the picture firmly from his mind. His Rita was not that—she was sentimentally moved now by the memories of her father, but she was practical—clear-thinking—a straight shooter. He knew it!

Carlos stormed down to the Inn himself with great hampers of lunch from his own kitchen when he heard of Rita's guests. He didn't intend even the odorous Clark Pasquin to be poisoned by the hotel kitchen. Amid much laughter, Carlos ordered tables set up in the garden and the hotel staff to serve the sumptuous lunch, even while he told them of its excellence, its superiority to that of the food here at the hotel.

But in spite of Carlos' usual spontaneity, there was a strain of tension among the four. Carlos, though friendly toward Clark, was only so because he saw that Rita had made up with him. He was puzzled and disappointed. He watched Rita absently picking at her luncheon and Clark anxiously solicitous, concerned only with her. Why did the blundering imbecile have to drag this dark-eyed Gloria along when he came to see Rita!

Proposal

That last night the four of them dined together at Carmel Inn. Rita was radiant in her simple gown of white silk jersey with Grecian lines accentuated by her gold sandals. And Gloria, ecstatically lovely in a clinging sequin gown that fitted her figure like the scale of a mermaid. Her black hair was parted in the center and drawn back to a low knot on her slender throat, her lips were a glaring streak of red.

Carlos was delighted at the attention they were receiving from the fascinated townpeople. He ordered the cocktails with joyful care and even persuaded himself to eat the hotel food. He loved, he admitted loudly, to be with the most beautiful women in the room.

Gloria kept up an animated chatter with him. Not for one instant did she betray her complete desperation tonight. Her world seemed cracking about her. She had never in her spoiled life been denied what she had desired. She believed that a woman with utter ruthlessness and concentration could always get her man. Where had she failed?

Carlos was saying, "I'd like to fish that paste trinket of yours. I could throw my next picture in the toilet and take a vacation."

Gloria laughed absently. "You're a good judge of jewels, Carlos. This is worth 18,000. I imagine that would purchase one of your literary gems."

Rita reached across the table to touch the exquisitely patterned dia-

ty. Clark reluctantly kept his word of secrecy, but Gloria sensed their exaltation. Her black eyes grew blacker. Aroused instinct told her only a terrific blow could now sever the bonds of Clark's affection for this other girl.

At two o'clock the next morning, Clark was smoking by his bedroom window, too filled with content and happiness to sleep. Hearing voices in the hall, he crossed to open his door. The manager was holding a whispered conference with the room clerk. There had been a robbery in the hotel, he explained to Clark in low-voiced apology.

"Really?" Clark was cheerfully interested. "What was taken?"

"A brooch, belonging to Miss Cunningham. Very valuable."

"I should say it was!" whistled Clark. "Someone must have heard her mention it tonight."

The fat house detective thudded noiselessly down the dim hall toward them. "You can (p) it search, he grinned. "We've ju found the pin." He opened his hand and Gloria's brooch gleamed from it. "It was in another dame room, tucked in between her val able Nylons. That cute gal that been staying here—Ralston... R te Ralston."

"No!" cried the manager. "Yes. And we nabbed her ju now as she was slipping out the door of the hotel."

To Be Continued



GIVING ADVICE—Frances Gifford gives some fridly advice to Chets, the movie-acting chimpanzee, who is trying to get a raise in his movie contract on the grounds that freezing of salaries doesn't affect non-humans.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING OFF

National League's Average For Year Is .249

By JUDSON BAILEY

New York, Dec. 17—(AP)—Batting averages in the National League are shrinking toward the vanishing point, the official figures showed today.

The 1942 records just released by league President Ford Frick disclosed that the combined hitting of all the 265 players who took part in the senior circuit's games last season was .249, a decline of nine points from 1941 and a drop of 23 points in the last three years.

Ernie Lombardi of the Boston Braves, who bagged the batting title for the second time in his career, finished with a .330 mark, 18 points less than the championship pace of Brooklyn's Pete Reiser in 1941.

Similarly, the St. Louis Cardinals, who had the best club average in the league, had to be content with .288, four points less than the Dodgers of the year before.

The continued decline has become such a problem that Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, asked the major leagues at the recent meetings in Chicago to provide for the manufacture of a livelier ball. He didn't get any endorsement of his proposal, but he did get named to a committee along with Commissioner Landis and William Harridge, president of the American League, to determine the specifications for next season's official ball.

American league batting records have not yet been released, but Giles said the combined average in the junior circuit was down 22 points in the last three years.

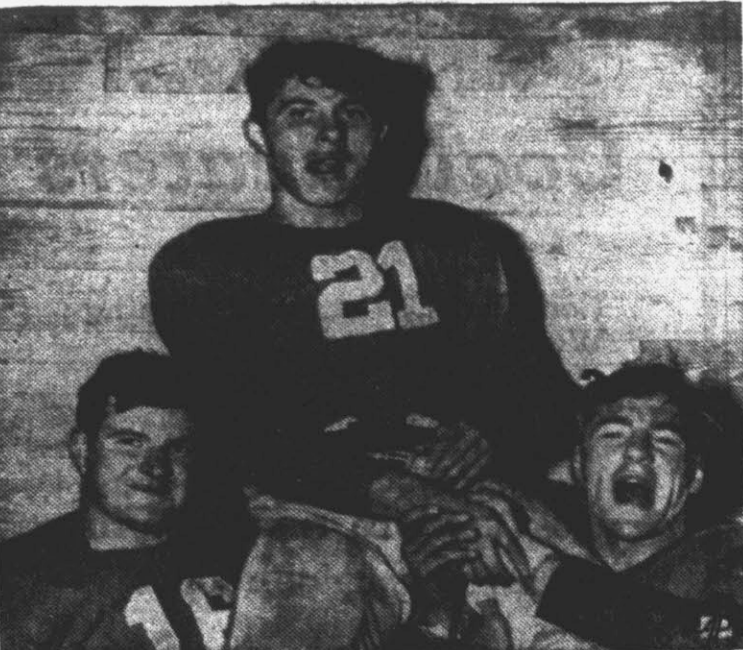
This year only eight of the 78 batters who got into 75 or more games succeeded in batting .300 or better. Besides Lombardi they were Enochs (Country) Slaughter of the Cardinals .318; his rookie teammate

Bowling Champion



Connie Schwesiger of Madison, Wis., holds the trophy he won at Chicago after capturing the title in the All-Star Bowling tournament to become the world's match game champion. He compiled an average of 217 in 72 games and dethroned Ned Day of West Allis, Wis., who had held the championship for four years.

Nation's No. 1 Male Athlete



Frankie Sinkwich, Georgia university All-American has been popularly acclaimed the nation's number one athlete for 1942. Sinkwich is shown above being carried on the shoulders of his team-mates after he helped his team defeat Georgia Tech 34 to 0 and win a bid to represent the east in the New Year's day Rose Bowl game.



CHAMP DEMONSTRATES FOR CHINESE — Willie Hoppe, many times world's billiard champion, demonstrates his skill with a cue stick to Chinese air cadets at Phoenix, Ariz. The Chinese boys are undergoing primary flight training at Thunderbird field.

Stan Musial .315; Reiser .310; John Mize, New York, .305; and Stan Hack, Chicago, Joe Medwick, Brooklyn, and Lou Novikoff, Chicago, each .300. In addition Harry Walker of the Cardinals, who appeared in 74 games and was bracketed by the league with secondary players, hit .314.

Lombardi was given official recognition as the batting champion even though he went to bat only 306 times in 103 games. The big catcher batted 342 for 489 times at bat in 129 games to win the title and the league's most valuable player award in 1938 when he was with the Cincinnati Reds.

Mel Ott, player-manager of the New York Giants, led in home runs 30 and scored the most runs, 118. It was his ninth year of scoring more than 100 runs, his eighth collection of 30 or more homers and his sixth year leading in home runs.

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR. Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 17—(AP)—In keeping with that recently-revived idea of splitting the major baseball leagues into eastern and western groups, this corner offers a simple (and no cracks, now) solution to the manpower shortage in sports. ... It's merely to use fewer players on a side. ... Before you start giggling, remember that football started out with 25 men on a side, eventually was reduced to 11 and they say this six-man football played by schools that can't muster full teams isn't bad at all. Hockey used to be a seven-man game and old-timers say it was improved by elimination of the "rover". ... Basketball tried seven, eight and nine-man teams before settling on five and a few years ago lacrosse teams were whittled from 12 to 10 men. ... Of course, there might be a question as to how many fans would shell out \$3.30 to see six-man football or a buck for baseball without shortstops, but, heck, ain't this wartime?

Observation Post
The day before he fought Tami Mauriello, Lou Nova was promoted to First Lieutenant in the California State Guard "on the firm conviction that you will win". ... It didn't take Tami long to reduce him to rank.

One-Minute Sports Page
If Tippy Larkin beats Beau Jack for the lightweight "title" Friday, John J. Hall, New Jersey Boxing Commissioner, plans to send cards to fighters all over the country saying: "Do you want to be a champion? New Jersey is the place for you." Before he went into the army, Ken Fairman, Princeton's ex-graduate manager who has insisted on being a tank commander instead of a football player, told George Little of Rutgers, "We started all this; we ought to try to keep it go-

ing." ... In case you don't remember, Princeton vs. Rutgers in 1889 was the first intercollegiate grid game. ... Because of travel restrictions, the dough collected to send the Tulsa U. band to the Sugar Bowl will be invested in War Bonds to buy new uniforms after the war.

Today's Guest Star
Irv Kupcinet, Chicago Times: "Branch Rickey is the most artful dodger of all the Dodger and his statement to the Montreal Press in releasing Clyde Sukeforth sounded like Cicero's evasion of reason, with plenty of evasion and little reason."

Service Department
Sir Harold Alexander, British Commander in the Middle East, was a good enough miler to win the Irish championship just before World War I. Seaman Tom Drake, former Brooklyn and Cleveland pitcher, won't have to dream about his white Christmas this year. He recently was transferred from the Norfolk Naval Training station to Kodiak, Alaska. ... There'll be a lot of basketball scores to settle when the Corpus Christi Naval Air station plays Texas U. Saturday. Lieut. Jack Gray, the fliers coach, piloted the longhorns for six years and will oppose his old tutor, Clyde Littlefield; the Navy team includes Bob Kenney of Rice, Billy Dewell of Southern Methodist and John Dick, who helped Oregon beat Texas in 1939.

Softening Of . . .

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tailment of gasoline sales. Brown has made no secret of the fact that he believed some of the rationing orders were too harsh that more could be accomplished through voluntary agreements than through compulsion.

Henderson has been the object of much criticism in congress and there have been open threats to trim appropriations to a point where it might be impossible for the Office of Price Administration to carry on all of the activities it has undertaken in connection with the original price control act and the subsequent measure providing broad authority over prices, wages and salaries.

As a former member of both the house and senate, a personally well-liked member of congress, Brown would be expected to obtain needed appropriations with far less trouble than Henderson.

Three Below In Boston
Boston, Dec. 17—(AP)—As the coldest weather here in nearly eight years—three degrees below zero—cut into New England's waning stocks of fuel oil today, Mayor Maurice J. Tobin proceeded with a plan to utilize school houses as shelters if fuel supplies in homes became exhausted.



CONSIGNED TO THE AXIS—A long line of bombs, loaded on "trolleys," roll across the Egyptian sands so be placed in British Wellington bombers before a raid on Axis positions. This is a familiar scene at British airfields.

Lumber and Millwork

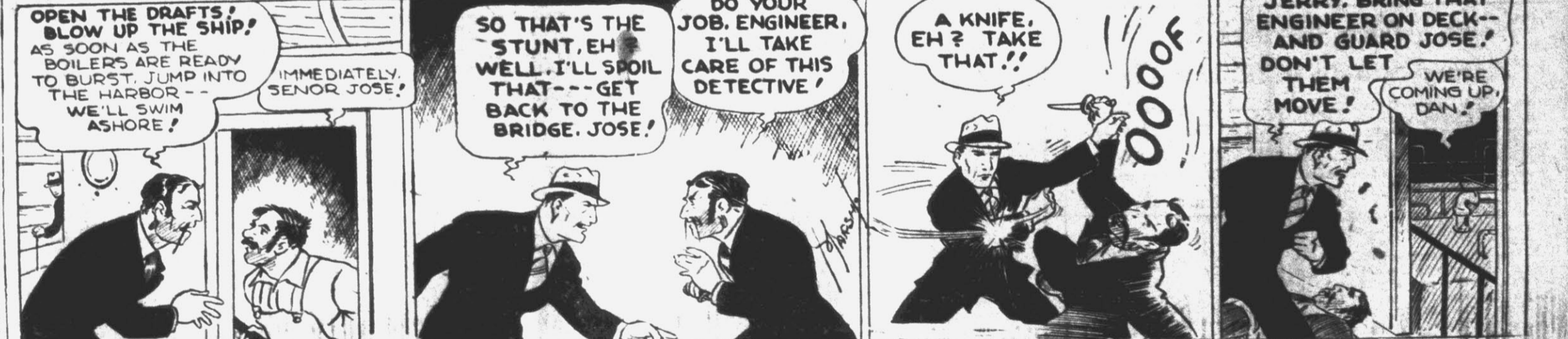


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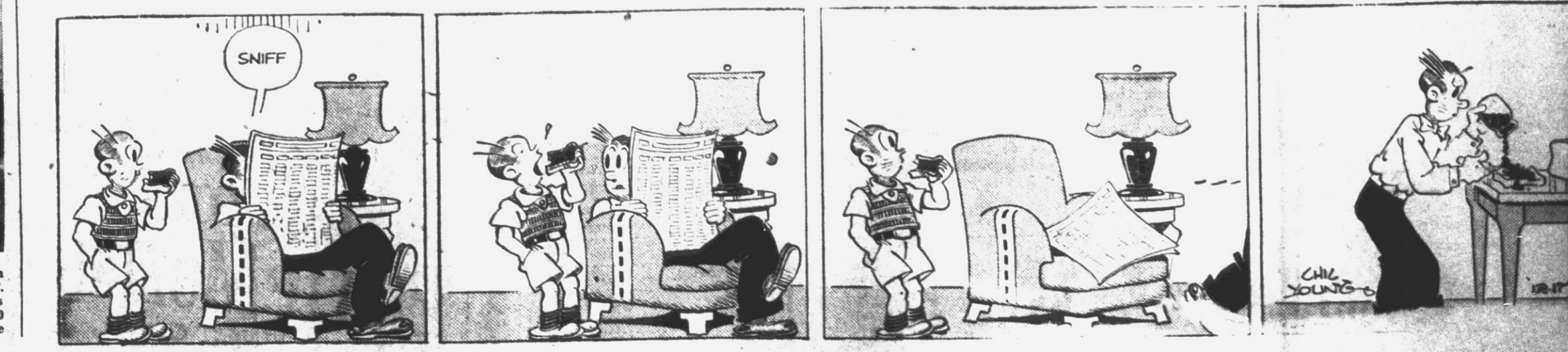
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Services To . . .

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principal source of men college students" in the colleges' normal way of functioning.
Contracts for the training program, the statement said, will be entered with colleges and universities not yet selected.
It was emphasized, however, that existing agreements with educational institutions for training programs will not be affected. Regulations for selection of the institutions will be drafted by the chairman of the War Manpower Commission, Paul V. McNutt.
All the men assigned to the college training courses will be uniformed and will receive the pay and be under the military discipline of the regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard.

New York Paper Strike Is Ended

New York, Dec. 17—(AP)—Newspaper readers in the New York Metropolitan area caught up on current events today as deliverymen returned to work after a three-day strike.
The presses of 10 morning and afternoon dailies, on a sharply curtailed output since the walkout which began Sunday night, roared full blast to supply newsstands and delivery routes.
The Herald Tribune devoted most of one page to a review of the principal events of the last three days for the benefit of its news-hungry readers. Commuter and subway trains blossomed again with their normal paper-reading riders.

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Bostonians Look Skeptically At Horse Meat For Sale



Despite the sign saying, "Try It," these Boston people seem to be eyeing the horse meat display above skeptically. Government-inspected horse meat for public consumption and selling for 25 cents a pound at an open-air meat counter in the Boston market district Saturday was the center of attraction as busy shoppers did their week-end buying—so the skepticism is only apparent. Over 800 pounds of the horse-meat were sold up to noon Saturday.

Allied Air Power Blasts Axis In Africa



Axis positions in Africa (circles) are being subjected to constant air bombing by the Allies as Marshal Rommel's army continues its retreat deeper into Libya (Swastika arrow). The British were reported to have advanced 40 miles west of El Agheila (British arrow) with only land mines hindering their advance. Rains and muddy roads slowed ground operations in the Tunis-Bizerte area (top arrow). Near Lampedusa island (1) two more German planes were shot down.

Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Except for frequent rallies of fractions to almost a cent, the grain market today showed little response to new buying although prices had much more stability than yesterday. Wheat closed 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher compared with yesterday, December \$1.33 1/2, May \$1.34 1/2, corn 1/2-3/4 higher, December 88, May 91 1/2, oats 1/2 up and rye 1/4 off to 1/2 higher. Soybean futures were 1 1/4-3 cents higher on bid and asked quotations.

Hog Market

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—(NCDA) Hogs 20 cents higher with tops of 13.65 at Richmond and 13.45 at Rocky Mount.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The stock market today gave its best recovery performance in months with leaders advancing 1 to around 4 points, many to new tops for the year, and dealings the liveliest since last December. Transfers for the full proceedings were in the neighborhood of 1,300,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Al Chem and Dye	140
Allis Chal Mfg	26 1/2
Am Car Pdy	26 1/2
Am Oil Mill	10 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	38 1/4
Am Tob B	43
Anaconda	25 1/2
A C L	27
All Ref	19 1/2
Aviat Corp	56
Beth Stl	56
Boeing Airpl	15 1/2
Borden	22 1/4
Budd Mfg	3 1/2
Cannon Mills	36
Case J I	73 1/2
Caterpil Trac	40
Ches and O	33 1/2
Coca Cola	85
Consol Edis	15 1/2
Corn Prod	55
Curtiss Wright	6 1/2
Doug Airc	58 1/2
Dow Chem	131 1/2
Dupont	135 1/2
Eastman Kod	150
Gen Elec	29 1/2
Gen Foods	34 1/2
Gen Mot	43 1/2
Goodyear	24 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	7 1/2
Johns Man	72 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	62 1/2
Loews	45 1/2
Lorillard	16 1/2
Louis and Nash	33 1/2
Mont Ward	33 1/2
Nash Kely	6 1/2
Nat Biscuit	15 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	19 1/2
Nat Dairy Prod	14 1/2
NY Cent	10 1/2
No Am Aviat	10
Ohio Oil	11 1/2
Ohio Elev	11 1/2
Packard	2 1/2
Param Pix	16 1/2
Penny J C	81
Penn Dix	1 1/2
Penn RR	23 1/2
Pepsi Cola	27 1/2
Phillips Pet	44 1/2
Pullman	27 1/2

State Guardsmen Guests At Supper

Judge J. W. H. Roberts of Municipal Recorder's Court, and John W. Bunch were speakers at a fellowship supper for the Greenville company of the North Carolina State Guard at Respass' barbecue place on the Bethel highway, last night. Capt. Jasper L. Jones, commanding officer, was toastmaster. Lieutenants W. H. Woodard, Jr., and Howard Sumrell spoke briefly.

Small RAF Force Attacks Germany

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Despite bad weather a small force of RAF bombers attacked targets in north-west Germany last night, the Air Ministry announced today. Mines also were laid in enemy waters, the announcement said. One British aircraft was reported lost and one German Messerschmitt shot down during these operations. It was the first attack on Germany since the night of Dec. 6, when targets in southwest Germany were bombed.

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—(NCDA) Eg gaud poultry markets steady. Raleigh—U. S. extra large (clean white) 47; colored hens 23 to 25. Washington—U. S. extra large 50 to 53; colored fowls 23 to 25.

ASK ACTION ON LOAN SHARKS

Committee Appointed By Governor Makes Report

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—An investigation of small loan practices in North Carolina disclosed that many borrowers were paying interest at the yearly rate of between 200 and 400 per cent, a commission headed by Shelley B. Caviness of Greensboro reported to Governor Broughton today.

In its report, the commission charged that small loan companies frequently are guilty of misrepresentation in their advertising and said that Dr. William Hays Simpson, a member of the commission had interviewed 1,181 borrowers in seven cities and found that more than 80 per cent paid a per annum rate of interest of between 200 and 400 per cent.

Reputable loan agencies could not for various reasons, meet the demands of borrowers of small sums the report said, and "it is not surprising that thousands applied for loans during the past year to small loan or finance companies, commonly called 'loan sharks'."

The legal rate of interest in North Carolina is six per cent, but the report said many companies specializing in the small loan business evade this law in various manners which include:

The brokerage plan, described as the most popular, whereby two offices are established, one the broker and the other the lender. When a loan is made through the lending office, the broker collects a commission as the payments come in.

The levy of investigation or booking fees. Taking and selling mortgages. The mortgages are made out to a friend of the borrower and sold to the loan company for 30 or 40 per cent of their face value. Then the borrower pays off the face value in weekly instalments.

And charging fees for late payments. Many companies, the report said do not comply with the revenue law which fixes a state license tax of \$750 and permits a county or municipal tax up to \$100; and some do not give borrowers a written statement showing the amount of the loan, the interest rate and maturity date. Few borrowers know the report pointed out, that when the lender fails to give this statement the loan is non-collectable.

The commission also recommended that the legislature take under consideration what it deemed the "unscrupulous practices" of a number of merchants in the sale of their merchandise. It said it received numerous complaints of the "unscrupulous practices" of certain clothing merchants, jewelers, furniture dealers, general merchants and others.

Hoover Urges No Armistice

Chicago, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Advocating "no armistice, no general peace conference such as Versailles," Herbert Hoover proposes the peace-making at the end of the war should be divided into two stages—"a preliminary declared peace, to be followed by a cooling off and deliberate period for the major questions."

The former president, who outlined his two-step post-war peace plan in a broadcast address last night before the Executive Club, said the first of these stages should be "an instant conditional peace that will turn the world toward political, economic and spiritual recovery without the delays of the last time."

In the second step, he proposed that "the world should take time to cool off and work out one by one and separately the solutions for lasting peace."

Hoover suggested that to accomplish the purpose of the proposal, the United Nations should agree in advance to terms of a conditional peace and a subsequent program, and also should impose and enforce the conditional peace.

More Meat. Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Nation-wide meat shortages will be relieved by an order the OPA is expected soon to issue allowing packers to begin slaughtering on their 1943 quotas December 18 instead of waiting until January 1. Rep. Ward Johnson (R-Calif.) said today.

Mussolini Said To Have Cancer

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini of Italy has cancer of the stomach in an advanced stage, an unofficial but usually reliable London source with good connections on the continent said today.

The diagnosis was said to have been made by Adolf Hitler's own specialists, who went to Italy on orders of the Fuehrer after persistent rumors that Mussolini was ill. The informant, who insisted on anonymity, said that II Duce's stomach ailment manifested itself about four years ago.

Alert On West Coast. San Francisco, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Western Defense Command announced today that a yellow alert was called in the Los Angeles area at 5:25 a. m. (8:25 a. m. EDT) today and the all-clear was given at 6:42 a. m.

The army said merely that an "unidentified target later was identified as friendly." There was no blackout.

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	Open	Close	Prv. Cl.
Jan.	—	18.90	18.87
Mch.	18.86	18.90	18.85
May	18.57	18.77	18.70
July	18.57	18.63	18.56
Oct.	18.49	18.60	18.48
Dec.	18.52	18.58	—

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Hog Market

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—(NCDA) Hogs 20 cents higher with tops of 13.65 at Richmond and 13.45 at Rocky Mount.

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