

Russian Offensive Still Rolling Forward Despite Nazi Counter-Attacks

Nazi Stage Air Assault To Relieve Hard-Pressed Forces In Stalingrad Sector; Reds Repulse Nazi Attacks And Make New Gains On Central Front; German Losses Heavy

By EDDY GILMORE Moscow, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Major air battles were fought on the Stalingrad front today as the German air force sought to relieve the hard-pressed Nazi army between the Don and Volga rivers with mass bombings, while all along the battle line German troops were reported counter-attacking bitterly.

Near Velikie Luki on the central front, only 90 miles from the old Latvian frontier, the Russians reported they had captured a strategic height from which new operations could be launched.

Red Star, the army newspaper, declared that scouting operations against a "large enemy stronghold" on the central front revealed that the Germans were forcing civilians to work on new fortifications under muzzles of submachineguns.

The German aerial blows failed to dislodge Red army men from their positions, and their ground activity resulted in heavy losses to the Axis legions, the Russians claimed.

Infantry and tanks were massed in the struggle southwest of Stalingrad, near Kotelnikovski, with the Germans offering some of the heaviest fighting of the campaign.

"In the Rzhev-Vyazma area, the Germans are striving to stem the advance of our units and are constantly launching counterattacks by infantry and tanks," it was the bulletin reported.

"During the day in this sector our troops repulsed several counter-attacks and caused heavy losses to the enemy."

"Two enemy planes were brought down by anti-aircraft fire and seven German planes were brought down in air fighting."

The bulletin said that in one sector of the battle near Kotelnikovski, "our troops repulsed attacks by enemy tanks and infantry. After fierce fighting in one sector the enemy suffered heavy losses and was forced to retreat leaving many dead on the battlefield and losing 17 guns, 63 trucks, and 14 machine-guns destroyed."

Dispatches from the front said that the German high command continued to pour transport planes into the Stalingrad area. Eight of (Continued on Page Six)

GASOLINE TO END MONDAY

New Plan Expected To Be Announced Tomorrow

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Eastern Seaboard's gasoline tap, ordered closed to an emergency trickle, appears likely to be turned on again Monday but with prospect that the flow of motor fuel will be thinner than the old rationing volume.

The office of price administration which shut off gasoline purchases at noon yesterday to the average motorist in 17 eastern states and the district of Columbia, sought to work out today what Price Administrator Leon Henderson termed a "thoroughly integrated plan" to replace the drastic suspension.

"And we hope," said Henderson last night, "to be able to announce it by Sunday and put it into effect Monday morning."

OPA officials indicated the new plan at first will eliminate some of the inequities resulting from the temporary order. But in view of Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes' announcement that gasoline distribution in the east will be cut nearly 20 per cent during the rest of December and about 25 per cent next month, it was expected that forthcoming rationing restrictions will be more severe than before.

Meantime, speculation on what the new program will provide ranged from reduction of unit values of the "A," "B" and "C" rations to elimination entirely of the "A" coupons which are worth three gallons apiece in 16 of the eastern states and four in West Virginia. The value of "B" and "C" coupons, issued for essential driving, is four gallons.

There was no official indication, however, what the new rationing regulations will be.

While all non-commercial vehicles in the area continued eligible for normal supplies, the motorists with "A," "B" and "C" books were instructed they may buy only one coupon's worth of gasoline for emergency trips.

Confusion over the term "emergency" and protests that war workers might be unable to reach their jobs brought instructions from Henderson that fuel may be supplied "workers in war plants where their transportation to and from work depends on their getting gasoline."

A supplementary order forbade motorists in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia from purchasing any gasoline—no matter what the emergency unless his tank contained less than three gallons.

This restriction, some officials said, might be applied to the remaining eastern shortage area comprising Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Virginia, Florida and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and West Virginia.

Adopt Program For Legislature Raleigh, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A legislative program including the ninth month with reservations, and a 15 per cent increase in teachers' salaries has four state-wide education associations.

Toulon Harbor After French Scuttled Fleet



This was the scene (left), as photographed from a British Royal Air Force plane, the day after most of the French fleet was scuttled by French crews in Toulon harbor. Although smoke from two burning eight-inch gun cruisers obscures the scene, the grounded battle cruiser Strasbourg can be seen in bottom left hand corner. At the right, scuttled and damaged units of the fleet can be seen through the smoke of the burning cruisers. These official British pictures were radioed from London.

JAPS PUTTING UP HARD FIGHT

Offering Stiff Resistance At Buna Mission

Allied Headquarters in Australia, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Ground fighting for control of the Buna government station and its nearby plane landing strip approached a new pitch of intensity today as cornered Japanese troops continued to offer fierce resistance in their attempts to hold this sliver of the New Guinea coast.

The bodies of 96 Japanese dead were counted by American and Australian troops trying to extend their control of the Buna village area yesterday.

Heavy artillery, machine gun and mortar fire were exchanged in the struggle.

An Allied communique in terse report of the action, said that "our air force is acting in support of our ground troops."

Japanese air activity was noted, too, in a statement that enemy bombers had attacked positions in the allied rear and had raided Port Moresby, but the attacks were declared to have been without effect.

The raid was the 95th on the allied base, situated across the Coral Sea from Australia. Dispatches from the front said the lone raider was a Japanese flying boat.

General Douglas MacArthur's planes swept northward again to strafe barges and troops which had survived the allied aerial smash at Japanese landing operations Dec. 14 in the Kumusi-Mambare rivers area some 44 miles north of Buna.

British Troops Invade Jap-Occupied Burma

Japs Withdraw Without Offering Opposition As British Advance 40 Miles

New Delhi, Dec. 19.—(AP)—British troops have crossed the Indian border and advanced some 40 miles into Japanese-occupied Burma to the Maungdaw-Buthidaung area about 60 miles northwest of Akyab on the Bay of Bengal, the British announced today.

The British thrust obviously was aimed at Akyab, an important Burma port which was occupied by the Japanese May 8, winding up to all practical purposes the campaign in Burma.

For the second day in succession the RAF yesterday attacked the Japanese-occupied village of Rathedaung, about half-way between Maungdaw and Akyab. Heavy damage was inflicted on the village and fires were left burning.

Fighter planes swept down the Mayu river, searching out Japanese concentrations. The Mayu flows into the Bay of Bengal a few miles north of Akyab.

Akyab was hit by bombers last night, but the results of the raid were not announced.

Brig Gen Clayton L. Bissell, commander of the United States air forces in China, Burma and India disclosed only yesterday that the United States tenth Air Force based in India had gone out on as many as 14 raiding operations in one day during the past week with the loss of a single plane by enemy action.

Akyab is only 300 air miles from Calcutta, India, and in Japanese hands it always would be a potential threat as a base for a Japanese attack on India.

SAYS ECONOMY IS ESSENTIAL

Leader Says Government Should Cut Out Frills

By ELEX SINGLETON Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A plea for wartime abandonment of "all further social and economic experiments and new ventures" came today from a leader of the southern Democratic bloc in Congress.

Expressing hope that efforts "for a sane national fiscal policy may be about to bear fruit," Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.) declared that the nation's first objective must be financing and winning the war.

"The American people," he said in an interview "are willing to be taxed for whatever it takes to train, equip and maintain our fighting forces. But they have a right to demand that all non-war activities be curtailed and expenditures for the same cut to the bone."

"I believe the incoming Congress will take note of this public demand," he added.

Woodrum's remarks followed a announcement by chairman Cannon (D-Mo.) that a special House appropriations sub-committee is working on a plan to give Congress an independent system for checking up on government expenditures.

"Up to the present time," Woodrum said, "the committees of Congress have had to rely almost solely upon the estimates furnished by departments as to their fiscal and personal needs."

Woodrum, a member of the sub-committee, added that "in the past year or 18 months we realized, of course, the difficulty of making accurate estimates for the various activities connected with the war, but the time has now certainly come when we should use the magnifying glass and the fine tooth comb and that is what is going to be done."

Allied Squeeze On Axis In North African Area Is Closing Ever Tighter

Kiska And Muna

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Army heavy bombers splattered Japan's base on Kiska island in the Aleutians with explosives on December 17, the Navy announced today, causing heavy explosions and starting fires.

Navy communique No. 225 said: "North Pacific
"1. On December 17 a force of army 'Liberator' heavy bombers (consolidated B-24) attacked Japanese short installations on the island of Kiska. Heavy explosions and fires were observed."

"South Pacific (all dates are East Longitude).
"2. On December 18 army 'flying fortresses' (B-17) with fighter escort, carried out two bombing attacks against enemy installations in the Mandan area of New Georgia Island. Results were not reported."

Montgomery's British Eighth Army In Pursuit Of Rommel Has Reached Point 19 Miles From Sirte; Allied Planes Hammer Bizerte And Tunis and Axis Shipping

By The Associated Press London, Dec. 19.—The British chase of Nazi Marshal Rommel's retreating army rolled swiftly westward today and the Morocco radio reported that vanguards of the pursuers were within 19 miles of Sirte, 155 miles beyond El Aghella, starting point of the current drive, and only 240 miles from Tripoli.

The British communique said only that Axis forces continued their flight yesterday on the road to Tripoli under day-long ground and air blows.

The only gauge of the speed of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's force was that the enemy had abandoned Zaita El Nofila, 100 miles astride west of El Aghella, and that Allied air forces had moved onto an advanced base in the Sultan area more than 30 miles further west.

The Morocco broadcast said advance units of the Eighth Army had been in heavy fighting with Rommel's rear guard 55 miles west of Zaita El Nofila on Thursday.

Across the enemy's narrowing foothold in North Africa, the increasing fury of the Allied air attack on Axis strongholds in Tunisia and widespread panic among Axis troops that ally forces were closing in on Tunis and Bizerte may be near.

The Italian communique, still reporting the Fascist retreat only by implication, said that "the enemy who had been extended in fighting during which he lost a further 21 tanks, did not exert great pressure against Axis troops yesterday" and they "still carried out their pre-arranged moves."

This suggested that Rommel was keeping ahead of the British, putting off only feeble rearguards and still avoiding battle as far as possible. The British communique made no further report on the cutting of Axis forces between the Wadi Matruh gulch and Marble Arch, now far behind the westward moving front.

Previous reports had indicated, however, that the fighting there was ended with a considerable part of perhaps 10,000 enemy troops and many heavy weapons wiped out and the rest having slipped free again.

Although the Italian communique acknowledged a severe Allied air battering of Sousse, Axis-held supply port in eastern Tunisia, the only aerial counter blow mentioned was a bombardment of Allied troops in the Medjes-El-Bab sector.

The British communique reported heavy Allied attacks against Thursday.

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Lieut. Jack Powell Wounded In Battle

Mrs. Jack Powell of New Bern has received word that her husband Lieut. Jack Powell of the United States army, was seriously wounded in action with the enemy somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

Lieutenant Powell and Mrs. Powell formerly resided in Greenville. He was connected with the Carolina Dairy.

The fire department was called to Cox's Floral Shop on Fifth street opposite the Garris Grocery Company about 8 a. m. today when an overheated motor caused considerable smoke. The department responded to an alarm from the Person-Garrett Tobacco Company yesterday when the sprinkler system got out of order. They responded to a false alarm late last night.

Marine Injured In Jump From Window

Private Clair W. Miller, 20, stationed at the U. S. Marine Base at Cherry Point, jumped from a second story window at the Greenville hotel last night. He suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. He was taken to Pitt General hospital. A surgeon there stated that Miller's condition is serious.

The Marine and a buddy, Private O. S. Dudley of the Marine Base at Cherry Point, jumped from the second story window at the Greenville hotel last night. He suffered a fractured skull and other injuries. He was taken to Pitt General hospital. A surgeon there stated that Miller's condition is serious.

Miller, unconscious at the hospital until shortly before noon, improved sufficiently to return to the Greenville Hotel. He will be taken to the Marine Hospital at Cherry Point today.

Bullock To Present "Messiah" Sunday

The Greenville and Goldsboro Civic Chorus will present Handel's famous oratorio, "The Messiah," at Jarvis Memorial Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Lewis Sidney Bullock, the North Carolina Symphonic Choir will be the director. Miss Virginia Bell Cooper of Ayden and Mrs. H. C. Selby of Goldsboro will be accompanists. The public is invited.

Sergeant Robert Mobley of Seymour Johnson Air Base, Goldsboro will sing several bass solos. Other soloists will be Miss Margaret Smoot of Goldsboro, soprano; Mrs. Margaret Bullock of Greenville contralto, and Aubrey Tilley of Greenville, tenor.

Sergeant Mobley, the guest soloist, was formerly secretary to Upton Close, internationally known author and radio commentator, and for Alex Templeton, the famous blind pianist.

The Greenville and Goldsboro choruses will also present "The Messiah" at the First Baptist church in Goldsboro Sunday night at 7:30 and at 9:30 they will repeat the oratorio for the soldiers at Seymour Johnson Air Base in Goldsboro.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE Wide-World News Analyst

Cairo, Dec. 18.—(Delayed)—The outbreak of the Axis army stand and fight. That is exactly what he wanted and the annihilation of any part of these forces by death or capture would render any later defense by Rommel just so much more difficult.

The British Commander again performed a hat trick, for this outflanking movement was no ordinary affair but as difficult as one could imagine.

Norwegians Rendering Much Aid To The Allies

By ERNEST AGNEW London, Dec. 19.—(AP)—They have few guns and little food but more than 2,000,000 Norwegians are carrying on uninterrupted war against the Germans on one of the most active second fronts in Europe.

With the slogan "work slowly and work badly" for the Germans, and with sabotage of power stations, food warehouses and fortifications, which the Nazis are constructing along 3,999 miles of coastline, the Norwegians are preparing for the invasion of the continent which Allied military sources have said for two years may be made through Norway.

Their fight has been so effective that the Germans have increased the size of their occupying army to 200,000 troops and twice have ordered a state of emergency in the Oslo and Trondheim areas. More than 1,000 Norwegians have been executed on charges of espionage for the allies, communicating to Britain through illegal short wave radio sets, sabotage and sniping against Germans.

English Towns Raided

London, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Four German air raiders attacked two towns in the southeast coastal area of England today and one was shot down into the sea.

The Norwegian navy of more than 60 units including nine destroyers, an undisclosed number of submarines, four gunboats, sloops or corvettes, 36 minesweepers and small vessels and ten smaller fighting ships. The personnel includes more than 6,000 officers and men.

A relatively small army which has been both its headquarters and principal base in Scotland where the soldiers receive advanced commando training. Norwegians have been one of the largest commando units serving with the RAF, another in Iceland and hundreds of fliers in training at a base near Toronto, Canada.

What's Matter With Stock Market?

Review of Volume, Prices and Dividends

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 19.—In the year that has passed since Pearl Harbor we have seen the lowest volume of stock market trading since 1914. It amounted to only 108,863,000 shares. This is 22 per cent under the corresponding period of a year ago. During the past year rail averages went up about 0.32 while industrials were down approximately 7.89. And this during a period when London, Berlin and Amsterdam markets moved consistently upward under a heavy volume of buying.

Some Explanations
It, therefore, may not be possible to obtain many good stocks during the coming twelve months at prices which have prevailed during the past twelve months. A preponderance of bad news, government financing, tax uncertainties, the normal stocks and mental stagnation of war have all had their effects on the stock market. Even though the belief has been current, that in view of inflation, equities are better to hold than cash, there has been but little buying for hedging. Lack of ready cash by well-to-do investors has also helped to slow down market activity. Except in a real stock market boom, such as in 1928 and 1929, the public has never participated much in the purchase of listed securities. Usually this group get in during the last few months of a sustained rise. They contribute a little except "small change" to rising volume and price. Wealthy individuals, estates, insurance companies and institutions—formerly heavy buyers of securities—are now obliged to use their available funds for income taxes and the purchase of government bonds. Hence, these groups are no longer an important factor in the (Continued on Page Five)

Don't Miss It

A new up to the minute serial story "Pacific Patrol" written by Eleanor Atterbury begins in today's issue of this paper. Don't miss a single chapter of this thrill-packed story. The first installment appears on page five today.

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Social and Personal

Social Calendar

SUNDAY

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

8:00 p. m.—Christmas play in High School Auditorium.

Engagement Announced. Mrs. Waitstill Morehead Seales announces the engagement of her daughter, Emmy Lou.

George Willis Doughty, Chief Specialist, United States Naval Reserve.

The marriage will take place in January.

Willoughby-Carraway. The following invitation has been issued.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Lena Lillian Carraway.

Mr. Louis Skinner Willoughby, Wednesday, December twenty-third at eight o'clock in the evening, Christian Church, Bellairthur, North Carolina.

Music Recital.

The music pupils of Mrs. W. O. Freeland gave their Christmas music recital on Tuesday night at the Sheppard Memorial Library. Those taking part in the recital were: Peggy Forrest, Ray Evans, Dorothy Tucker, Jo Ann Timberlake, Janice Lewis, Evelyn Smith, Peggy Joyce Barrow, Lois Tucker, Marvin Simmons, Rachel Lang, Virgie Ann Stoneham, Betty Morton, Frances Owens, Mary Ann Keel, Janice Owens, Margaret Ann Johnson, Barbara Gardner, Frances Tucker.

Chorus To Meet.

Miss Ona Shinder has called a meeting of the high school chorus for Sunday afternoon at 1:45 at the high school auditorium for rehearsal for the pageant tomorrow night.

Attention, Girls.

There is an excellent opportunity for girls with a high school education and who are United States citizens to accept confidential positions with the War Department for duty near Washington, D. C. Living facilities will be provided. A clerical test will be given and eligibles will be interviewed by a representative of the War Department. Persons selected will be trained for the position in question and paid at the rate of \$1,440 per annum or possibly higher, depending on background.

Persons interested should contact the United States Employment Service office, located at 221 East Fifth street, Greenville.

To Present Radio Program.

On Monday evening from 8:15 to 8:45, the Methodist choir by request will present a program of Christmas music over the local radio. Those taking part will include Mesdames John Karsnak, J. H. Waldrop, Helene Kirkpatrick, E. O. Parkinson, Jr., Sam Williams and H. A. Hendrix. Misses Elizabeth Bridgers and Rosalie Brown, and Messrs. E. O. Parkinson, Jr., and Audrey Tilley. The program will be as follows:

"O Come All Ye Faithful." "There's a Song in the Air." "Long Years Ago." Anthem: "Bethlehem." Duet: "Bring Your Torches." Mrs. Waldrop and Mrs. Parkinson. "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Quartet: "Gloria." "What Lowly Singing."—Mrs. Karsnak, Mrs. Hendrix, Mr. Parkinson, Mr. Tilley. "Silent Night."

Our Farm Folks

Christmas 1942 is approaching and we are continuing our struggle for victory and world peace. Christmas in Pitt county can have some of its real meaning this year. Farm folks, spread good cheer, remember our boys that are fighting for those of us back home, re-establish your faith in a higher being and pledge yourself to do more to build a world of free people before the Christmas of 1943.

And now, a blessed Christmas, a good Christmas to all a Christmas that will shine out with heart-warming kindness and genuine sincerity, not a Christmas to clutter the birthday of our Lord with needless things, but to grace it with the magic which comes when a family works together for love's sake.

"What do I want for Christmas? Friendship and love and cheer. Faith in my fellow comrades to last through the coming year. Fill up my Christmas stocking with laughter and mirth and song; tuck in plenty of patience to have when things go wrong. Leave out all greed and self-pity, give me the strength for my task; give me more wisdom and courage this Christmas; that's all I will ask."

Christmas Party. Members of the Winterville Home Demonstration Club and several visitors were entertained at their annual Christmas party on Tuesday at 3 o'clock by Mrs. J. D. McArthur, Mrs. Nannie Loy Tucker and Mrs. Rick Jackson at Mrs. McArthur's home.

The decorations of the home were in keeping with the holiday season. Upon arrival everyone was presented a buttoniere of holly, cedar and red berries tied with red satin ribbon by the hostesses.

A Christmas devotion was conducted by the secretary and Mrs. M. A. Woodard. "It is most important at this season of the year that the Christmas spirit, and the



SPHINX GETS CHIN REST—Sand bags are piled under the chin of the Sphinx but fail to alter much its centuries-old stolid dignity. Bags are protection against bombs. British A. T. S. women are the visitors.

Forty Years Ago Today

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Bert James and Darwood Wilson came home Friday evening from school at Oxford.

Miss Lillian Carr left this morning for Wilson to spend Christmas. Some people are like holiday decorations—they are evergreen.

Christmas message, live aresh in our hearts and minds." Plans were completed for the supper that will be served service men at the Home Demonstration Club and Woman's Club in Greenville on Sunday, December 20, at 6 o'clock.

Miss Sarah Brown Braxton was accompanist for the group singing of carols, and the duet, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" by Peggy and Patsy McGlohon.

Games and contests were played during the afternoon, with prizes being awarded to the winners. The Christmas motif was carried out in the refreshments of a salad course with coffee, nuts, decorated sandwiches and cakes.

Reported by Mrs. Dick Johnson. Stokes Home Demonstration Social. Mrs. J. B. Conleton graciously entertained the Stokes Home Demonstration club at a Christmas party at her home with Mrs. J. B. Nobles, Jr. and Mrs. William Stokes, assisting.

The Conleton home was attractively decorated with pot plants and Christmas greenery. The program for the afternoon included Christmas Carols, a Christmas story by Mrs. Conleton, and several contests and games.

The hostesses served a beautiful Christmas salad with coffee, nuts and individualiced apple sauce cake.

Husbands Entertained. The members of the Cannon Cross Roads Home Demonstration club and their husbands enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith. Their large, spacious home was a lovely setting for the dinner. Card tables were attractively decorated with centerpieces of cedar and red berries.

A dinner was served to forty which included turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberries, mashed potatoes and peas with hot biscuits and coffee. The desert was lemon pie.

During the dinner hour Christmas cards were sung by those attending. The Christmas story from Luke was read by Mrs. Lonnie Stokes, and "White Christmas" was sung by Helen Cox accompanied by Mrs. Roy Turnage from Ayden. Mrs. Wilbur Worthington, president, graciously presided.

After dinner the tables were pulled back and a most delightful recreational program followed, led by Mrs. Worthington and Mrs. Sugars. After two stunts, bingo was played. Helen Cox, binged three times and won the grand prize. The program was concluded by group singing of the famous old Christmas carols.

The club was organized in August. Congratulations to Mrs. Wilbur Worthington for this fine Christmas Social. The large attendance and the interest which she has stimulated in that community in Home Demonstration Club work. She is an outstanding Home Demonstration Club president.

Club Members Visited. We would like to recognize Mrs. Amos Evans, president of the Red Oak Home Demonstration Club and Mrs. Carl Crawford, secretary-treasurer for the splendid work they have done as officers of the Red Oak club since they were installed. Since December 1 they have visited the home of every club member at present which is a total number of 35, every past club member that still lives in the community, and other homemakers that should be a member of their club. We know of

Dr. Crossfield Be Remembered Here

By CHESTER WALSH

Dr. R. H. Crossfield, D. D., nationally known religious and educational leader and former college president, who has served as temporary pastor of the Eighth Street Christian Church of Greenville since last September, will preach his farewell sermon tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. He will leave shortly for his home in Birmingham, Ala.

Dr. Crossfield has done outstanding work here. Possessed of a magnetic personality and a lifetime of experience in serving his church and his fellowman, he fitted into the scheme of life in this part of North Carolina. He will leave his imprint of broad-minded and progressive service, not only to his own brotherhood of the Christian Church, but on all denominations—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, and for everybody.

John A. Collins, Jr., In Army Fort Bragg

John A. Collins, Jr., assistant manager of J. A. Collins & Son, Greenville furniture store on Dickenson avenue, who was inducted into the United States Army at Fort Bragg recently, will resume his place on the executive staff of the firm when he returns from war.

Collins is a graduate of the local high school. He took an active part in sports, especially football and other high school activities.

Gunmen Make Big Haul At Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 19—(AP)—An armored truck containing \$20,000 was seized by five masked gunmen in a spectacular robbery yesterday in a big war plant in a west suburban district yesterday and police expressed belief members of the "Terrible Touhy" gang were involved in the holdup.

"It looks as though the Touhy mob has come out of hiding to get a stake," said Lieut. Thomas Kelly of the state's attorney's police after investigating the robbery, which he said was staged in typical "Touhy" style, and probably by members of the Touhy mob.

He referred to Roger Touhy, one of the country's most desperate criminals, his ace machine gunner, Babil (the Owl) Banghart, who with five other long-term convicts escaped from Stateville (Ill.) prison on October 9.

WGTC GREENVILLE, N. C.

- 2:05—Robersonville on the Air. 2:15—Baron Elliot's Orch., MBS. 2:30—Muthal Goss Calling, MBS. 3:00—Stanley Dixon and the News, MBS. 3:15—Shady Valley Folks, MBS. 4:00—Walter Compton With a Background for News, MBS. 4:15—Glenn Miller's Orch. 4:30—Themes and Variations, MBS. 5:00—Swing Session, TN. 5:15—Joe Fraetta's Orch., MBS. 5:30—Superman, MBS. 5:45—Story Time Lady, TN. 6:00—Nation's Prayer Minute, MBS. 6:01—Sundown Serenade. 6:15—News. 6:20—Musical Interlude. 6:30—Sportscast, TN. 6:45—Outtinger Views the News TN. 7:00—Mr. Charles Bissette and Victory Bonds. 7:05—Tommy Reynolds Orch. 7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS. 7:30—Silver Strings. 7:45—Mrs. Rose's Radio Actors 8:00—Sizing Up the News, MBS. 8:15—Christmas Carols From the Methodist Church. 8:45—Music Soft and Sweet. 8:55—You and Uncle Sam. 9:00—Gabriel Heater, MBS. 9:15—Merrymats ChrisF 88wah 9:15—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy. 9:45—Lest We Forget. 10:00—News. 10:15—1100 Club. 10:30—Meet The Band, TN. 10:45—1100 Club. 11:00—News. 11:05—Sign Off.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

- 8:00—News. 8:05—Lang-Worth Concert Orch. 8:30—The Sunday Serenade. 9:00—News. 9:15—Wohl's Sophisticates. 9:30—Eik's Christian Quartette. 9:45—Victor Arden's Orch. 10:00—Obituary Column of the Week. 10:05—Bilington Bible Class. 10:45—Mutual. 11:00—Christian Church Services. 12:00—Cadie Tabernacle, MBS. 12:30—Joe Reichman's Orch. 12:45—Letters To My Son, MBS. 1:00—Christmas Carols. 1:15—Quiet Melodies. 1:30—Lutheran Hour, MBS. 2:00—Pilgrim Hour, MBS. 2:00—The Messiah. 4:15—News. 4:20—Marine Band Music. 4:30—Toastchee Time. 5:00—Service Men's Program, TN. 5:30—Boys' Town. 6:00—First Nighter, MBS. 6:30—Musical Interlude. 6:35—Sportscast. 6:45—Music Soft and Sweet. 7:00—We Cover the War Front. 7:15—Bert Hirsch's Orch. 7:30—Silver Strings. 7:45—Outtinger Views the News, TN. 8:00—USO Program. 8:30—Treasury Star Parade. 8:45—Gabriel Heater, MBS. 9:00—Old Fashioned Revival, MBS. 10:00—News. 10:15—Your Next Door Neighbor, TN. 10:30—This Is Our Enemy, MBS. 11:00—1100 Club. 11:15—Hawaii Calls, MBS. 11:30—News. 11:35—Sign off.

MONDAY, DEC. 21

- 7:00—News. 7:05—Yawn Patrol. 7:40—Long and Boud. 7:45—Musical Clock. 8:00—News. 8:15—Treasury Song Parade. 8:30—Morning Meditations. 8:45—Your Morning Pickup. 9:00—News. 9:05—Local News and Ann'ts. 9:15—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy. 9:45—Youth and Recipes, TN. 10:00—Obituary Column of the Air. 10:05—Women in the News. 10:10—Farmville on the Air. 10:30—Cheer Up Gang, MBS. 11:00—Headlines of Tomorrow, MBS. 11:15—Karl Zomar's Scrapbook, MBS. 11:30—Ayden On The Air. 11:45—Long Crosby. 12:00—Hillbilly Roundup. 12:15—News. 12:25—Tune Time. 12:40—Carolina Farm Features. 12:50—Mr. J. B. Kittrell on Victory Bonds. 12:55—News and Markets. 1:00—Bond Wagon. 1:15—Music Box, MBS. 1:30—10-2-4 Ranch. 1:45—Broadway Bandwagon. 2:00—Today's War Commentary.

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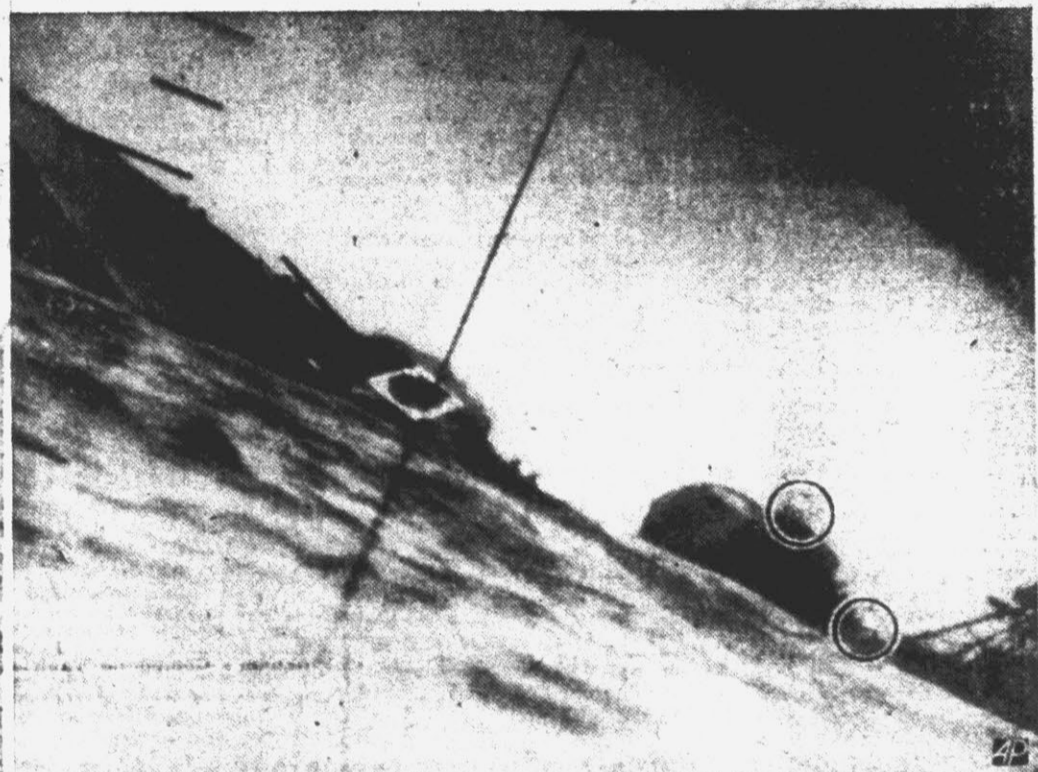
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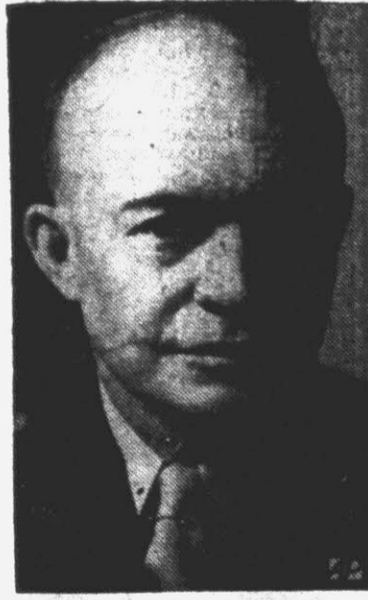
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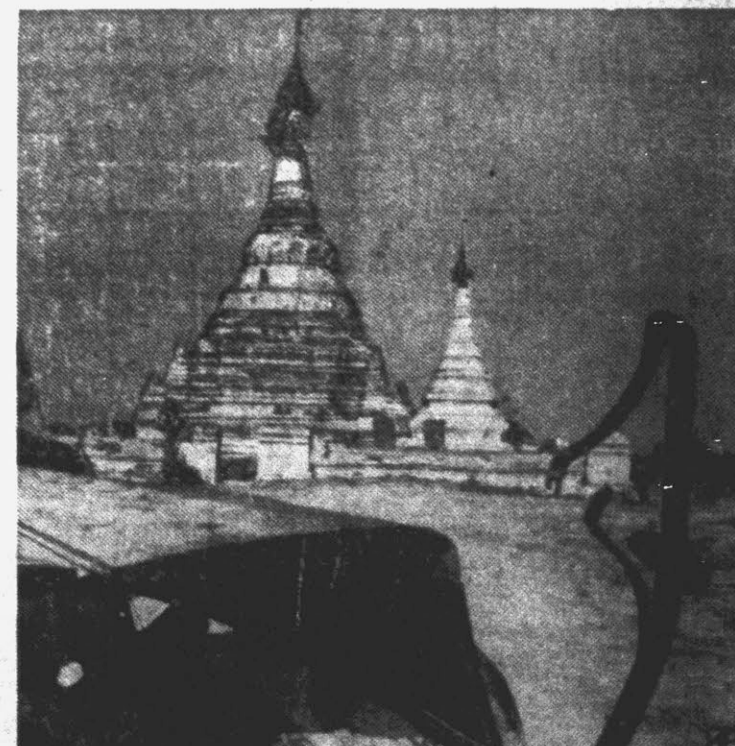
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Social and Personal

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NOTICE! To My Customers and Friends My place of business will be closed from Monday, Dec. 21 to Dec. 28, 1942. I wish to use this means to extend each of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR J. D. AMAN

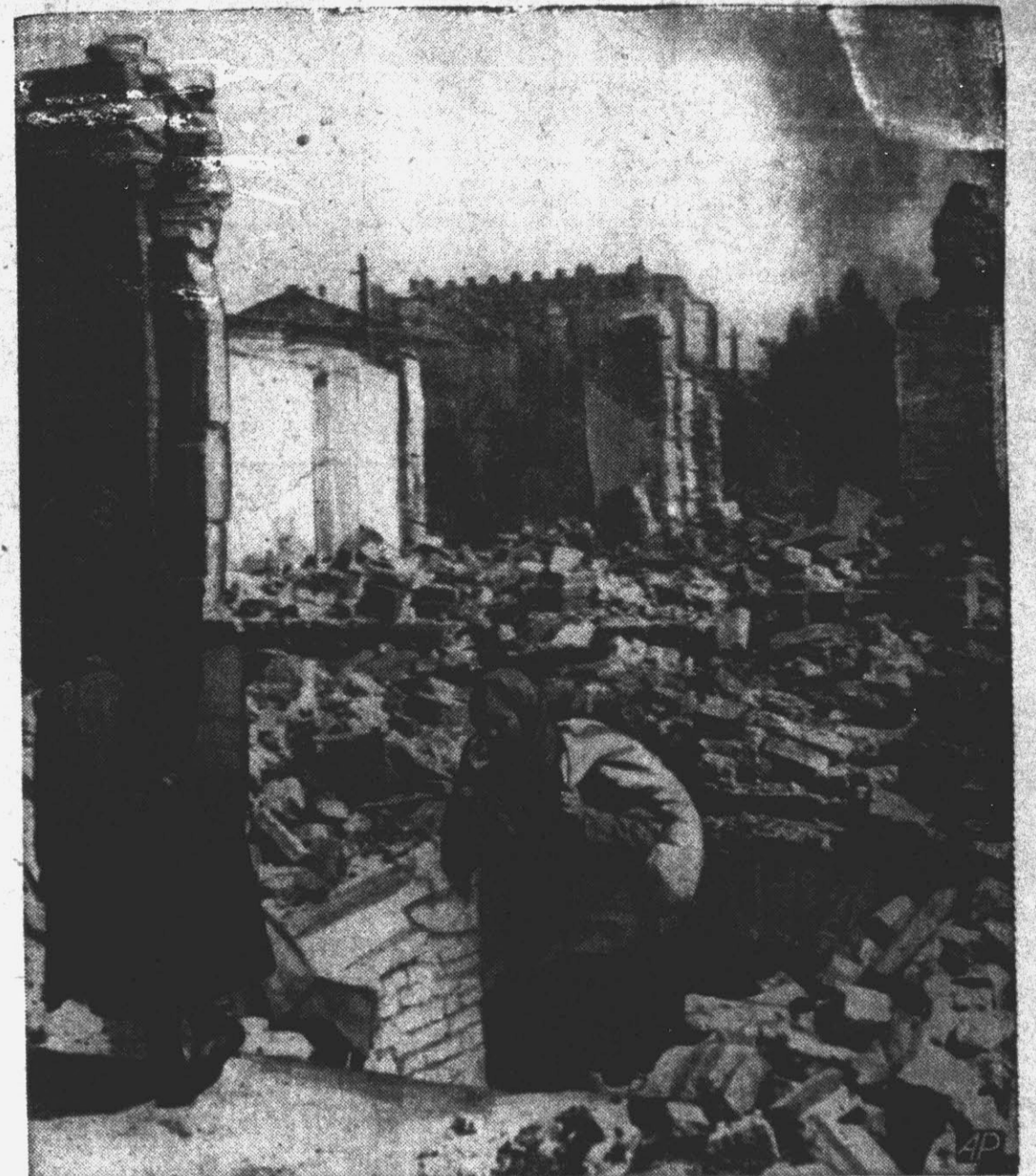
Kenneth Lane Henderson of Paratrooper Training Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., is spending a few days with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Henderson. John Spearman who is attending school at the Citadel, Charleston, S. C., is spending Christmas at his home in Greenville. Charles Stokes is home from Fishburns Military School, Waynesboro, Va., for the holidays. Corporal Billy Whitehurst is at home on a short furlough from Fort Bragg. Sergeant Quinn Bostic, stationed at Fort Bragg, is spending a seven-day furlough at his home in Greenville. Miss Doris Hudson Brown, who is attending Oyster's Business College in Charlotte, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nannie Brown. Mr. C. W. Howard has returned from the Tennessee and Kentucky tobacco markets. Mrs. Howard, who has been spending several weeks in Durham, returned with him. Miss Anne Redwine left today to spend Christmas at her home in Monroe, N. C. Richard Higgs Duncan, a student at State College, Raleigh, arrived yesterday to spend the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Duncan. Mrs. George Gornito, Jr., of Wilmington, has arrived to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tyson. Miss Dorothy Bell Riviere of Tyler, Texas, is spending Christmas with Miss Jayne Taylor. Mr. John Glenn of New York, is here to spend Christmas with his family. Christmas Opportunity. If you wish to provide Christmas cheer for an invalid or aged person, call the United League office for a name, between the hours of 10-12 a. m., and 2-4 p. m. If you have a gift or money to contribute also, get in touch with this office. Cabinets. We have walnut and mahogany Curio Cabinets. Also gold finish photo frames. Baker & Davis Hdw. Co. - (Adv.) 15-47 Card of Thanks. I wish to express my gratitude for the prompt assistance and the generous donations received in loss of my home by fire on Wednesday morning. Miss Anne Little, Falkland, N. C. Auxiliary To Meet. St. Paul's Auxiliary will meet on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Parish House. Lamps and Gifts. See our Colonial Table Lamps, also the newest things in Christmas gifts, before you leave. Baker & Davis Hdw. Co. - (Adv.) 15-47 Good Response. Mrs. Connel Garrenton, Bethel Christmas Seal Sale chairman, states that she is meeting with success in the sale of Tuberculous Bonds and Christmas Seals. Winterville Methodist Church. Services are held at the Winterville Methodist Church on the first and third Sundays of each month at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. L. L. Chaplin is pastor. The public is cordially invited to attend. Revival At F. W. B. Church. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Texas Evangelist, will continue meetings through Sunday and all next week at the Free Will Baptist Church on Cotanche street. The meeting is making good headway. Beginning Christmas day, there will be a morning service at 11 o'clock each morning. The public is urged to attend these services. The subject tonight will be "How To Break a Thousand Alabaster Boxes," and the sermon Sunday night will be "The World Conditions and the Anti-Christ." Presbyterian Announcements. Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour of worship the first part of the services will be participated in by the children of the Sunday School. Christmas carols, and the reciting of the Christmas story by Luke will be rendered. Following this the pastor, Dr. Boyd will bring a Christmas message on the subject "The Naming of the Child." Text Matt. 1:21. The choir will render an approximate anthem. All members of the church and their friends are invited to attend. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist Church, a large chorus conducted by Mr. Sidney Bullock will render "The Messiah." At 8 p. m., Sunday at the High School auditorium, a large group of young people from all the churches of Greenville will present a Christmas pageant. This is the first united effort made by the young people and the public is urged to attend. Come of the best talent in the city will take part. Wednesday night, 7:30 o'clock, the mid-week prayer service will be conducted, prior to choir practice. Dr. Boyd will speak on the subject, "What Does Christmas Mean To Us This Year?" Sunday night at 8:45 o'clock, Rev. L. C. Carter will preach at Meadowbrook Church. All service men in the city for the week-end are invited to attend these services.

1942—PICTURE REVIEW OF A WORLD AT WAR—1942

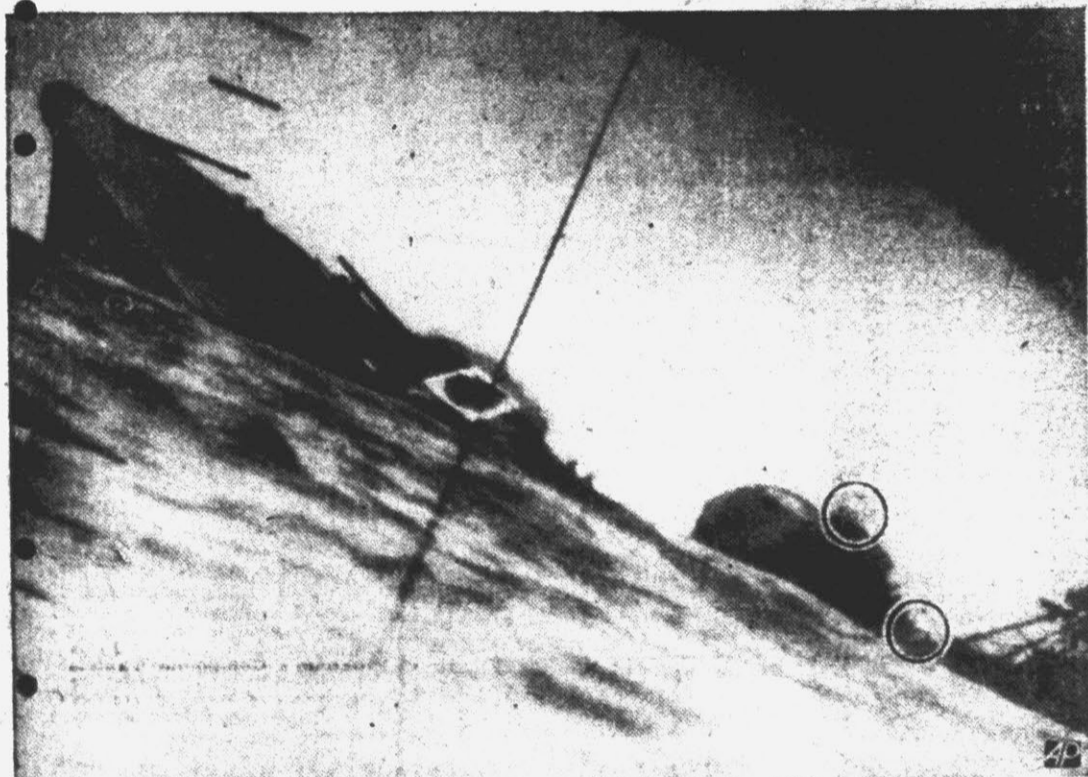
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YANKS LAND IN NORTH AFRICA—Swarming up a beach from landing barges, American soldiers go into action at Surcouf near Algiers in French North Africa. They are part of the great United Nations offensive aimed at clearing all Axis forces from the African continent. The French under De Gaulle have joined them.



STALINGRAD — BOMBED BUT UNBOWED—After a visit by Nazi bombers two Russian women emerge from an air-raid shelter amid the rubble that is Stalingrad. They carry blankets because the Luftwaffe hammered the Volga city hour after hour, day after day, keeping the citizens under ground. But the price paid in lives by Germany was not enough to take the city.



SUB'S-EYE-VIEW OF WAR AT SEA—Photographed through the periscope of a U. S. submarine, a Jap destroyer sinks after two torpedo hits. Men on ship are circled.



GOOD WORK, JIMMY!—After pinning the Congressional Medal of Honor on Brig. Gen. (now Maj. Gen.) James H. Doolittle for leading the raid on Tokyo, President Roosevelt shakes his hand. Lt. Gen. H. H. Arnold and Mrs. Doolittle look on.



GUADALCANAL — A FIGHT AGAINST JAPS AND JUNGLE—Sweating U. S. Marines slog through the jungle on Guadalcanal Island on their way to the front to fight the Japs. The Leathernecks captured the island's airfield just as the Japs were about to use it. It's been a tough fight ever since and the surrounding seas have thundered with history-making naval battles.



ATTACKS JAPS — Gen. Douglas MacArthur (above) commands United Nations forces in Australia-New Guinea area and is now leading troops attacking Japs at Burma.



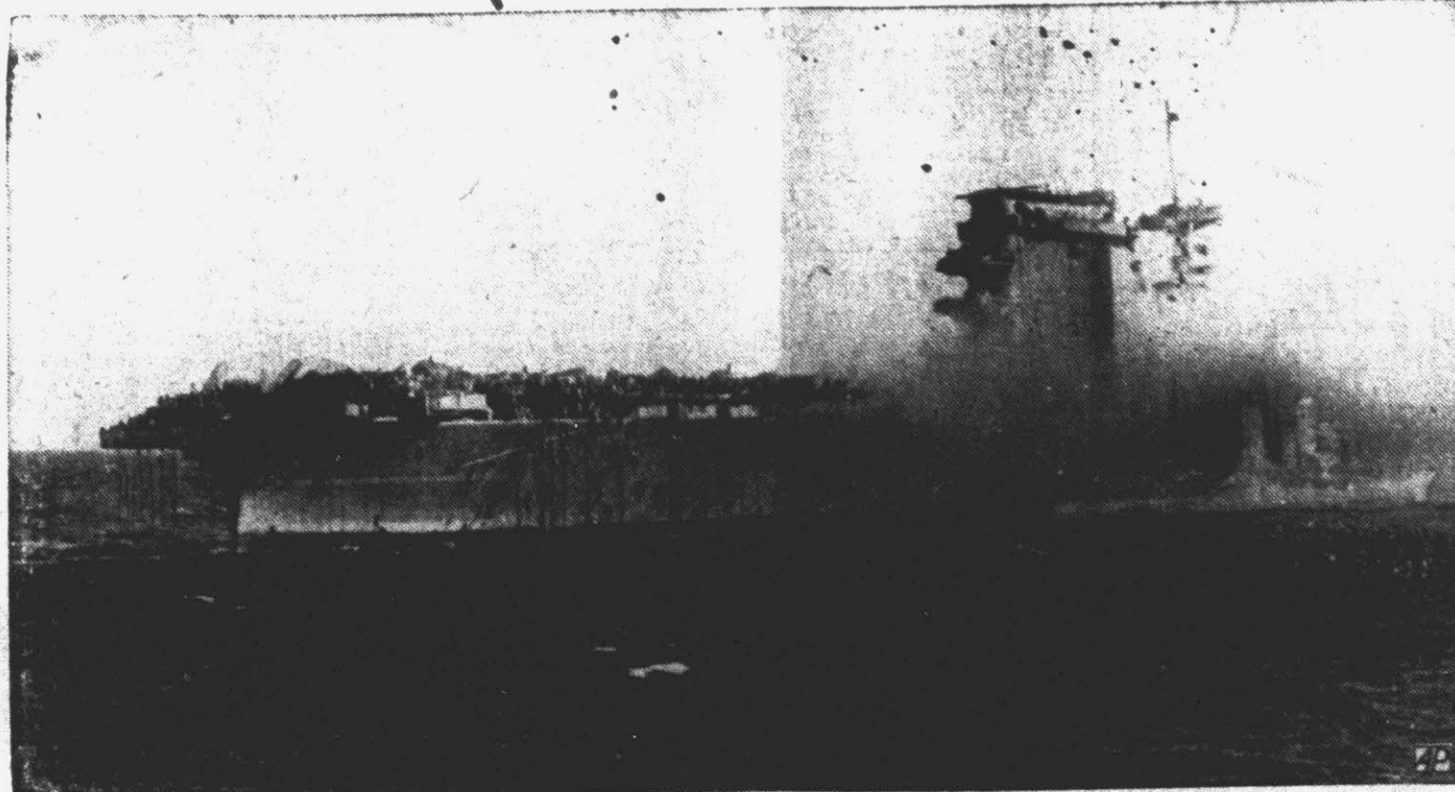
EGYPT — BRITISH PUT ROMMEL IN REVERSE — An artillery crew (foreground) stands as a British Eighth Army infantrymen pursue Rommel's reversed Afrika Korps.



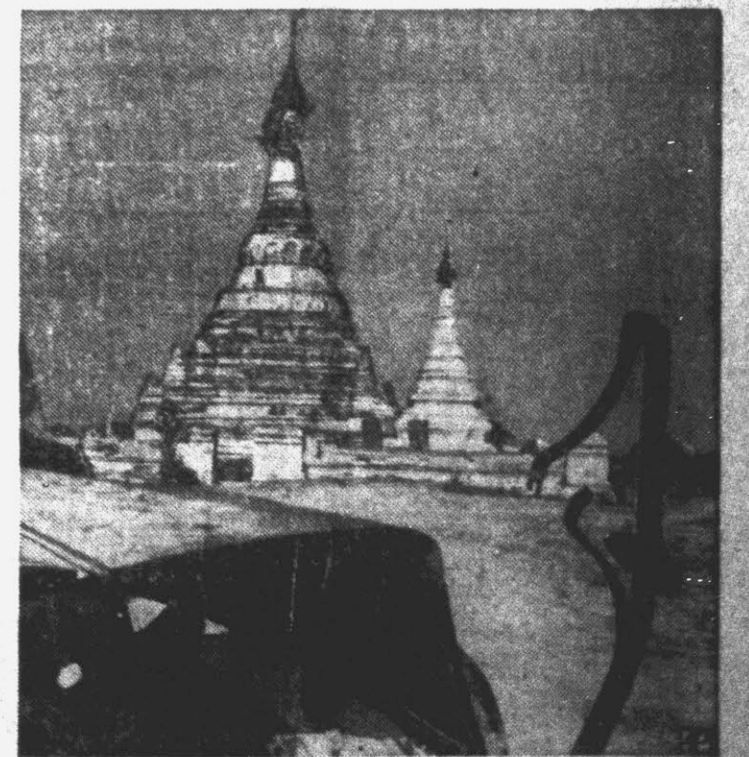
IN AFRICA — Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (above) commands the United Nations offensive in French North Africa aimed to rid the continent of the Axis.



CHURCHILL COMES TO AMERICA—General George Marshall (left) explains parachute tactics of a Fort Jackson, S. C., demonstration to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill during the great leader's visit to America.



ABANDON SHIP!—Hundreds of men crowd the deck of the mortally-wounded U. S. aircraft carrier Lexington as the order to abandon ship is given. Some men descend on ropes. The Lexington was lost in the Battle of the Coral Sea.



BURMA — TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE—Wreckage of an automobile (foreground) and gasoline drums standing on wall of ancient temples form a picture-symbol of United Nations defeat in Burma, strategic land rich in raw materials of war.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

AN ARRESTING REALITY A great New Testament scholar said recently that the reason there is so much spiritual indifference in the world is because most people really do not believe that a man can be lost; they feel that the worst that can happen to him is that he may become unhappy.

Happiness versus salvation. Here is a great conflict where something that is good often contends with things that are best. Happiness is a thing of great importance provided we do not have to pay too high a price for it. But there are millions of people for whom happiness is the chief end in life. If something happens to them, if they suddenly find themselves overwhelmed with a tidal wave of trouble, they feel that they have been unjustly dealt with and become bitter toward God.

As a matter of fact, God has never promised anyone happiness, nor is He under any obligation to make or keep anybody happy. But He has promised salvation, and He has bound Himself by a solemn promise to accord this salvation to anyone who asks for it and meets the spiritual requirements. We need to impress on our minds the unpleasant fact that men can be lost and that millions are being lost every day.

Many a person believes that if he can just keep his head above water and be happy, everything in the future will be fine; but the Bible nowhere teaches this. It calls upon men everywhere to repent, warning them of the consequence of sin.

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SACRIFICE

Even gas rationing and restricted speeds have their rewards as evidenced by the fact that traffic fatalities in North Carolina for the first 11 months this year were 35 per cent lower than for the same period last year. The best record for any month was during November when the fatalities were only about 35 per cent of what they were for the corresponding month last year.

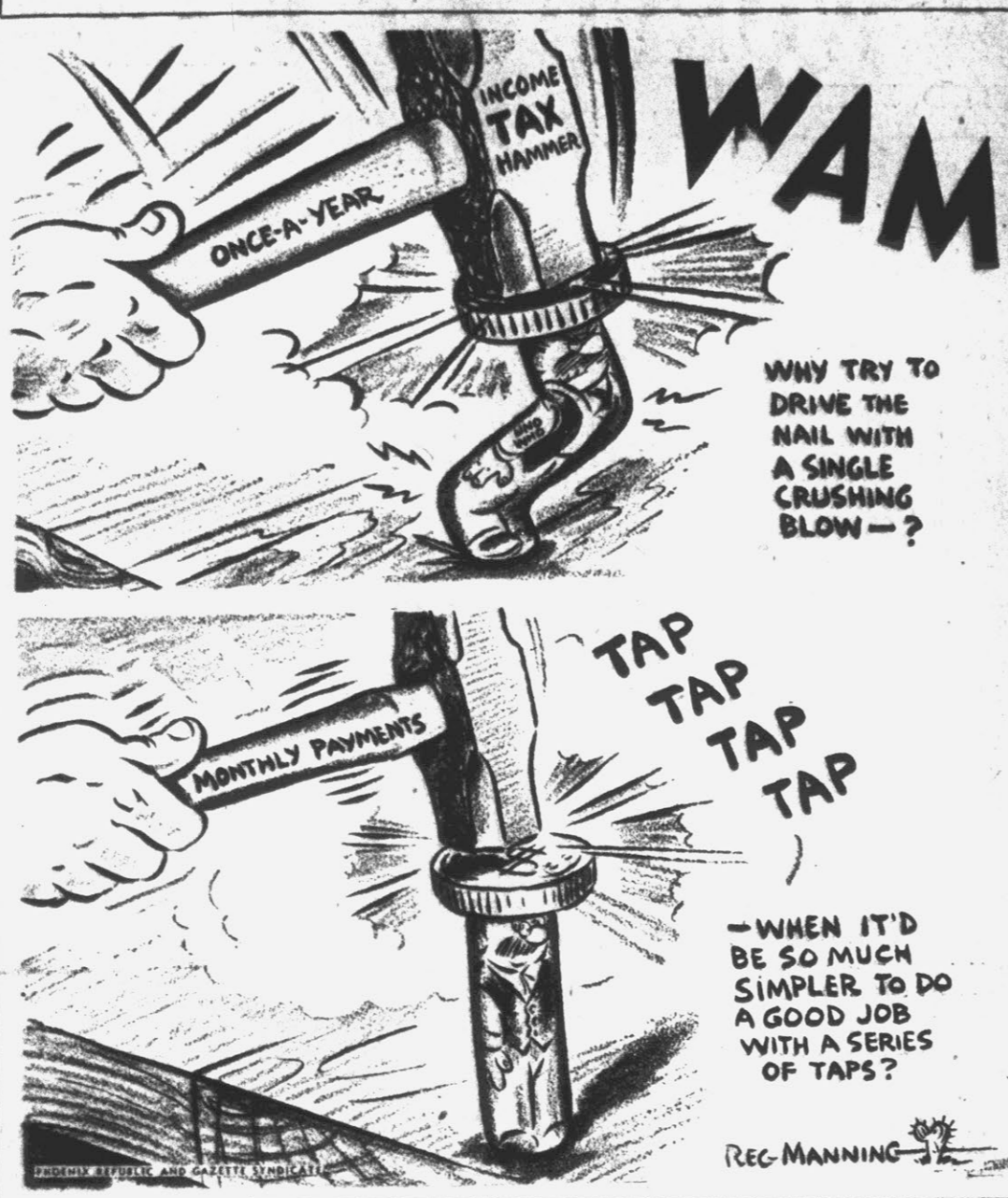
A TRUE SAYING

There is an old saying that "Wine, Women and Song" will get one into trouble and the truth of this saying was fully realized this week by a New York theatrical producer who received a six months sentence because the show "Wine, Women and Song" produced by him was adjudged by the court to be indecent and detrimental to public morals.

A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa: We realize it's probably too late, with the head start he has, for you to catch Hitler in stocking for Christmas, but maybe you might get around to making Montgomery a present of Rommel, giving Tunis to Eisenhower and Bizerte

In Hitting The Nail On The Head



WHY TRY TO DRIVE THE NAIL WITH A SINGLE CRUSHING BLOW—?

—WHEN IT'D BE SO MUCH SIMPLER TO DO A GOOD JOB WITH A SERIES OF TAPS?

REC-MANNING

to Anderson. We don't want to appear greedy so if you can arrange these three small gifts at this time, maybe Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin will be willing to wait a while for their presents — Hirohito, Mussolini and Adolf. Of course we don't want to slight Laval but frankly, we don't believe anybody would accept such a traitor, even as a gift, so you can just throw him to the buzzards when you get around to it.

A CHRISTMAS HINT

There are two important items you should not overlook in your Christmas giving and mailing. War Bonds or Stamps make the ideal and patriotic Christmas gift while Tuberculosis Christmas Seals not only add a colorful touch to your Christmas cards and packages but at the same time aid in a movement in the interest of better health in this community and the nation. Don't overlook these two important items in your Christmas planning.

Iodine is derived chiefly from the salt deposits of Chile.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1 Army officer, 2 Minute man, 3 Stylish, 4 Scene of action, 5 Writer of the Psalms, 6 Roman road, 7 Nerve network, 8 Before, 9 Give back, 10 Low haunt, 11 English letter, 12 Separation, 13 Flash, 14 Mother, 15 Faint, 16 Meadow, 17 Symbol for lutecium, 18 Pronoun, 19 Rapid fish, 20 Playing cards, 21 Remembering a goose, 22 Newspaper em-ploves, 23 Masculine nick-name, 24 Agreement, 25 Pain leaves, 26 Representative, 27 Turned back, 28 Spin out, 29 Unfolded, 30 Widow's rights, 31 Scots law, 32 One who irrigates, 33 Items of property, 34 Sheep, 35 Rubbers, 36 Sea fighting, 37 Sent forth, 38 Was carried, 39 Made speeches: humorous, 40 Daydream, 41 Black bird, 42 Boy, 43 Subsequent, 44 sellings, 45 Hermit, 46 Akin, 47 Favorite, 48 Fugitive name, 49 Mistletoe, 50 Urchin, 51 Genus of the dog, 52 Protective barrier, 53 Interpret: archaic, 54 City in Scotland, 55 Those who shoot from sheep, 56 Milk liquor, 57 Mode of stand-ing, 58 Protect against loss, 59 Composition for eight, 60 City in Portugal, 61 East Indian water vessel, 62 Mink liquor, 63 Luzon native, 64 South American Indian, 65 Female sheep, 66 Thrice: prefix, 67 Bitter vetch

WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—Since no government agency, official, or even off-the-record observer can come close to answering this question, it might be worth stating: Why, in the name of common sense, hasn't the Census Bureau been given the responsibility for handling the deluge of questionnaires which have, as a result of the war effort, flooded big business, little business and individuals? The biggest home front noise in Washington today is being made about this questionnaire inundation. The Baltimore Sun recently uncovered a new high in the questionnaire tide when it reported that a Washington department store had on hand a 13,400-page pile of OPA regulations, directives and questions involving more than 11,000,000 words of legalistic language.

One case illustrates my original question. Several agencies (OPA, The Rubber Administration, and ODT) had to know something about the tire situation in the country. Questionnaires were printed. Then some bright clerk in the Budget Bureau asked why this information, wasn't available at the rubber division of the Department of Commerce. A check proved that it was. Where did the facts and figures come from? The Census Bureau.

When the Census Bureau was steaming up for the 1940 census, I spent many hours hob-nobbing with the men who were to make analyses of that check-up. They had "facts" on everything under the sun: birth rate, employment, machine tools, farm labor, car owner-

ship, factory production, food consumption and thousand other things. Now, they said, on a basis of trends, the 1940 census should show this and so. The margin of error (in spite of depressions, the outbreak of World War II in Europe, etc.) was never more than a scant few per cent—in most instances less than one percent. On most important facts, the Census Bureau would have no greater margin of error today.

The Census Bureau, as a fact-finding organization has no political axe to grind. A full-time Bureau organization (it still would number thousands of employees less than during census years) could gather all the facts that have to be known in prosecuting the war effort in one-tenth the time used by the questionnaire method and, having the contacts constantly at their finger tips, could also disseminate regulations.

The WAR TODAY

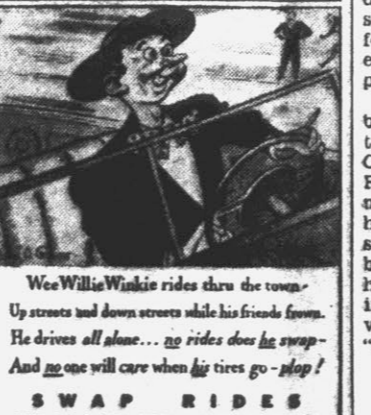
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It is a feat that long will be sung in allied camps. There is another point of vital importance to be noted in connection with this sensational Axis retreat. The course of the battle continues to be influenced heavily by the destruction of enemy communications and supplies. British and American air forces, day and night, are bombing air bases and transports on land and sea. The Axis air fleet have been heavily restricted because of the destruction of supplies and gasoline. This weakness in air protection, of course, renders fleeing Axis troops vulnerable to onslaughts by British and American medium bombers and fighter planes. Rommel's line of retreat is said to be strewn with dead and wounded and shattered equipment.

One of the gravest dangers faced by the Axis in both Tripolitania and Tunisia is the Allied aerial onslaught against the ports of Tripoli and Tunis. Tripoli already has been rendered impotent either for receipt of supplies and reinforcements or as an avenue for escape by sea. Thus Tunis is virtually the sole hope of the Axis and it looks like a slim one. Should Hitler make any effort to rescue his troops by sea through Tunis he certainly would be inviting catastrophe. Not only would his convoys come under the bombardment of the Allied air fleet, but British submarines would have a field day.

Thus the Hitlerian forces seem to be well bottled up in northern Africa. Their safety must depend largely on their own ingenuity. All of which gives further backing to the theory that the Fuehrer has assigned them to sacrifice themselves in a holding operation which will permit him to realign his defense on the continent.

SWAP-RIMES



There are 176,000 physicians in the United States, of whom about 25,000 are with the armed forces.

Two Birds and a Machine

Chapter 23 Mad Race

The clerk turned and hurried ahead of them to the French door at the end of the left wing of the building. As they stood peering across the grounds, the morning quiet was broken by the roar of a starting motor. An instant later a station wagon swung around the corner the like of garages and streaked for the gate!

"There they go!" The three could see nothing of the occupants, but the desperate speed of the car indicated it held their escaping quarry. They went down the fire escape and ran to the garages. The desk clerk produced his car key and Clark leaped in behind the wheel, Doc Burrows climbing in beside him.

In the distance they could still hear the roar of the fleeing car as they sped out onto the road. Clark put his foot down to the floor. The car leaped ahead through the grey morning mist rising from the white-capped breakers. They leaned forward peering through it, awaying as the car swerved around curves, tires screaming, till they made out the ghost-like shape of the escaping car in the distance!

Doc Burrows' gruff voice broke the tense silence. "Any idea who pulled this off?" "Clark shot the doctor a sidewise glance. "Haven't you?" he challenged. "You seemed to have something against Gloria."

"Sure I did!" Doc barked. "Plenty! She came down to Blossom Valley and stirred up those damaged farmers against Rita—practically had 'em believin' Rita was a thief!" "Gloria convinced them?" Clark cried.

"Sure—and then come up here and sent 'em word where Rita was stayin', when I'd ordered her up here to rest for a spell!"

Over The Cliff "Watch out!" Doc's stubby finger pointed ahead and Clark saw the shape of the fleeing car turning off the highway onto the high rocky promontory that overlooked the sea. "Now what?" Both men felt a cold chill pass over them as they strained their eyes ahead to keep the spot. There could not be many reasons why the car would not run out onto the cliff at this kind of point.

Even as they jumped out and ran, they could see the two figures struggling on the very brink of the rugged hill. It looked like both were women. "Hey! Stop!" Doc Burrows yelled. "Gloria!" Clark's long legs passed the shorter strides of the bulky doctor. "Wait!" But—the struggle went on. And suddenly before the horror-struck eyes of the two men, one of the figures staggered, threw up its arms and with a wild scream—the same scream that had echoed through the halls of the hotel—went over the edge!

A minute later Clark and Burrows reached the spot. Gloria stood there alone, her filmy negligee blowing in the cold morning mist, her dark black eyes wide with frozen horror. She made no move as Clark ran up to take her arms. She looked at him as a sleep walker would after a long nightmare. "I—killed—a—woman," she whispered.

Clark shook her. "Who was it? Why did you do it?" "The chambermaid," said Gloria in a vague monotone. "She was coming in to confess to me—I had tried her to tell you that story about Rita—I brought her out here to scare her into keeping quiet. I just meant to scare her." One of her small white hands moved tremblingly across her face. "I killed—her," she repeated clearly. Sudden agony twisted her face.

Takes Over In the end, it was Rita who recovered first. The shock of finding herself a murderess threatened for many weeks to unbalance the high strung, sensitive Gloria. Even when the chambermaid recovered, Gloria could not erase the impression from her mind.

One blustery afternoon in late Autumn, Rita, Clark and Carlos dropped in on the lawyer. Frisco apartment John Cunningham had taken until Gloria could safely be moved back to New York. Cunningham looked old, haggard. Gloria was just the same. He wished she'd see them but—as the doctor said—Carlos burst out in sudden impatience. "Oh, drat those fancy doctors!" He pushed past Cunningham in one of his impetuous spurts and threw open the door into Gloria's room. He plunged straight up to her bedside, showing no pity for her sunken cheeks, her plaintive eyes.

"Look here, you pampered pixie!" he shouted, "you martyr of wickedness! I'm going to tell you a bird's eye view of yourself as seen by a dramatical eye. ... things your doctor never told you. ... You say, 'I ruined two people's lives!' You didn't. Look at 'em!' He swung around to throw a pointing finger at Rita standing by Clark in trim suit and bright hat, both of them looking blissfully happy. "The only thing you did manage to accomplish," he shouted on, "was to get Clark Fasquin so riled up about Blossom Valley, he forgot his silly prejudices and signed a movie contract so he could pay off Blossom Ranch!" John Cunningham held his breath as Gloria raised her eyes for the first time and looked full at Clark standing with his arm about Rita, who looked slim and pale but more beautiful than ever. He knew his daughter's crisis had come—the sign the doctor said would bring back health—when tears softened her dull eyes and a shadow of feeling crossed them. She said in a voice, pregnant with returning life "I'm—sorry."

THE END

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CHURCHES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. John S. Armfield, Rector 8:30 a. m.—Holy Eucharist. 9:45 a. m.—Church School; Mr. S. O. Worthington, Supt. 11:30 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon. Thursday, 8:30 p. m.—Young People's Service League; Miss Mary Pat Waldron, president.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH A. Stewart, Minister 9:45 a. m.—Church School, a training time in worship and the Bible, with classes for all ages. R. H. Evans, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon: "Music of the Angels." 5:00 p. m.—White Christmas Service at the church. 8:00 p. m.—Christmas program at the High School, sponsored by the Christian Youth Council.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. J. D. Simons, Pastor 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School; Hoye Hendrix, Supt. Classes for all ages. Place for babies. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Sermon: "No Room in the Inn." 4:00 p. m.—Service at prison camp. 7:00 p. m.—Training Union. No evening service. Our members will join those of the other churches at the High School at 8 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all of these services.

JARVIS MEMORIAL M. E. CHURCH Rev. George W. Perry, Minister 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School; J. H. Rose, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning Worship. Organ Prelude: "Hark the Angels Sing." Anthem: "Gloria in Excelsis." Offertory: "Silent Night." Anthem: "Bethlehem." Sermon: "Where Christ Will Spend Christmas."

9:00 p. m.—The Greenville and Gaston Civic Choruses will present "The Messiah" in this church. 8:00 p. m.—Community Christmas Pageant in High School Auditorium. Monday, 8:15-8:45 p. m.—Christmas Musical broadcast by the Methodist Choir over the local radio station.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND BY COMMISSIONERS North Carolina—Pitt County. Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Pitt County, made in the special proceeding entitled Ethel Piers, J. W. Pierce, Johnnie H. Jenkins et als vs. F. L. Andrews, Jr., executor of the estate of W. H. Jenkins, deceased, Clare Jenkins, et als, the undersigned commissioners will on the 9th day of January, 1943 at eleven o'clock on the premises of the W. H. Jenkins Home Place hereinafter described offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following lands lying and being in Bethel Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Lying and being in Bethel Township, about two miles East of the town of Bethel, N. C., on the South side of the Bethel-Big Oak Road and being bounded on the North by said Bethel-Big Oak Road, on the East by the lands of M. O. Blount and Sons, on the South by the lands of W. Carson Landis, on the West by the lands of D. R. Taylor, and being the same land conveyed to W. H. Jenkins by deed of M. O. Blount and G. W. Blount of record in the public registry of Pitt County in Book H-8 at page 271. Containing by estimation 105 acres, or more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Being Lot No. 6 in the block No. 3, Bethel, N. C., as shown by a plat in the survey made by D. C. James, which plat is recorded in Map Book 1 at page 2 of the public registry of Pitt County, being that lot conveyed to W. H. Jenkins by deed of J. J. Moore, the same being of record in the public registry of Pitt County in Book P-13, at page 581. A deposit of five per cent of the bid will be required pending confirmation of the sale by the Court. This 5th day of December, 1942. C. W. EVERETT and F. L. ANDREWS, Jr., Commissioners.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS North Carolina—Pitt County. In The Superior Court Charles L. Wilson -vs- Thomas H. Clark and Wife, Melissa M. Clark. Defendants are notified that an action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Pitt County. Said action is brought to compel specific performance of a contract made by the defendants to convey to plaintiff a good and indefeasible estate in fee to those lands in Pitt County, North Carolina, described as follows: Lot Number Eighteen of "Clark-Bragaw-Riverview Farm," located in Pitt County, North Carolina, and all land lying to the West of said Lot Number Eighteen, and also the "Singularly Farm," lying North of Lot Number Eighteen and Lot Twenty, as per map duly recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Pitt County, North Carolina, and that if such a conveyance cannot be had, to recover damages from the defendants for the breach of their contract. This summons is returnable on January 4, 1943 and the defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint within twenty days thereafter, as provided by law. This the 3rd day of Dec., 1942. J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk Superior Court. Dec. 7-11w-4wk.

CHURCH OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE Rev. Charles J. Goble, Pastor The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 10:30 a. m. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 5 p. m. LUTHERAN CHURCH (400 East Eighth St.) Robert L. Landeck, Pastor (315 W. 4th St.—Phone 3192) 7:30 p. m.—Worship service.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. J. C. Moye, Pastor Corner Eleventh & Commerce Sts. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. Public invited to all services. WINTERVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Services every second Sunday morning conducted by Rev. Perry Case of Atlantic Christian College, and every third Sunday night by Rev. L. A. Tilley of Ayden. PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Corner Cotanche and Tenth Sts. Rev. S. B. Denny, Pastor Services every fourth Saturday and Sunday.

STOKES BAPTIST CHURCH J. A. Hoyt, Pastor 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School; W. S. Overton, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Services every fourth Sunday morning. BETHEL CHURCHES METHODIST—Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Sermon at 11 o'clock. BAPTIST—Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Sermon at 11 o'clock. HOLINESS—Sabbath School 10:00 a. m., each Sunday. Preaching service 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., on second and fourth Sundays only. Young People's service each Sunday, 7:15 p. m. Services at all churches are E.W.T.

BLACK JACK F. W. B. CHURCH Rev. J. C. Griffin, Pastor Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m.—Marvin Harper, Supt. Preaching every third Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.—and Saturday evening at 7:30 before third Sunday. WINTERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. C. Arthur Francis, Pastor 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School; Hyatt Forrest, Supt. STOKES METHODIST CHURCH Daniel Boons, Pastor 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School; W. F. Stokes, Supt. Services every first Sunday night, and every third Sunday morning. STOKES CHRISTIAN CHURCH Gilbert Davis, Pastor 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School; A. L. Woodard, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Services every second Sunday morning. ST. PAUL'S PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS Washington Highway Rev. J. G. Crocker, Pastor 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School; W. J. Lewis, Supt. Preaching every second and fourth Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.—F. H. Y. S. each Sunday. 7:00 p. m.—P. H. Y. S. each Sunday.

Colored Churches

SYCAMORE HILL BAPTIST Corner Greene and First Streets Rev. J. P. Ammo, Pastor 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School; D. D. Miller, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. 6:30 p. m.—B. T. U.; Mrs. Mary I. Butler, Director. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer-meeting.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL Vanceboro, N. C. Rev. J. C. Gardner, Pastor Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services every first Sunday at 11:00 a. m. ST. PETER'S F.W.B. CHURCH Vanceboro, N. C. Rev. J. C. Gardner, Pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching services every first Sunday at 11:00 a. m. CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST Rev. C. C. Sharp, Pastor Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Services every fourth Sunday at 11:00 a. m. ELOHIM HOLINESS CHURCH Pitt Street 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School; E. A. Chapman, Supt. Preaching service every first Sunday at 11 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Sunday at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. ENGLISH CHAPEL F. W. B. Rev. S. Hemby, Pastor Sunday School, 9:00 a. m.; Sam King, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Sermon by the pastor. The public is invited. ST. JOHN'S C. M. E. MISSION Sheppard Street Rev. W. F. Jones, Pastor Residence, Bethel, N. C. Sunday School, 10:45 a. m. Preaching every first Sunday at 11:45 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Preaching every third Sunday at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC Father Maurice, C. P., Pastor Holy Mass and sermon each Sunday morning at 10:30. Holy Mass each morning at 7:00. Prayer, sermon and instructions every Thursday evening at 5 o'clock; every Sunday night at 8 o'clock. MT. CALVARY F.W.B. CHURCH Corner Hudson and Ward Sts. Rev. E. M. Hill, Pastor 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. Isaac Coey, Supt. Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m., and evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. PHILIPPI CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) Corner 13th and Greene Sts. Rev. J. F. McLaren, Pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; L. B. Blount, Supt. Preaching every second Sunday at 11:30 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. YORK MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION Albemarle Avenue Rev. Colon F. League, Pastor Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Prayer and class meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. SELVA CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH Rev. J. W. Wilkerson, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Sam Weathering, Supt. Preaching every first and third Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. CORNERSTONE BAPTIST Thirteenth and Railroad Sts. Rev. J. E. Tillett, Pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Milton Carr, Jr., Supt. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. PHILIPPI BAPTIST CHURCH Railroad St.—Harris, N. C. Rev. St. H. Simpson, Pastor Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; H. Taft, Supt. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. SWEET HOPE F.W.B. CHURCH Rev. E. H. Cox, Pastor Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; C. C. Chapman, Supt. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. GOOD HOPE F. W. B. CHURCH Rev. S. Hemby Pastor 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School; David Henderson, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. The public is cordially invited. ROCK SPRING F.W.B. CHURCH Rev. S. Hemby, Pastor 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School; Tony Thigpen, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. The public is invited to attend all services.

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR. Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Things are threatening to pop in basketball circles hereabouts all because Fordham and N. Y. A. protested the eligibility of a couple of Brooklyn college players. The question seems to be a bit academic, since it concerned only conflicting rules, but the coaches are ready to start blowing the whistle on one another and there's no telling where it may stop. For years it's been an open secret that some of the coaches engaged in free-handed recruiting and that many players weren't averse to changing their names on Sundays to pick up a bit of cash. As long as it wasn't too flagrant, nobody cared much, but now that basketball definitely is in the big time and a successful team means real dough the game seems to be suffering the same sort of growing pains that football felt in its earlier days. Only eligibility battles seem out of place these days, when athletics for all is a popular motto and it's hard enough to round up a good team anyway.

Sportpourri
Jose Martinez Zorrilla, the Mexican who played some swell football for Cornell a decade ago, is back in the United States, learning to be a filler in the Mexican air force at Phoenix, Ariz. Jose always was a good neighbor for the tackle who played beside him. Ben Wahrman, Richmond News-Leader sports editor, is slated to join the Marines as a combat correspondent. Business as usual, eh? Jerry Bauer, kid brother of Bobby, who played on the Bruins' great "Kraut" line, is performing for the Boston Olympics Hockey club this winter and studying textile chemistry on the side at Lowell Tech. According to Steve O'Neill, Paul Richards, new Detroit coach, is the only 100 per cent amateur basketball player he ever saw.

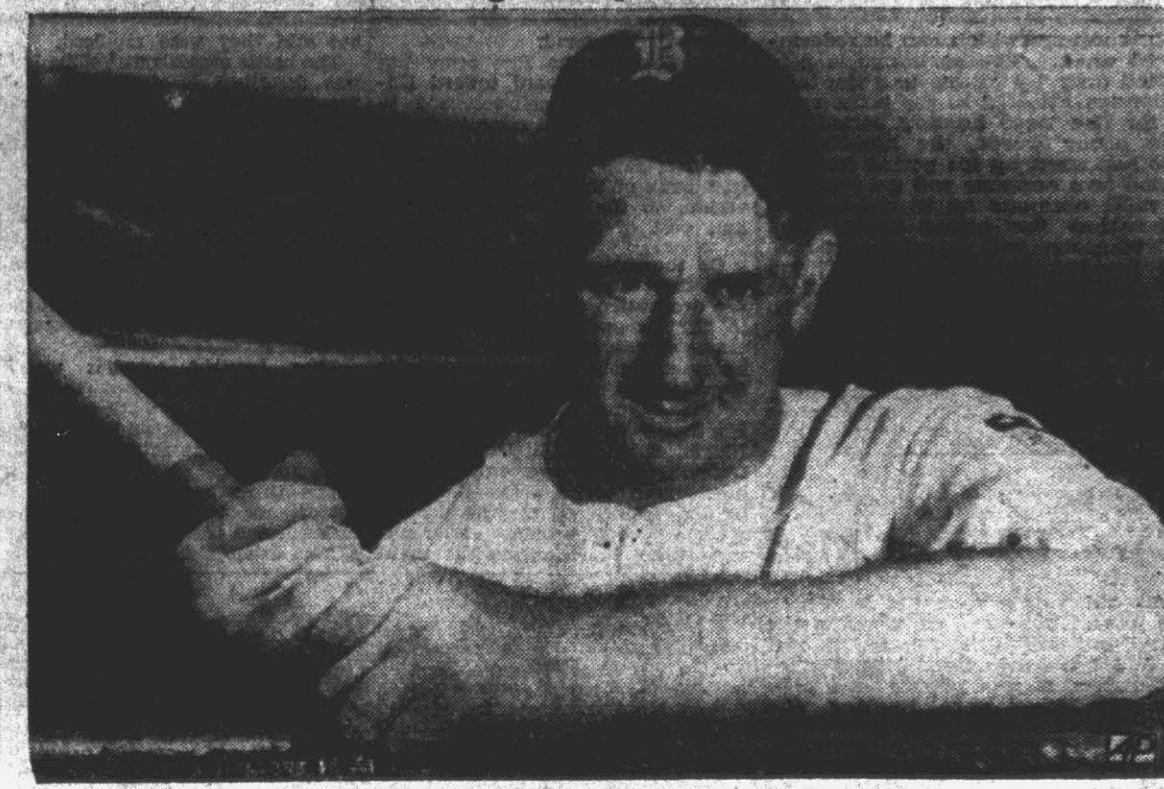
Today's Guest Star
Bill Diehl, Norfolk (Va.) Ledger-Dispatch: "One might even say that the Washington club taught the football world the 'Bear' facts of life."

Postman's Paragraph
Charley McMurtry, who is in a hospital recovering from injuries received in line of duty as AP correspondent with the Pacific fleet gives an idea of what the boys argue about in the occasional dull moments. Writing to a New York pal, McMurtry said: "I'm still on here next summer, please mail me some national football schedules. We never knew who was playing who until three or four days later when the scores finally trickled in."

Service Dept.
Pete Zagari, former Stanford U tackle and discus thrower, is a motor instructor in the field artillery replacement center at Camp Roberts, Calif. Presumably, if a truck won't run, Pete can give a demonstration of how it's done—or else pick the thing up and toss it. Carolus Anderson of the Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air station, says in hot-stoving the season's prize football plays, don't overlook that 98-yard affair Jacksonville pulled against Duke. It started with a forward pass from George McAfee to Bill Chipley and ended with Marty O'Hagan sprinting the last 55 yards after taking Chipley's lateral.

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stock market.
Business And Dividends
For nearly all types of businesses represented by New York Stock Exchange issues, volume has been at record heights. Amusement, copper steel, utility, rubber, airplane, and mail order companies have all enjoyed an extremely heavy gross business. Furthermore, in spite of allowances for high income corporation taxes, dividends have been generous with many companies declaring year-end extras. However, aggregate dividends for 1942 will not be as large as they were in 1941. Unlike the case in recent past years, a fair share of regular dividends will not go back into the market for the purchase of additional shares.
In all probability many companies have passed, or are passing their peak volume of business for the war period. Necessity capacities for war production are nearly, if not entirely, reached. If and when some critical materials are available to certain concerns, as in the case of rail equipment companies, they may do better in 1943. This can also be true of companies selling equipment to municipalities. Dividends may have passed the honeymoon stage. While they may continue generous in individual instances, the total for 1943 may not rise above that of this year. I am however, generally bullish on the prices of good stocks.
War And Peace Stocks
At the recent Annual Business

Lombardi Batting Champion Of The Year



Ernie Lombardi (above), Boston Braves catcher, has been given official recognition as the batting champion of the National League for 1942. He finished with a mark of .330, which is 13 points less than the championship pace of Brooklyn's Pete Reiser in 1941. Ernie went to bat only 309 times in 105 games.

Conference in Babson Park, Massachusetts, I made the statement that stocks which suffered most during the war would prosper most after the war. These include most of the so-called "peace issues." From now on we shall probably face a wave of peace rumors. Peace stocks will rise and fall with them. Of these I will treat further in my Annual Review. If it turns out to be a long war there is probably still some gray in the war stocks. But investors and management alike are worried over a re-negotiation of contracts. Until this question is definitely settled it will have a bearish influence.

Opportunities Ahead
To balance unforeseen losses, the investor is justified in seeking at times speculative profits. Income alone from securities will rarely compensate for declining profits caused by events beyond the control of the cautious investor or outside the scope of ordinary common-sense buying. Hence, the wide awake investor must be continually on the look out for special opportunities through which to maintain his principal.

"Special situations" however, require careful study and selections should carefully be made. By these I do not mean the entirely new fields of manufacturing and promotion which some "smart" salesman may come around with as an "after the war certainty."
New uses for old products, new techniques in production, the creation of synthetics and the chances for investment in thoroughly deflated situations may offer the best opportunities for profits. Real estate equities unhampered by mortgages are a case in point. Of this latter, I hope some week to write in detail. Yes, for the imaginative and courageous investor there are many opportunities to turn losses into profits. I care not for the circumstances. Even under the worst conditions someone is always making money.

SANTA SKEPTIC

By LUCRECE HUDGINS
SANTA AND THE ICM
The story so far: Trying to undo the harm he has done in spreading rumors, Michael Bartholomew tries to tell Santa Claus he really believes in the Christmas saint, but Santa says it's too late. Michael determines to go back to Poopo-Poona and see what he can do.

Chapter Twelve
Poopo-Poona Laughs At Michael
So swift was the eagle that by noon of the next day he had brought Michael to the Gates of Poopo-Poona. Immediately the boy set free the bird and ran into the Kingdom.
What a strange and different place it was! The streets were dirty, filled with trash flung there by careless children. The store windows were dark and gloomy. There was not a single Christmas gift on display nor any colored paper strung across the streets. All the grown-ups wore sad faces and carried no bundles in their arms.
And although it was a school day there were many children to be seen on the streets. They were dirty and fought and bickered among themselves and didn't mind their parents at all. But strangely enough, they didn't seem a bit happy even

though they were doing just as they liked. They were cross and irritable and looked as though they loved no one, not even themselves.
As Michael observed all this in astonishment, he overheard two elderly shopkeepers talking together on a street corner.
"It is what happens," said one gloomily, "when children stop believing in Santa Claus."
"Yes," agreed the other. "The world is an ugly place in which to live unless you keep dreaming of wonderful and beautiful things. The children of Poopo-Poona will never be happy again for they have given up their dreams."

"Not yet! not yet!" cried Michael to himself. "It is not yet too late." And hurrying on his way he came soon to the school house where he first had started the terrible story that there was no Santa Claus. It was recess time but only about half the children were at school. The others just hadn't bothered to come at all. Michael saw Roderick Benbow, one of his old school mates, and rushed up to him.
Roderick said, "Well, Michael, where have you been? You've been missing a lot of fun. I can tell you. We just do as we please since we found there was no Santa Claus."
But Michael could see that Roderick wasn't really having fun, but was just pretending to. He caught Roderick's arm and cried, "There is a Santa Claus, Roderick! I was wrong and you've GOT to believe me!"
But, alas! all the time he was

trying to talk great clouds of smoke were pouring from his mouth and the school yard was filled with hot air. The other children gathered around poor Michael and began hooting with laughter, pointing their fingers at him and sticking out their tongues.
"Michael Bartholomew Woffington just talks hot air," they roared. "He's a Bag of Wind! He's a lot of hot air!"
"How can I tell them?" thought Michael desperately. "When I can't say anything at all!" Then, suddenly, he got an idea—an idea so simple that it was amazing he had never thought of it before.

Snatching up a stick he began scratching letters in the soft snow on the ground. If he couldn't speak, he could at least write!
When he finished scratching the children leaned over and read what he had written.
"I have seen Santa Claus," said the words in the snow. "You're got to believe in him or there never will be another Christmas and we never will be happy again."
The children read but when they looked up Michael said they still didn't believe.
"Why?" wrote Michael with his stick. "Why don't you believe me?"
Roderick Benbow said, "Maybe there once was a Santa but there isn't any more. It is six days until Christmas and always before the streets have been covered with colored paper and ribbons by this time. This year the streets are bare. Sure, if there were a Santa, it wouldn't

be so!"
The children nodded agreement and ran off and left Michael holding his stick and looking after them.
TOMORROW: Michael Decorates the Streets.

Boracic acid, the common eye lotion, is prepared from borax mined in Death Valley.
NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
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Joshua Evans
-vs.-
Katie Whitehurst Evans
The defendant, Katie Whitehurst Evans, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, to obtain absolute divorce from her, based upon the grounds of two years' separation; and that the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County in the court house in Greenville, N. C., within twenty (20) days after the 31st day of December, 1942, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.
This November 30, 1942.
E. F. TUCKER, Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, N. C.
James L. Evans, Atty. for Plaintiff.
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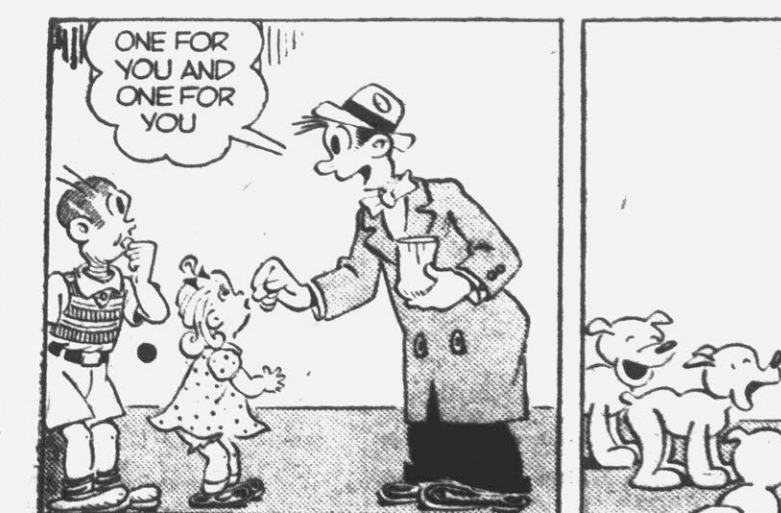
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PACIFIC PATROL BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter One
Straight From The Shoulder
The man who invented benefit banquets, Mary Garthwaite thought wryly as she stabbed at tough fried chicken, should have had to attend one. From her place at the speakers' table beside the guest of honor, she glanced down the long rows of polite, bored faces. Santa Phillipa's worthy leaders in dinner gowns and dinner jackets launching the Buy-A-Bond-For-Victory Campaign.
The campaign was a grand idea. Everyone in town was behind it. But the Banquet had been Mother's pet scheme. Mary leaned forward a little to see her. As General Chairman and Toastmistress Mrs. Paul Garthwaite sat beside the Mayor. She looked lovely too, Mary thought proudly. No wonder she loved parties so—war or no war.
Inviting young hero Lieutenant Dan Sherman as honor guest had been her mother's inspiration too. The Lieutenant looked anything but inspired himself. Mary glanced at him from the tail of her eye. He was beautiful, she acknowledged silently, but dumb—literally.

He hadn't spoken to her since the soup. And before that their conversation could hardly have been called brilliant. He'd said no he'd never been to California before and no he didn't mind the rain and yes he did think the view magnificent.
Not that she blamed him, really. For a man who has been through three major Pacific battles, won himself a Navy Cross and has been appointed skipper of a Coast Guard Patrol boat, all this must seem pretty stupid. She watched him amputating a chicken leg with some of the grim determination that had probably won him his medal.
"It's really not worth the effort," she said, and deliberately turned on her very best smile.
Startled, the young lieutenant glanced at her. "I beg your pardon."
"On the contrary, I beg yours on behalf of the committee. It seems sort of unimportant of us to get you down here to dine and then torture you with ersatz chicken."
His grin appeared suddenly and changed his whole face. "I was beginning to suspect the damned thing was made of clay."
Our hero comes to life. Mary congratulated herself silently. She glanced another smile at him. "What would you give for a nice thick hamburger with onions?"
"Name your price," he said instantly and would have pushed back his chair. "Where do we go?"
Laughing, she shook her head. "You have a speech to make you know. You're Exhibits A tonight."
The Flat Trash
He followed her glance down the long table to where Mrs. Garthwaite, really beautiful in glittering sequins and smiling charm, was rapping on her water glass now. "They won't be grateful for what I've got to say," he muttered as he rose, acknowledged the applause that greeted Mrs. Garthwaite's gracious introduction.
As he stood beside her, Mary was conscious suddenly of his lean, well-controlled height. He set his chair back carefully, faced his audience for a long second before he said in a voice deeply resonant, perfectly calm.
"I am not glad to be with you here this evening. I am deeply ashamed."
A little gasp spluttered through the audience and bored faces became faintly amused. At least, Mary thought approvingly, he'd had the good sense to wake his audience up before he tried to tell them anything.
"I am ashamed to be here in this de luxe dining room warm and safe and waited upon when there are women and children all over the world who have no roofs over their heads. I am ashamed to have eaten a meal that lasted for ten courses when people are starving. I am

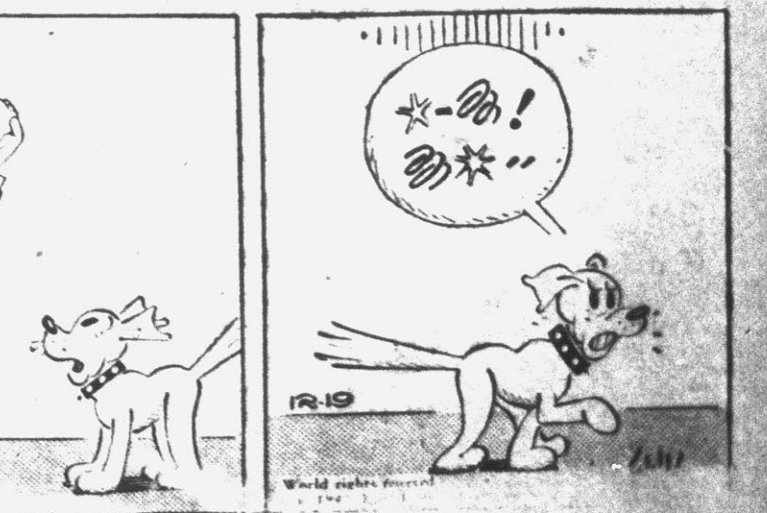
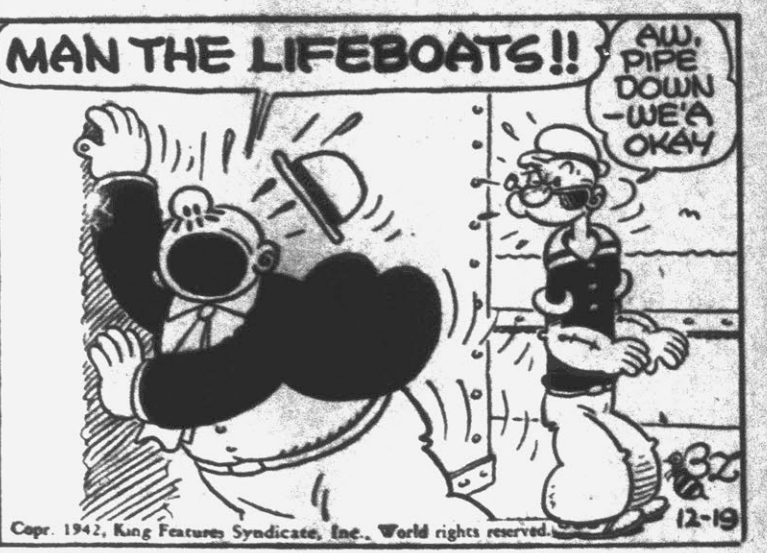
ashamed to be standing here talking when there are soldiers fighting and freezing and suffering and dying on some no-man's land. I am ashamed of the waste of time, of energy, of material that has been countenanced tonight. I am, sorry I had to come. I shall be glad only when I'm back on my job. I shall be glad only when you folks get on with your job."
He sat down then and the silence that followed was a stunned silence. Impulsively Mary reached for his hand. "Niece work, Lieutenant. But they'll never forgive you for it. You'd better get out before they flay you to ribbons. Come on."
He nodded. "Which way?"
"Here." She led him through the back hall, out a side door to the flag-stoned drive. There she let go of the laughter welling up behind her.
"That was truly a brainstorm, Lieutenant. But aren't you being a little—rude?"
"You're damned right I am. You and your fine parties and your banquets. Don't you know there's a war on or can't you read?"
Nearly A Quarrel
They'd crossed the jammed parking lot and as Mary took her keys from her tiny evening bag, he reached for them, unlocked the car door, swung it open.
"Thank you, Lieutenant Sherman." She slipped under the wheel. "And now don't let me detain you. You must be very anxious to get back to your job of winning the war for us."
"Sure. But first I have more to say to you." Quite coolly he walked around the car, climbed in beside her.
"I think you've said quite enough. Lots more than I care to hear. Please get out. Your reservations are made here at the hotel, you know." She snapped the ignition, started the motor.
To Be Continued

"Wait a minute." He turned off the engine, grasped her arm firmly. "Can't you take the truth?"
"Angry now, herself, Mary jerked free. "Certainly—but I don't have to listen to insults."
"What's insulting about being told you're wasting time?"
"If it's of any concern to you—and I don't know that it is—I am a member of A. W. V. S. I am an airplane spotter. I work afternoons in a Red Cross canteen where we serve soldiers and sailors by the hundreds. I've never met one who was rude before. Perhaps,"—she stabbed deliberately, "because they were none of them heroes as yet."
"Good for you. I was hoping you weren't just like the others." The tension in his handsome face eased a little and he actually smiled.
"How nice. And I was hoping you were a real human being and not a—stuffed shirt," she retorted hotly.
"Listen, now," he said more quietly, his eyes probing hers. "I've seen the real McCoy. I've seen my buddies shot down, screaming with agony. Then I come home—and find people having parties as usual, talking—talking—talking. Everybody's got to dig in to win the war."
Mary put a check rein on her own temper. "We know that. We are digging in. You stick to your share of the job, sailor. Leave us the rest."
For a minute he just looked at her, his eyes full of anger at first. Then, slowly, admiration. A moment later he thrust his hand toward her. "Shake, chum. Maybe you've got something. I'll go back and face the music now, like a model guest of honor. Good night."
"Good night," and released the clutch.
"I forgot to tell you," said, walking beside the slowly moving car. "that I think you are the most beautiful girl I've ever seen."
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Rye opened 1/4-1/2 higher, May 76 3/4-77; wheat unchanged to 1/4 up, May \$1.36-\$1.36 1/4; corn unchanged to 3/4 up, May 92.

Hog Market
Raleigh, Dec. 19—(AP)—(NCDA)—Rocky Mount hog market steady with tops of 13.45.

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, Dec. 19—(AP)—(NCDA)—Raleigh egg and poultry market steady; U. S. extras large (clean white) 47; colored hens 20 to 22.

New York Cotton
New York, Dec. 19—(AP)—Cot-ton futures opened unchanged to 25 cents a bale higher.

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Futures closed 5 to 35 cents a bushel higher.
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Middling spot 20.50, up 2.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Dec. 18—(AP)—Mild irregularity persisted in today's stock market as further profits were cashed on Thursday's big rally. The direction was indecisive at the opening. Activity in low-priced issues fell off appreciably although picking up elsewhere, small fractional variations either way ruled near the close. Numerous stocks held at Friday's final levels. Transfers for the two hours were around 400,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Al Chem and Dye	14 1/2
Allghany	14
Allis Chalm Mfg	28
Am Car Pdy	25 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	37 1/2
Am Sug Ref	19 1/2
Am Tob B	43
Anaconda	25 1/2
Atl Ref	18
Bendix Aviat	53 1/2
Beth Stl	55 1/2
Borden	25 1/2
Borg Warner	27 1/2
Budd Mfg	3
Bur Add Mach	9
Case J I	75 1/2
Caterpil Trac	39 1/2
Chrysler	65
Coca Cola	85 1/2
Consol Edis	46 1/2
Con Oil	7
Corn Prod	58 1/2
Curies Wright	67 1/2
Doug Air	28 1/2
Dow Chem	139 1/2
Dupont	134 1/2
Eastman Kod	161 1/2
Gen Elec	28 1/2
Gen Foods	24 1/2
Gen Mot	43 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	6 1/2
Johns Man	72 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	18 1/2
Lorillard	15 1/2
Mack Truck	28 1/2
Nash Kely	6 1/2
Nat Biscuit	15 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	19 1/2
N Y Cent	10 1/2
Otis Elev	17 1/2
Packard	3 1/2
Param Pix	17 1/2
Penn R R	28 1/2
Pepsi Cola	27 1/2
Pullman	27 1/2
Pure Oil	30 1/2
Radio	4 1/2
Rep Stl	14 1/2
Reynolds B	24
Seab A L	1/2
Sears	62
Sou Ry	15 1/2
Sperry	24 1/2
Sld Brands	4 1/2
Std Oil N J	48 1/2
Tex Gulf Prod	3
Timken Det Ax	27 1/2
Unit Air	26
Unit Corp	5-18
US Ind Alco	30 1/2
US Rub	25 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	48 1/2
US Steel	48 1/2
Vanadium	18 1/2
Warner Pic	8 1/2
Western Union	27
West Elec and Mig	81 1/2
Woolworth	29 1/2
Total Sales	372,000

Subs Cutting . . .
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ine operation was not revealed, but Knox had given the undersea raiders much of the credit for carrying Japanese shipping, and observers interpreted this as meaning the subs were operating far closer to Nippon's home waters than other parts of the fleet.

Force Frenchmen Work For Nazis
Washington, Dec. 19—(AP)—Germany has abandoned the pretense of seeking French "volunteers" to work in Germany since the invasion of unoccupied France and has begun taking men by violence. Fighting French headquarters here said today.
Based on reports received from the "underground" the Fighting French said the men, principally between 20 and 30 years old, were seized in large numbers and transported to the Reich without notice and without opportunity to inform their families.
The seizures are made in the industrial centers of eastern France, frequently while the men are at work. As many as 35 per cent of the total force at some industrial plants have been taken at one time, the reports said.
So hard-pressed have the Nazis become for manpower, the reports added, that they have gone into French prisons and taken thieves and murderers.
While working in Germany is the ostensible purpose of the seizures, the Fighting French said, a second purpose is served by wiping out centers of anti-Nazi sentiment in French territory as demonstrated by the fact that the men taken do not go immediately to jobs in Germany, but frequently spend weeks in German concentration camps.

Change Ruling For Fuel Oils
Washington, Dec. 19—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration today relaxed its fuel oil rationing rules to permit home owners who have exhausted current heating rations, to buy oil with coupons valid for later periods.
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Russian Offensive . . .
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them were shot down and one was captured at the very gates of Stalingrad, the Russians said.
An earlier communique carried the belated report that 99 German planes, including eight transport, were destroyed in the area December 17.
The Russian winter offensive began a month ago today and German counter-stacks have been mounting in number and ferocity in the last 10 days. The Russians have even acknowledged several temporary Axis successes, but they maintain that the Germans nowhere

for coupons which can be redeemed at once. The exchange is permitted only up to one-half the total gallons allotted to the home owner for the next heating period.
In other words, the householder who has used up his period one and period two coupons will get currently valid coupons up to one-half of his ration for period three. The "3" coupons will be exchanged at the present value of the "1" and "2" coupons, that is, ten gallons for a residential coupon and 100 gallons for a commercial or apartment house coupon.
Civilian defense costs are now a major item in the budgets of most American cities.

Goats Eat Hunters' Car; They're Mad
An old nursery rhyme is "Sheep are in the meadow, cows are in the corn," but for W. E. Moore, Jr., and N. A. Highsmith, two Greenville tobaccoists, it was "Goats are at the horn." They were hunting and parked their car in a pasture. While Moore and Highsmith rambled the fields for quail a herd of goats belonging to the owner of the farm found the parked car and had a feast. The mammals and billies were so hungry that they gnawed the car. They had a feast while the hunters sought quail for a fireside feast.
When Moore and Highsmith returned to their car, two goats on top of the car had eaten the leather center covering and were mincing the cotton stuffing; another was gnawing at the wooden cross beams. One goat was on the running board chewing on some leather trimmings; two young nannies were on the other side of the car gnawing on the weatherstrip on the door. Another goat, a large and bearded "William," was on top of the hood, sniffing at the fan belt and making strenuous efforts to butt or paw a hole with his sharp hoofs through the cover.
Moore and Highsmith were plenty mad, but considerably relieved when they found the goats had not bothered the tires. The only reason they didn't add a few goats to their "bag" of a day's hunting was that the owner of the farm was not far away.

Fellow-tobaccoists, to have fun, now simply imitate a goat and say "Bah!" and Moore and Highsmith get all "shet up" and mad about the gambling of a flock of goats and some kids.
Allied Squeeze . . .
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day night on Tunis and La Goulette, which is part of the Tunis harbor, one troop-laden air transport shot down and enemy seaplane bases in Sicily "severely damaged" by aerial machinegun and cannon fire.
In the eighth day of the sustained battering of Axis-held ports in Tunisia, Flying Fortresses yesterday hit and set ablaze an Axis warship believed to have been a cruiser, off Bizerte.
The same planes sent debris flying from the docks of the great naval base and shot down three of 16 enemy planes which attempted to stop them. Six more enemy planes were reported damaged. One Fortress was lost.
Other United States bombers, B-25's and B-26's, flew through heavy anti-aircraft fire to blast the railroad station and a 2,000-foot section of the yards at Soussa, south of Tunis. Hits were also scored on a freight train, it was reported.
Axis ships in the harbor threw up a vicious cloud of anti-aircraft fire and two of the bombers were lost one of them being last seen as it settled down still under control with all guns blazing at one of the ships.
A headquarters spokesman said the patrolling activity along the Tunisian front was especially intense around Medjed-el-Bab, 35 miles southwest of Tunis. A number of small enemy mine fields were destroyed there—a necessary preliminary to any offensive action.
Both sides have been rushing reinforcements and supplies up to the front and observers here felt the offensive in Tunisia would be timed to take the fullest advantage of the confusion and disorganization created by Field Marshal Rommel's retreat in Libya.
Rommel's battered forces were in dire straits. Allied control of the air was reported to be complete and bombers and fighters were battering the Axis columns as they limped toward Tripoli.
Fighting apparently was still in progress around Wadi Matruh, some 65 miles west of El Aghelia where a part of Rommel's army previously was reported trapped.
British spearheads, however, were known to have advanced beyond Zauta En Nofilia, approximately 100 miles west of El Aghelia, and it was believed the main action was developing in that direction.
Don Whitehead, Associated Press correspondent with the British army at El Aghelia, reported that the British army was fighting mad because of the elaborate mine fields left behind by Rommel and said "this anger runs like a flame through the British troops." The troops have suffered from the mines which are delaying the advance, he said.
"Thousands upon thousands of them are concealed in the roads under the sand, in discarded clothing and equipment, in buildings and even under the bodies of German dead," Whitehead wrote.

have gained ground.
In a month the Red army has fanned out southward toward Kotelnikowski and northwestward to the top of the Don river loop and Serafimovich, from which points corridors have been thrust down the east bank of the Don and to Surovikino, on the Chir river, 90 miles due west of Stalingrad.

On the control front west of Moscow, the offensive has stepped up in the occupation of numerous villages in the Hashev-Vyazma-Velkie Luki triangle, with one column near Bely holding a potential threat for the German battle anchor of Smolensk.
The Germans remained within Stalingrad itself and the Russians fought there in small bands, attempting to mop up enemy dugouts, blockhouses and machine-gun nests in the factory area. The midday communique reported several counter-attacks there during the night

but said they were repulsed.
The battle area about Velkie Luki was described in dispatches from the front lines as a sector littered with damaged German tanks, twisted and broken big guns and smashed pillboxes.
Great areas of bog and swamp have been hardened by frost and three days ago the Red army began a tolling drive to capture a hill which dominates the surrounding country for miles, a story in Pravda, the Communist party newspaper, related.
They brought supplies up in trucks and sledges over the flat, smooth terrain and then opened their fight for the height in the face of raking German artillery and machinegun fire.
The three day battle ended in success for the Russians, it was claimed, and then the Germans began an attempt to retake the hill.

In the course of a few hours more than 1,500 shells and a heavy trench mortar barrage were laid on the Russian position, and dive bombers were hurled at the Russian lines.
Tanks and infantry stormed the height and some tanks were able to smash into a Russian flank, but after violent, close fighting they were repulsed with enormous losses, the Pravda story said.

COLORED NEWS
Pvt. Willie Hicks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hicks, of Greenville, is now stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky., where he has been assigned to the 35th Engineers General Service Regiment.
Pvt. Hicks was transferred to Camp Campbell from Fort Benning, Ga.

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