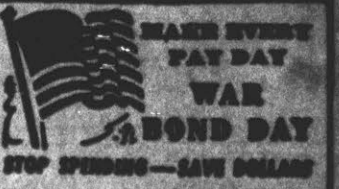


WEATHER

Continued cold but with slightly higher temperatures tonight, followed by snow in the mountains early Tuesday.

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New Russian Offensive On Don Front Threatens Nazi Army In The South

Toll Of Killed And Captured In Past Five Days Reaches 43,000; Reds Add Several More Villages To 300 Already Reported Recaptured; Nazi Losses Of Equipment Heavy

By EDDIE GILMORE Moscow, Dec. 21.—(AP) The Red army's middle Don offensive, its third of the winter, rolled on the edge of the Ukraine and toward the vast coal, iron and hydroelectric regions of the Donets basin today.

Showing no sign of slackening the Russians moved at a pace which rivaled the eastward sweep of Hitler's forces last July over the same ground.

Caught before the Red army onrush and in the cruel grip of the wind-driven snows of the Don Oosack Steppes was a mounting toll of dead and captured Germans—more than 43,000.

Adding new villages to the 300 already recaptured, the Russians occupied many of the airbases on the Steppes from which the Germans have been flying huge transports to supply trapped divisions in the Don-Volga corridor at Stalingrad.

The Germans were being forced progressively to move these bases back toward the Rostov area, 200 miles from Stalingrad. As the aerial supply route lengthened, the German transports faced increasing danger from Soviet fighters which were officially reported to have shot down 94 big carriers in the past week.

The Germans were reported counterattacking fiercely but under the heavy blows of the Red army, was "rolling back to the southwest, suffering heavy losses."

To the 28,000 Germans already reported killed in the new offensive the Russians added nearly 1,700 more today. More weary and chilled German prisoners joined the 13,500 sent streaming back to the rear during the first five days of the offensive.

One Soviet unit alone killed 1,300 Nazi troops in recapturing several more villages in the middle Don region and in another sector 380 more lay dead on the field of battle after Russian forces had evicted them from their village garrison. More prisoners were taken and large quantities of war equipment were captured.

There was no faltering in the two offensives already under way when the new storm was loosed on the Germans, the communique reported. (Continued on Page Two)

Police Solve Two Robberies In City

By CHESTER WALSH Greenville police today arrested Marvin Earl Williams, colored, and charged him with burglarizing the Neff Bottling Company's plant on Cotahene street Saturday night of seven bags of sugar and a pickup truck; arrested W. B. Marble, colored, of the Simpson community and charged him with receiving stolen goods when they found the seven bags of sugar in his possession, and now have both men in jail awaiting trial.

The Neff plant was broken into late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. A safe in the office was badly battered, but was not entered. The robber loaded the seven bags of sugar on a company pickup truck parked in the rear of the building and drove away. Police recovered the truck in the "Bams" section.

Williams today admitted to Police Chief George Clark that he stole a cash register from a car belonging to J. H. Thomas, salesman for the National Cash Register Company about a week ago.

Police and Police Court records show that Marvin Earl Williams was convicted of stealing merchandise from Kares Bros. store on Evans street while employed there about a year ago.

Airliner Missing

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—(Canadian Press)—A Canadian Pacific Airlines plane carrying 13 persons failed to reach Vancouver last night and Walter Gilbert, Vancouver district superintendent for C. F. A., said the machine must be on the ground somewhere "for better or worse" as it would have run out of its gasoline supply.

The plane was last sighted at 5:34 p. m., in the Harrison Lake district, 80 miles east of Vancouver, by the aircraft detective service of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

NEW ACTIVITY IN PACIFIC AREA

Burma, India, China And New Guinea In The News

(By The Associated Press) American-made tanks were rumbled into the attack against the last Japanese strongholds in the Buna area of northeast New Guinea, while on the Burma front British troops and American bombers struck at Japan's westernmost bases.

From China, Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's Sky Dragons dumped tons of heavy explosives yesterday into a big Japanese airfield and military warehouses at Lashio on the old Burma supply road.

Not a bomber was lost—and not a Japanese fighter was encountered, reported J. Reilly O'Sullivan, Associated Press correspondent who accompanied the raiders.

He said fires were started which could be seen 60 miles away.

From the mountainous Indian border, Gen. Archibald P. Wavell's forces had pushed through the western Burma jungle for almost half of the 100 miles to the important port of Akyab, 340 air-line miles across the Bay of Bengal from Calcutta.

There was no word of Japanese resistance. The Japanese struck back in the air, however, with a light raid on the Calcutta area.

Informed quarters at New Delhi said the drive was not Wavell's major attempt to win back Burma, but could be regarded as the start of a step-by-step strategy toward that goal.

Akyab would give the Allies an advanced base 350 miles by bomber from Rangoon, and within hitting range of the Japanese supply routes across Burma to the Yunnan front, back door to China.

On the Buna front in New Guinea, an Allied communique described the enemy's casualties as heavy, and said the Japanese commander, Lieut. Gen. Tomotomi Horii, is reported to have been killed in action.

Tanks and infantry were said to be closing in with general assault on the invaders' weakened foothold at Buna Mission.

This was the first reference to tanks on the Buna front, and field dispatches identified them as light American-made General Stuarts, manned by A1 stragglers.

Buna Mission is one of the last two centers of Japanese resistance in the Buna area after the capture of Buna village, Gona, and of the Cape Endiaderie region by Australian troops last Friday. The other Japanese pocket is at nearby Cape Sanananda.

State Guard Won't Drill Until 29th

The Greenville unit of the North Carolina State Guard will not drill Tuesday night and the non-commissioned officers' school will not be held Thursday night, Capt. Jasper L. Jones, commanding officer, announced today.

First Oil Coupons Expire This Week

Fuel oil coupons for Period 1 will expire December 26, an extra week having been given to the heating period because of the shortage of fuel oil and kerosene. Period 2 coupons will be usable until January 23.

Period 3 coupons may be used from January 3, 1943 to February 19, 1943, inclusive; Period 4 from February 6 to March 20, and Period 5 from March 7 to September 30, 1943.

Coupons for Pitt County are being issued for all purposes to expire October 1, 1943. Rations issued that will become invalid after January 1 are being renewed for consumers for the remainder of the heating period. These will be mailed to consumers.

Persons using kerosene and fuel oil should use it as conservatively as possible in order that their rations may last, stated C. V. Cannon, chief clerk at the Pitt County Ration Board.

Urges New Congress To Present A United Front

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Senate Democratic leader Barkley of Kentucky called on the New Congress today to bury factional differences in a harmonious support of the war effort which would leave the country united when the time comes to write the peace.

Republican minorities will climb onto the highest point in years with the convening of the new session on January 6, but Barkley expressed confidence that would make no difference toward prosecuting the war.

Rickenbacker Returns To U. S.—Smiling



Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, flight hero of two wars and president of Eastern Air Lines, arrived in San Francisco December 17—smiling as usual—after his harrowing rescue in the Pacific. Under strict orders to keep his story to himself until he reports to Washington, he was guarded by a phalanx of army escorts.

GASOLINE BAN LIFTED TODAY

Entire Ration Plan May Be Overhauled

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—James F. Byrnes announced today after a conference with key administration officials that steps would be taken to increase the supply of petroleum and "improve rationing methods."

The director of economic stabilization added, however, that the governmental agencies involved "hold out no hope for any lessening of the restrictions on the use of gasoline and fuel oil."

Meeting with him were Secretary Ickes, the petroleum administrator, Ralph Davies, deputy administrator, Price Administrator Leon Henderson and Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation coordinator.

Byrnes said in a formal statement he had discussed the "entire situation with reference to petroleum products," including available supplies, anticipated demands, and the method of rationing the available supply for civilian uses.

The ban against non-commercial sales in 17 eastern states which went into effect Friday noon because of an acute shortage due to military needs was lifted at midnight last night.

The Office of Price Administration, however, cut the value of B and C coupons from four to three gallons each. The A coupons continue on a three gallon basis.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson estimated this would result in a net saving of about 25,000 barrels a day.

Economic Director James F. Byrnes arranged to canvass the whole situation, as it affects fuel oil as well as gasoline, at a meeting today with Henderson, Petroleum Administrator Ickes, and Transportation Director Joseph B. Eastman.

Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the War Production Board warned meanwhile, that in the future "the mobility of consumers will be greatly restricted, both of necessity and by consumer choice."

"Travel by automobile is due for restriction much more drastic than that obtaining today," Nelson said in a letter to Chairman Murray (D-Mont) of the Senate Small Business committee.

"Travel by common carrier will be increasingly inconvenient and in some instances not permissible," the WPB chief told Murray.

Nelson said it was "conceivable" that military necessity might require the restriction of travel and freight movement in some areas.

"These factors suggest that goods must be available to consumers close to their homes, and that such locally available merchandise should cover almost the whole range of essential needs," he said.

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE Wide-World News Analyst

(This is the first of two articles on how Italy bids fair to lose Libya, and Mussolini's great agricultural colonization development. Tomorrow: An interview with the Grand Senussi.)

Barce, Libya, Dec. 19.—(Delayed)—As the signs read in Libya, this is another possession which bids fair to pass from the Roman Empire as the penalty of waging a war for conquest.

Here in the heart of Italy's colonial Garden of Eden we have laid out for us across the rolling fields of Mussolini's proud agricultural development the evolution of a dictator's downfall.

Stage Heavy Air Raids On France And Germany

Six U. S. Bombers Lost Yesterday; 40 Nazi Planes Downed; Germany Hit Last Night

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The RAF pounded Germany's great inland port of Duisberg at the junction of the Rhine and Rur rivers last night in a swift follow-up to a daylight raid by American Flying Fortresses which dared swarms of German fighters to penetrate deep into occupied France yesterday.

"A strong force of our bombers attacked industrial objectives at Duisberg in clear weather and bright moonlight," the Air Ministry said. "The attack was heavy and concentrated and many large fires were left burning."

Railway engines, and other objectives were reported to have been the targets of fighter command aircraft on intruder operations over France and the low countries.

The size of the force which attacked Duisberg was not immediately disclosed, but an announcement that 11 planes were lost in the assault was taken by observers as an indication that a considerable number participated.

The attack on Duisberg was the 52nd on the important communications and industrial center since the start of the war and the fifth night attack on Germany this month.

The weather over the target was described as good and preliminary reports were said to indicate the attack was entirely successful.

Six of the big American bombers were lost, the heaviest loss in a single day by U. S. bombing squadrons, but 40 German fighters were shot down in the sweep by U. S. forces deep into France yesterday, a raid that produced sharp battles.

Last night, taking another trick out of its bag, the RAF used new Whirlwinds as intruders. One of the twin-engined, single-seater fighters, which can also be used as bombers, toppled over a railway engine and freight car in a hedge-hopping attack over Belgium.

The Air Ministry news service said other intruders covered a wide area, penetrated deep into France, and shot up at least eight trains. All returned safely.

The German news agency DNB reported last night's attack by RAF bombers was aimed at western Germany, and acknowledged some damage and casualties. Eight British planes were downed, DNB said.

The main objective of the American bombing foray yesterday was the Nazi airbase at Homilly-Sur-Seine, 70 miles from Paris. The assault marked the end of an eight-day lull in large scale aerial operations over France due to bad weather and represented the deepest daylight penetration of the continent by the big American bombers.

The big toll of enemy fighters and pilots' reports of huge columns of smoke and debris raised by their bombs falling on hangars and repair shops at the airfield, emphasized again that Hitler must keep a huge air armada on hand to fend off the blasting British-American attacks on his homeland.

Even while the airfield was under attack, nearly 300 aircraft, including American of the Allied fighter command were sweeping over northern France from Le Havre to Graveline, but the Germans offered little opposition.

The German radio reported that Nazi planes had made a strong attack last night on the city of Hull, causing many fires in docks and warehouses. Hull, an important port and industrial center, is near the mouth of the Humber estuary on the northeast coast of England.

Hitler To Make Supreme Effort To Hold Tunisia

COLD SWEEPS OVER NATION

Yesterday's Snow Followed By Drop To 10 Degrees Here

A brisk wind from the north with overcast skies brought frigid weather to Greenville and the section Sunday and today. The mercury dropped from 34.7 degrees Sunday morning at 8 o'clock to 10.2 degrees above zero this morning at the same hour, J. A. Clark, airways observer for the government, announced.

Rain fell about noon Sunday, changing into sleet and snow shortly afterwards. The ground was frozen in a short time. Highways, streets and pavements were slick with ice by nightfall. An inch and a half of snow fell.

On last January 9 the mercury dropped to 9 degrees above zero, the official record shows.

On December 20 last year the thermometer registered 43 degrees. On December 21 last year the mercury registered 28 degrees.

The official reading of the government airways thermometer yesterday and today was as follows: Sunday, 8 a. m., 34.7 degrees; at 2 p. m. it had dropped to 29, and at 7 o'clock Sunday night it registered 18.8 degrees.

This morning at 2 o'clock the mercury stood at 14.1 degrees, and at 7 o'clock this morning the official reading was 10.2 degrees.

No serious traffic accidents were reported. Some cars on highways skidded into ditches, with no damage to the machines nor injuries to drivers or occupants.

Kinston, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The mercury dropped to one degree above zero here early today, Weatherman Marvin Duke reported. The reading was one of the lowest recorded here at this season.

(By The Associated Press) Winter—which doesn't begin officially until tomorrow—continued to get in icy practice blows today which kept much of the nation in a sub-freezing grip.

Below-zero cold continued to prevail in the east, beavelling householders striving to stretch oil supplies and upsetting the calculations of fuel oil rationing boards.

Although temperatures in New York City dropped only to one below last night, suburban Westchester county reported 28 below at Mt. Kisco and 21 below at Yorktown heights.

Albany reported 18 below, Boston 5 below, and Buffalo 5 below.

The temperature dropped to 8 below in Cincinnati, compared with 9 above reported yesterday, but farther west there was a general trend to higher figures. At Dubuq it was only 5 below, instead of the 21 below reported here at this season.

Greenville Man Made Patrolman

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Twelve highway patrolmen were sworn in today by Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell, bringing the force to 192. The normal complement is 213.

The officers entered the highway patrol school at Fayetteville on November 7 and were graduated Saturday.

The newcomers included Carl E. Whitfield of Greenville.

Feed The Birds And Watch Them Feast

Nature lovers, members of the Greenville Garden Club and others were today providing food for birds and other wild life while the snow is on the ground and the soil is frozen, June H. Rose, superintendent of city schools, said.

Rose suggested that householders spread bread crumbs, meat scraps (not salt meat) about their premises and that farmers put out feed for both birds and animals. The food supply is cut off when snow covers the ground, especially when the ground is frozen.

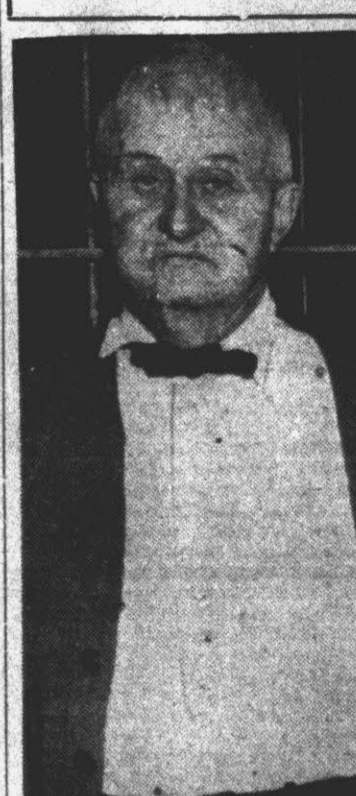
Sprinkle some bread crumbs on the top of the garage or in the yard and watch the birds feast near your doorstep.

Adolf Hitler Confers With War Leaders On Strategy

London, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler called high German and Italian military leaders and Pierre Laval, Axis-following Vichy French leader, to his headquarters over the week-end for a discussion of "questions of common strategy" and observers here quickly speculated that the Allied armies in North Africa provided the toughest question of all.

The German announcement of the meeting was characteristically vague, disclosing that the meeting

Fired On Court



Polignac Bourquin (above), 72, was jailed in Savannah, Ga., on a charge that he opened fire with a shotgun in Chatham county Superior Court, wounding Judge Clark Edwards and three others. Police said Bourquin admitted he fired because he thought he saw a lawyer "who did me dirt" years ago.

NEGRO GROUP GOES TO CAMP

Nearly 200 Selectees Sent To Fort Bragg Sunday

Nearly 200 Negro selectees called by the Pitt County draft board left Greenville Sunday morning for Fort Bragg to be examined and inducted into the service.

Eleven men of 135 listed by Board No. 1 failed to show up. It is important that they report at once to the board. They are: Willie Ellis, Albert Williams, Melvin T. Vines, Ivory Johnson, Clifton Taylor, Snoddie Little, Mark Hines, Larry Juner Hunt, Abe Thomas Barrett, Morris Teale and Charlie Banks, all colored.

Board No. 2 had 84 men listed to follow is the list of Board No. 1 selectees:

Willie Ray Tucker, Camboath Payton, William Roosevelt Pierce, Robert Taft, Jr., Clyde Chance, Ernest Darden, Paul Speight, Elton Thomas, Savage, Henry Rodgers, Andrew Ward, Jr., Robert E. L. Joyner, Sam Carney, Roman Willoughby, Eddie Odde Swinson, Jesse Weaver, DeWitt Suggs, Mitchell Gray, James Cook, Elmo Ward, Robert Moore, Lee Langley, Charlie McLawhorn, Jr., Willie James Brown, Mark Gorham, Israel Gibbs, Willie Ellis, Fannie Brown, Albert Williams, Alvin Thomas Jones, Oscar Ward, Willie Roscoe Whitefield, Glaston Gorham, Charlie James Daniels, Henry Clay Jones, Jr., Fred Johnson, Bennie Roy Armfield, Rudolph Slade, Julius Stancill, Willie Landis Parrish, James Hinton Clemons, William Augusta Slade, James Addison, Ernest Holmes, Melvin Thomas Vines, Clifton Walter Williams, James Henry Vines, Harry Lee Battle, Henry Dixon, Ivory Johnson, Clifton Taylor.

Moses Vines, Rowan Peele Blount Jr., Gilbert Earl Dixon, Joseph Lee Phillips, Winsor Daniel, Jr., Salemon Edwards, Jr., Ernest Hardison, Snoddie Little, David Columbus Corbett, Mark Hines, Willie Dixon, Willie Lee Fleming, William Whitehurst, Charlie Bill Dixon, William T. C. Andrews, Isiah Chance, Wil-

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Allies Continue To Hammer Germans From The Air As French Forces Recapture Pichon; Rommel's Forces Giving Up Tripolitania In Effort To Join Axis In Tunisia

(By The Associated Press) London, Dec. 21.—The Axis was reported today moving its forces from Tripoli and diverting men and material even from the hard-pressed Russian front in order to make an all-out fight for Tunisia in the wake of a two-day military and political conference at Adolf Hitler's headquarters.

Neutral and Allied sources reported that a huge convoy was being assembled in southern French ports, to rush reinforcements from Europe, and that Marshal Erwin Rommel's African corps and Mussolini's battered legions might give up Tripolitania altogether in order to concentrate every available man and gun in the struggle for Tunisia.

A Reuters dispatch from North Africa said Allied patrols had captured Italians from Tripoli who were trying to link up with Gen. Walther Nehring's Tunisian force, and added that there were indications that part of the Italian garrison of Tripoli also was moving by sea to Tunisia.

The Daily Mail, in a dispatch from Madrid, said it was reported from Vichy that the Germans were planning a large-scale attempt to reinforce the Tunisian forces with a convoy of 150 French ships massed in French ports for the risky crossing.

The presence of Pierre Laval, Vichy chief of government, at the Friday and Saturday conference with Hitler and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian foreign minister, in official quarters pointed out, may be linked with some such Axis plan.

Observers coupled reports that the Axis was prepared to use in North Africa even the weapons and men needed on the Russian front with the statement of an Allied spokesman in Algiers that "we have a lot of long, hard fighting ahead of us."

Meanwhile, the British were progressing slowly through defense mine fields in Libya where they had reached the region of Sultan, 140 miles west of El Agheila and 255 miles from Tripoli.

Both Allied and Axis reports told of lively patrol activity and much (Continued on Page Six)

Meat Robberies At Weekend Reported

Sheriffs and police officers recovered a gunnysack with five hams in it on a ditch bank on the western suburbs of the city during the week end. The meat was stolen from Jim Roach's smoke-house on the Smith farm on the Farmville highway just beyond the Kinston-Farmville fork.

Sheriff's officers spent much of the wintry Sunday investigating the larceny of a quantity of side meat from Ernest Lotfin's smoke-house, a few miles north of Ayden.

The officers also investigated an attempted burglary at B. T. McLawhorn's service station east of Ayden.

Kiwanis Festival Will Not Be Held

The Kiwanis Club's community Christmas song festival, scheduled to be held on the High School grounds Tuesday night has been postponed because of weather conditions. "Tige" Gardner, chairman of the committee, stated this afternoon.

The song festival will be held at a later date. Lewis Sidney Bullock who directed the presentation of "The Messiah," Handel's famous oratorio, at Jarvis Memorial Methodist church yesterday afternoon and at the First Baptist church and Camp Seymour Johnson Air Base at Goldsboro last night, will direct the singing.

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Buy Christmas Seals

Social and Personal

Miss Paul Fitzgerald is at home from Richmond to spend Christmas.

Staff Sergeant Murry J. Cox of the Army Air Corps, Topeka, Kansas, and Perry Ray Cox of Washington, D. C., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cox of Greenville.

Mr. Jack Spain has returned from Washington, D. C., to spend Christmas.

Mr. J. J. Jenkins is recovering satisfactorily from an operation which he underwent in McPherson Hospital in Durham.

Harvey Deal of Fort Belvoir, Va., spent the week-end at his home in Greenville.

Miss Margaret Jones, a student at W. C. U. N. C., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Jones.

Miss Mary Agnes Deal is home from Anny for the holidays.

T. M. Gorman of Richmond, spent the week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. James Britt of Birmingham, Ala., are the guests of Mrs. Britt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitehurst.

Miss Nina Smith, who teaches in Wayne county, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Mary Whitehurst, who is a teacher in the Raleigh city schools, is here for the holidays.

P. T. Anthony has returned from the Tennessee tobacco market for the holidays.

Miss Evelyn Scheller, a student at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Scheller, 504 East Eleventh street.

Scouts To Meet. Greenville District of Boy Scouts will have their regular meeting on Monday, December 22, at 8 p. m.

Pageant Cancelled. The pageant which was to have been presented at the Christian Church tonight has been cancelled.

Convalescing. Pvt. T. O. Clayton who has been seriously ill with pneumonia in Camp Vamp Dorn, Miss., Hospital, is now convalescing.

Recovering. Little Billie Simmons, son of Mrs. W. A. Simmons, is recovering at his home on Harding street, from a tonsil operation.

Services At Black Jack. There will be services at the Free Will Holiness Church at Black Jack Christmas morning at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Little, Pentecostal Holiness minister. Everyone is invited to attend.

At Home. Mrs. T. A. Etheridge is confined to her home on East Fourth street extension, with influenza.

Entertain For Guests. Misses Dorothy Woodard and Ruth Whalen of Wilson, were weekend guests of Miss Eleanor James. On Saturday morning, Mrs. Larry James entertained at an informal Coca-Cola party in their honor. They were again honored when their hosts entertained at a supper party Saturday evening.

Masses To Meet Tonight. Regular communication of Greenville Lodge No. 208 A. F. and A. M., tonight at 7:30. Work in the third degree. All Master Masons cordially invited. Arthur B. Corey, W. M. J. S. Willard, Secy.

Undergoes Operation. J. W. Speight is getting along nicely following a tonsil operation on Friday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Speight of Greenville, E. C.

Winterville Boy Writes Home. The many friends of Pvt. Casper Harris of Winterville, will be glad to know that he has written his sister, Mrs. Gild Fulford, that he is safe in the warzone somewhere in Australia. He says he wants to return home to his wife and to tell all his friends hello and that he hopes to see them before long.

In Government Hospital. Pfc. Wm. Vernon Tyson of Belvoir, is in a government hospital in Trenton, N. J., recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Transferred. Pvt. Charles B. Allen, Jr., son of Mrs. Keturah Allen of Greenville, has been transferred from Fort Bragg and is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, La.

Card of Thanks. We wish to thank our friends for the kind expressions of sympathy shown to us at the death of our husband and father. Mrs. E. J. Whitehurst and Children.

Recreational Rooms Open Nights. The recreation and rest rooms will be open each shopping night this week. Women and children will find there a comfortable and interesting place to wait for other members of their families. A lighted Christmas tree, placed there by the Business and Professional Women's Club, adds a finishing touch to displays, placed there by the city library, Miss Strawn's nursery school class and the American Association of Childhood Education.

Jimmy Warren and Joyce Corbett, second. The Christmas Mother, starring Mary Rose Crisp, Miriam Showell, Katherine Van Norwick, Ione Bradsher and Eleanor James. The dining room was lovely with blue and silver bells, glowing candles and Christmas favors. Mrs. Frank Bendall poured coffee and Mrs. Perry served delicious Christmas pudding with salted nuts and candy.

Mrs. Roach Died Saturday Night

Mrs. Elizabeth Roach, 21, died at Duke Hospital, Durham, Saturday night about 9 o'clock. She had been ill two weeks, but was taken to the hospital just a few hours before she died.

Funeral services were held at Epworth Methodist Church in Craven county this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. W. H. Brady, Methodist minister of Vanceboro, officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Roach was born and reared in Craven County. She was a member of Epworth Methodist Church, Jr., in December, 1940. Since then they had lived near Chatham School. Surviving are her husband, her father, Heber Forrest of the Vanceboro community; a brother, Joe Forrest of the United States Army; a half-brother, Guin Heath of Craven County; and a sister, Iris Mae Forrest of the Vanceboro community.

Bethel Man Died In Norfolk Sunday

D. N. Bland, 50, died of a heart attack in Norfolk, Va., early Sunday morning. He had been employed at a shipyard for several years.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Bethel, N. C., this afternoon at 2:30. The Rev. Mr. Phillips, pastor of the church, officiated. Burial was in the Bethel cemetery.

Mr. Bland was born and reared in Bethel. He was a member of the Methodist Church. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Lena Nelson Bland; three daughters, Eloise, Audrey and Sue Holland; a brother, J. D. Bland of Scotland Neck; a sister, Mrs. Maggie Roberson of Robersonville, and several nieces and nephews.

Ola Tucker Died Sunday Morning

Ola Lee Tucker, 52, well-known businesswoman and farmer, died of a heart attack at Pitt General Hospital. He had been ill a week.

Funeral services were held at the home near Greenville this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. A. Hartwell Campbell, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, and Elder S. B. Denny, Primitive Baptist minister of Wilson officiated. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Tucker was born and reared on the farm on which he lived his entire life. He attended the Greenville city schools and Massey's Business College, Richmond, Va. For a time he was employed by the British-American Tobacco Company. He was a yeoman in the United States Navy during World War I. He married Miss Helen Matlocks of Greenville in December, 1925.

Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Jean, Dorothy and Lois Tucker, all of the home; and two brothers, S. B. Tucker and W. A. Tucker, both of near Greenville.

INDICT FIRM IN WAR FRAUD

Defective Material Endangered Lives Of Men In Armed Forces

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Attorney General Biddle announced today the indictment of Anaconda Wire and Cable Co., in what he called one of the most reprehensible cases of defrauding the government and endangering the lives of American soldiers and sailors.

The Justice Department said the Marion (Ind.) company was charged with turning out defective wire in meeting \$6,000,000 in government orders. Some of its wire went to Russia, an official said, resulting in a Soviet complaint, while the U. S. Army had ordered that communications wire from the Anaconda Company be used only for maneuvers—not for combat.

Biddle said the indictment of the company and five officers, returned at Fort Wayne, Ind., charged conspiracy to present "false claims in the production and sale of wire and cable used by the armed forces for combat communication purposes."

"This is one of the most reprehensible cases of defrauding the government and endangering the lives of American soldiers and sailors ever to come to the attention of the Department of Justice," Biddle declared in a formal statement. "I can conceive of nothing more vicious, or treacherous, than deliberately supplying our armed forces with defective war material; and I am informed that only the alertness of government inspectors and the promptness with which the war frauds unit and the FBI investigated complaints in this case has prevented enormous quantities of defective wire and cable from being transported to our troops overseas."

The Justice Department charged the defendants "secretly installed," behind sliding panels under test tables, mechanism that enabled the passing of inferior or defective materials.

In addition to the company, the Justice Department said defendants named in the indictments were Thor S. Johnson, general manager of all Anaconda mills; Frank E. Hart, manager of the Marion division of Anaconda; Don R. Carpenter, superintendent of the Marion plant; Chalmers Bishop, chief company inspector at Marion; and Frank Kunkle, assistant chief company inspector at Marion. Tom C. Clark, chief of the Justice Department's war fraud unit, told newspapermen that Russia had complained that practically 50 per cent of the wire manufactured by this company and shipped to Russia was defective.

Four Killed In Crash. Wilmington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Four soldiers were killed and three civilians, two men and a woman, seriously injured yesterday in a collision of two automobiles four miles north of here.

Soldiers Play Santa Claus. London, Dec. 21.—(AP)—United States soldiers contributed several hundred dollars to give Christmas parties to 2,400 British children today. About 1,200 children and 60 teachers were entertained by American troops at Salisbury and they played Santa Claus to another 1,200 children at three parties in Andover.

WGTC

1490 KILOCYCLES GREENVILLE, N. C.

TONIGHT
7:00—Mr. Charles Bisette and Victory Bonds.
7:05—Tommy Reynolds Orch.
7:10—The Johnson Family, MBS
7:30—Silver Strings.
7:45—Mrs. Rose's Radio Actors
8:00—Singing 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 Heatter, MBS.
9:15—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
9:45—Let Us 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.

TUESDAY, DEC. 22

7:00—News.
7:05—Yawn Patrol.
8:00—News.
8:15—Moonbeam Trio.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Your Morning Pickup.
9:00—News.
9:05—Local News and Ann's.
9:15—Merry Christmas to Johnny Doughboy.
9:45—Rhythm 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—Earl Zomar's Scrapbook, MBS.
11:30—Ayden On The Air.
11:45—Harry James Orch.
12:00—Hillbilly Roundup.
12:15—News.
12:25—Tune Time.
12:40—Carolina Farm Features.
12:50—Victory Bonds.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Bond Wagon.
1:15—To Be Announced, MBS.
1:30—Seymour Johnson Field Headlines, TN.
1:35—Letters From The Navy.
1:45—Broadway Bandwagon.
2:00—Today's War Commentary.
2:05—Robersonville on the Air.
2:15—Baron Elliot's Orch., MBS
2:30—Mutual Goss Calling, MBS
3:00—Stanley Dixon and the News, MBS.
3:15—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
4:00—Background For News, MBS.
4:15—Fuel Conservation Program
4:30—Waltz Time.
5:00—Piano Melodies By Chris, TN.
5:15—Quaker City Footlight Rhapsody, 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—Editorial Views the News TN.
7:00—Bonds For Victory.
7:05—Musical Interlude.
7:10—Human Interest Drama.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS
7:30—Action on the Home Front
7:45—A Message From the State President of the N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers.
8:00—Pass in Review, MBS Program From Pearl Harbor.
8:30—Charlie Barnett's Orch.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
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Perry Delivers Christmas Message

By WYATT BROWN

"What must I do in order for Jesus to spend this Christmas with me," queried Reverend George W. Perry yesterday morning at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church in his sermon "Where Christ Will Spend Christmas." He took his text from the 14th Chapter of the Gospel of John, the 6th verse: "They sought therefore, for Jesus."

"Maybe you do not want Him. Then, be sure that He will not by any means force Himself upon you as a guest in your home. Certain things and definite things we must do if we want Christ.

"Jesus will go where He is needed if He is invited. We need Him more than we have admitted in a long long time.

"So many feel we have failed so often and feel so disappointed as we approach this season. Disappointed Christians—if we will call Him, He will make it the most successful Christmas yet. If you are sincere and invite Him to be a guest, He will never refuse," declared Mr. Perry. To illustrate Mr. Perry told of how Jesus had gone home to dine with Zachaeus who in his day was considered the lowest of men.

"May God help each one of us to extend the sort of invitation to the indispensable guest for Christmas and all the time" that he will be wherever men are—Greenville, North Africa or anywhere declared Mr. Perry inconclusion.

ditions that will make another such conflict as it impossible," he said. He declared that members of Congress could help in this, as well as in prosecution of the war, by "being Americans before they are Democrats or Republicans."

"I don't believe that any member or any group can afford to take any other view," he said. Barkley conceded that many arising questions were likely to arise over such controversial issues as farm price ceilings, rationing and various government controls.

New Russian ...

(Continued from page one)

ed. The Red army continued to drive forward in the Rshve area on the central front, and the communiqué said 500 Germans were killed in a bitter fight for a strongly fortified German position in one sector.

In the Stalingrad area, too, there was heavy fighting, with the Germans counterattacking viciously both northwest and southwest of the city and the Russians stubbornly protecting their gains and pressing for more.

The mid-day communiqué said that Soviet airmen destroyed 20 enemy planes in a raid on a German airbase and shot down three more in air fights.

Already astride the strategic Moscow-Rostov railway line, Russian troops were reported bearing down on the key railroad junction of Millerovo, about 130 miles north of Rostov. A special communiqué said the Red army had occupied Makov-Kalitvenskaya, 30 miles north of Millerovo, and Degteva, about 25 miles northeast of the junction.

The German news agency DNE acknowledged last night that the German army had found it necessary to "shorten" its front on the middle Don.

On the central front, the heaviest fighting apparently was on the snow-covered plain west of Rshve where one Soviet unit was reported to have killed 700 Germans and destroyed 15 tanks.

infantry and destroyed three German tanks, the communiqué reported. (The German news agency admitted yesterday that the Russians had broken into Velike Luki, only 90 miles from the Latvian border but declared the Soviet forces had been driven out again.)

Nine German divisions were reported routed in the middle Don offensive and the army newspaper, Red Star reported that the pace of the retreat in some sections was so fast that "we can pursue them only in our automobiles."

One Russian force was reported sweeping southward from Voronezh—held by the Russians against bitter attacks last summer—while another army was moving westward in the upper section of the Don elbow. The railway town of Kuznetsovka, 54 miles north of Millerovo on the Moscow-Rostov railway, was already in Russian hands.

Cutting of this line gave the Germans in the south new problems of supply and the Nazi divisions outside Stalingrad found themselves fighting with their route of escape gravely threatened.

The newspaper Izvestia said jubilantly: "The new victory will find repercussions at Stalingrad and Rshve and at Velike Luki. We have started battering the Germans and will continue to batter them with even greater resolution until the whole country is liberated from the German vermin."

A special Soviet communiqué which must have cheered Premier Joseph Stalin as he grimly marked his 53rd birthday today, reported the capture of the following booty in the five days ending yesterday: Eighty-nine tanks as well as a trainload of tanks, 3,320 guns of various calibers, 800 mortars, 1,000 machineguns, 66,320 trucks, 30 trailers, 3,600 horses, over 10,000,000 rifle cartridges, over 1,000,000 shells and mines, 70 field radio stations and 77 ammunition, equipment and food stores.

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SANTA SKEPTIC

By LUCRECE HUGHINS

THE STORY SO FAR: Back in Poopo-Poona, Michael Woffington Bartholomew tries to tell his friends that there is a Santa Claus, but none will believe him. "Why," they say, "haven't the streets been decorated, then?"

Chapter Thirteen
Michael Decorates The Streets
When Michael saw that no one believed him he was terribly sad. "Santa was right," he thought. "I never shall be able to convince anyone by Christmas Day and by that time it will be too late for Santa will have died."

As he walked slowly away from the school house he noticed how bare and ugly the streets were and he thought, "It is all my fault that there are no ribbons and colored paper decorating the streets this year." And then he stopped for a wonderful plan had come to him.

"I will decorate the streets!" he cried to himself. "I will string colored paper from every lamp post and when the children see it they will think that Santa did it and then they will believe!"

Sure now that all would be well. Michael hunted in the dirty gutters until he found a scrap of old paper and a stub of a pencil. He wrote on the paper, "I am the rag man." Then he went from door to door along the streets and showed what he had written to the people who answered his knock.

It wasn't any time at all before he had stuffed his pockets and shirt and loaded down both arms with scraps of paper and bits of rags for housewives were glad to be able to throw away the trash that had gathered in their closets and attics. And besides, they were amused at the little Rag Man who couldn't talk but who looked at them so hopefully when he showed them his note.

Before long Michael had such a load he had to run down and hide it behind an old paint and dye factory. There were large tubs of paint and dye which stood outside the factory day and night and it was by these tubs that he hid his paper and rags.

All the afternoon and late into the evening he collected trash. As each load became too heavy to carry he took it to the paint factory

Finally it was past midnight and Michael decided that he must have collected every rag and paper in Poopo-Poona—so huge was the pile he had gathered.

By the light of the moon he set about tearing into strips all the rags and papers. He dumped these strips into the different tubs of paint and dye and when he had finished he had a beautiful assortment of gaily colored ribbons and paper streamers. Some were red, some green, some yellow, and some were just like spun silver.

He took the streamers into the streets and fastened them to lamp posts and stretched them from tree to tree. He strung them from shop windows and flung them across porches. When everything that could be decorated had been, he tore the rest of the streamers into bits and scattered them in the streets like confetti.

The sun had begun to come up before he finished. By that time he was so weary he could hardly keep his eyes open, so he went down to the paint factory and climbed into an empty barrel and fell asleep.

When he awoke it was past noon. Quickly he ran through the streets to see what had happened. How gay everything looked! The colored streamers fluttered in the breeze and looked very Christmasy indeed. And the people in the streets really seemed happier and more cheerful than they had in weeks.

Michael, his heart beating with joy, ran to the school house where he found all his school mates discussing what had happened. Some were saying it must prove after all that there was a Santa for who else could have done such a wonderful thing. But most of them still shook their heads and wouldn't believe.

"For," said Roderick Benbow, "it is three days until Christmas and always before the Kingdom had been filled with candies and fruits by this time. This year there are no goodies of any kind. Surely if there were a Santa he would have brought us sweets by now."

The children listened and agreed and Michael turned away in disappointment.

TOMORROW: Michael Finds Goodies.

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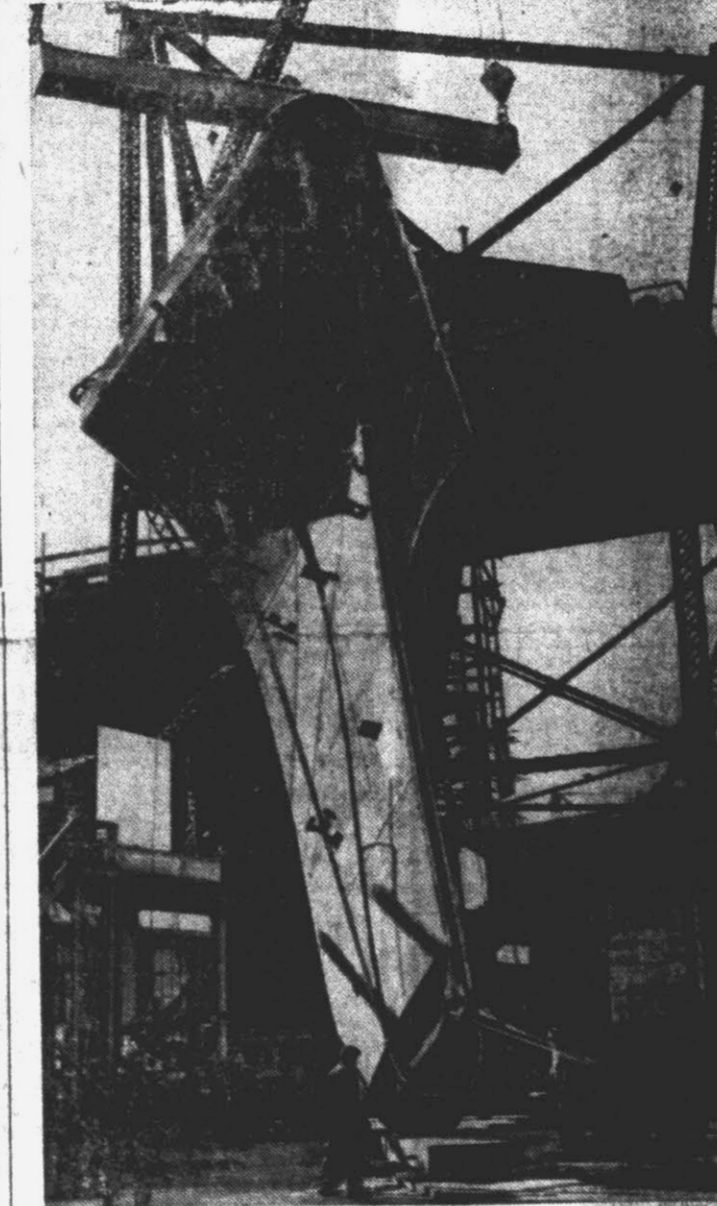
Cleo Booth (above) of Los Angeles, stewardess on the Western Airlines transport plane which crashed in the desert near Fairfield, Utah, was one of 17 persons killed. Only two aboard escaped with their lives.



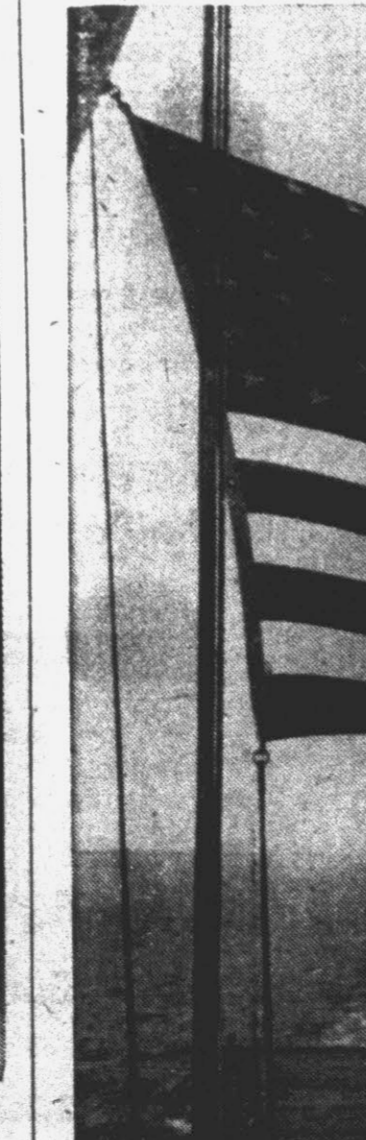
Washington reports say that Senator Prentiss Brown (above), Democrat of Michigan, will succeed Leon Henderson as price administrator. Henderson has resigned on account of his health. Brown was defeated for re-election to the senate last November.



Using the butt of an army pistol, Lieut. Robert F. McKee, in charge of a detail of U. S. army soldiers from Shaw Field, S. C., tucks up a government order, taking over more than 100 junked automobiles in a yard at Lake City, S. C. WPA officials said the owner, A. K. Brown, refused to dispose of the cars for scrap purposes. And so the WPA, after lengthy negotiations, issued a requisition and asked the army to serve it. WPA's Henry G. Taylor said Brown will be compensated fairly.



NOSE FOR A SHIP—Sixty feet tall and weighing 100,000 pounds, this bow of a cargo ship is carried by a crane to a hull under construction at Federal shipyards, Kearny, N. J.



OLD GLORY WAVES FROM A CARRIER—High over the flight deck of a U. S. aircraft carrier waves the American flag. A destroyer, ever watchful, trails the carrier.

Here's First Radiophoto From Chungking



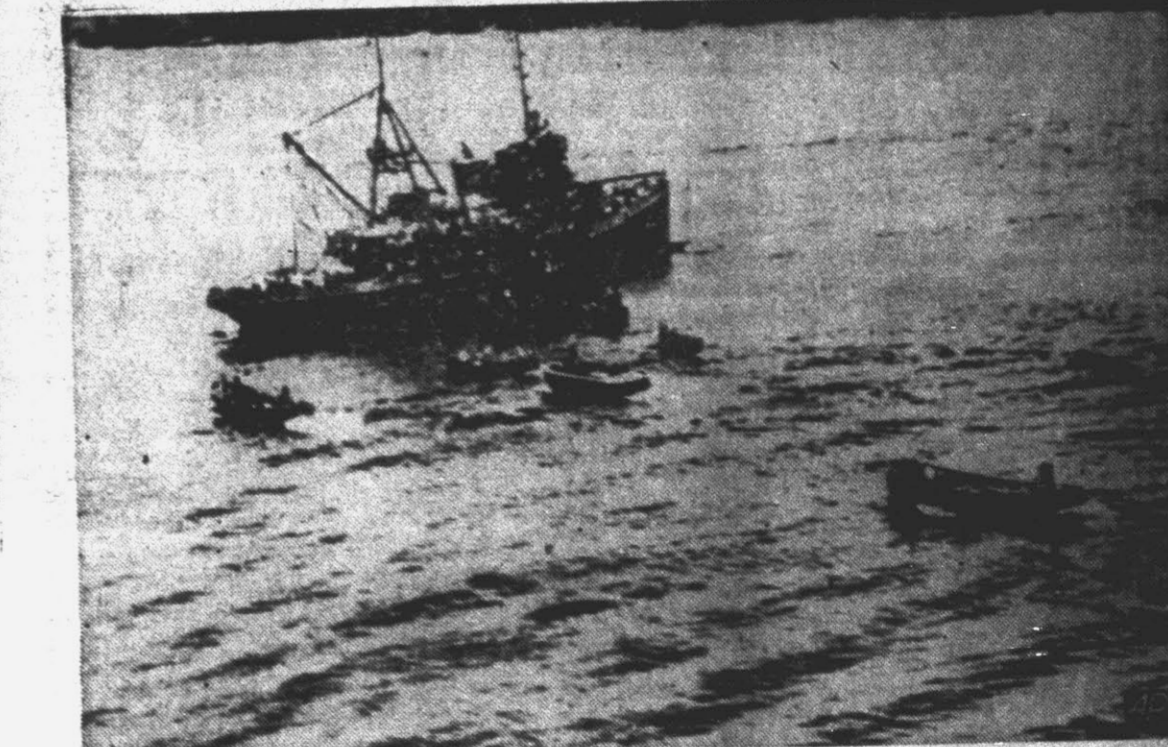
This radiophoto, the first commercial transmission on the newly-opened circuit from Chungking, China, to the United States, shows Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault (left), commander of United States air forces in China, conferring at American headquarters with Brig. Gen. Caleb V. Haynes (center), chief of the U. S. Bomber Command in China, and Col. Robert L. Scott (right), head of American fighter pilots there. All three are southern men. Gen. Chennault's home is at Waterproof, La. Gen. Haynes lives at Mount Airy, N. C., and Col. Scott is from Macon, Ga.

Airliner Crash Kills Seventeen In Utah



Seventeen persons perished in this wreckage of a Western Airlines transport plane which crashed in a sagebrush desert near Fairfield, Utah, on route from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles. A doughty 23-year-old Marine Corps officer, Lieut. A. F. Gardner of Alexander, N. Y., and a civilian, R. V. Mallett of Springfield, Ark., were the only survivors. Both were injured.

S. S. Coolidge Survivors Reach Rescue Ship



Already crowded with rescued men, an auxiliary naval vessel stands by to take on more survivors of the former liner President Coolidge which sank in the south Pacific while in use as a troop transport. All but four of the 4,000 men aboard were saved. This photo is from an official navy film.

School Children Help Launch Steamship



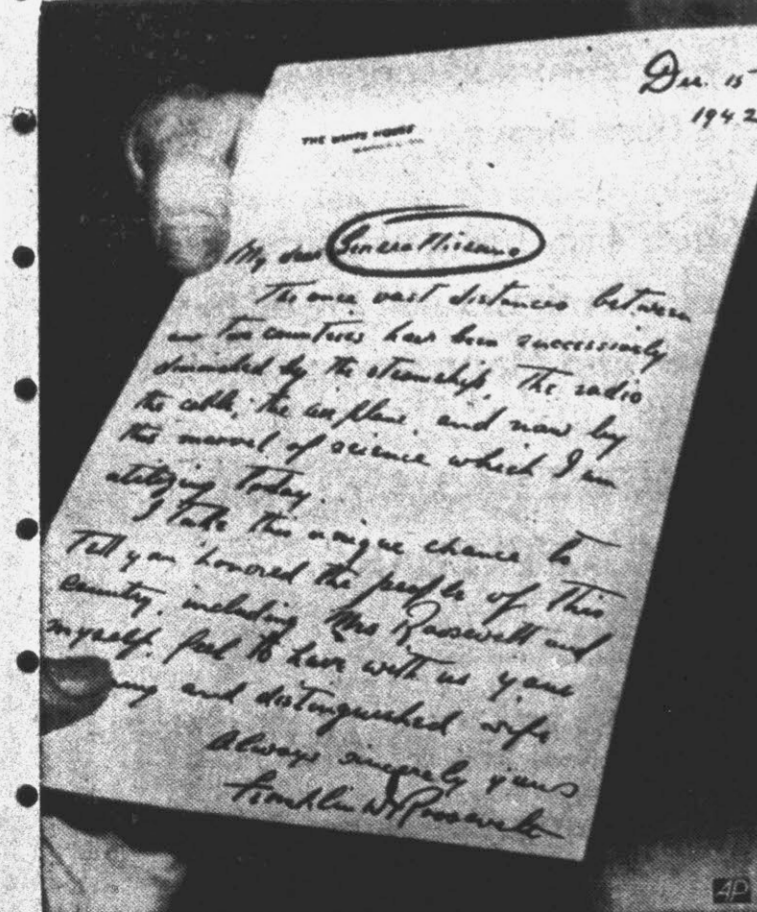
North Carolina school students who led in the recent newspaper-sponsored scrap metal collection campaign, are shown as guests of honor at the launching of the Liberty freighter Richard Caswell at Wilmington. The youngsters were allowed to name the vessel as reward for their work in the campaign. Left to right: A'len Parish, Sanford high school; Miss Jean Hart of Kinston, maid of honor at the launching; Mrs. Tolbert Midyette of Kinston, matron of honor; Dr. Clyde A. Erwin of Raleigh, state superintendent of public instruction; S. F. Ware, secretary of the shipyard; Miss Ann Midyette of Kinston, sponsor; David S. Weaver, chairman of the North Carolina Iron and Steel committee; Willie E. Sessions of Rocky Point school, and Jack Sumerlin of Laurinburg school. The Richard Caswell, 48th Liberty freighter to be launched at Wilmington, is named for North Carolina's first governor.

Fan Mail For 'Duggie' Gray



"Duggie" Gray, small daughter of Naval Lieut. James Gray, is kept busy these days looking at scores of letters that have come to her home in Pensacola, Fla., since her picture was carried in newspapers throughout the country recently. "Duggie" made headlines when she broke out of line and into a military formation to hug her daddy just after he received the Distinguished Flying Cross at the Pensacola Naval Air Training Center for heroism in the Pacific.

Roosevelt's Spelling Troubles OWI



Here's a copy of the letter President Roosevelt wrote for radiophoto transmission to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek at Chungking, China, with generalissimo (incorrectly spelled "generallissimo") with two bold looping L's instead of one. The Office of War Information detected the error and hurriedly fixed it with ink erasers before making the transmission.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

LIKE BEATEN ANVILS

Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, was sentenced to death for his religion, and in the year 116 A.D. was cast to the lions "for the amusement of the people," as the Emperor Trajan decreed in the death warrant. Yet on his way from Antioch to Rome, Ignatius wrote a series of epistles which inspired his generation which reveals to this very hour the undying courage of the men. At Troas he sent a message to his young colleague Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, which contained among other things the injunction, "Stand like a beaten anvil." Later he wrote, "Come fire and cross, grapple with wild beasts, crushing of my whole body; only be it mine to attain Jesus Christ."

We are living in an age when men are having to suffer for their faith as their forebears did in past centuries. The concentration camp, the modern torture chamber have taken the place of the ancient amphitheater. Jew, Catholic, and Protestant suffer today under the heavy hand of a new secular religion which claims that might makes right and that there is no God but expediency.

The Christian Church has, at different periods of its life, been tempered in the hot fires of persecution. The spirit of Ignatius and Polycarp lives on. There are multitudes of men today who are willing for the sake of their faith to stand like beaten anvils.

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UNPOPULAR FACT

(Industrial News Review)

The prime war objective is the preservation of individual freedom. All other objectives are incidental, including economic security. Of course, everyone wants economic security. But our form of government does not and can never guarantee both freedom and 100 per cent security. It just isn't in the cards. The government that extends the promise of bread and butter to all citizens, must also extend the heavy hand of dictatorial control. This is a highly unpopular fact. But it is nonetheless true.

It is also a fact that we have been steadily working toward greater security for the average citizen by the slow, sure path of enlightened industrial operation, coupled with ever wide distribution of the products of industry. American citizens enjoy the highest standard of living in the world. Rare is the man who does not have electricity in his home, a refrigerator, radio and auto. In peacetime, he can pack up and go fishing or migrate with his family to another section of the country, with notice to no one. If he does not like an employer, he can choose another. There are millions of employers. If he has an idea, a service or a gadget that the public wants he can soon become an employer himself. More important, he can help to choose our public servants by secret ballot. He can worship as he pleases and say what he pleases at any time and any place.

If these things do not con-

Christmas Suggestion



stitute independence and security, what in the world does? At least these are the things our soldiers and marines and sailors believe they are fighting to save. They can exist only under a representative form of government supported by free enterprise.

WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—There's more to the abolishment of WPA than meets the eye. This \$10,000,000,000 made work program—spanned in the depression—had dwindled to something around 300,000 employees, a generous percentage of them executives. Less than a year ago President Roosevelt asked Congress to continue the program. The other day he signed its death warrant. Soon WPA will be no more.

Long before rigor mortis set in on WPA, the story was out that W. Bruce MacNamee, director of the U. S. Travel Bureau, had actually asked for liquidation of his agency. On the heels of these two facts came rumors that the President's 1943-44 budget message will contain a lot of "eliminations" of existing non-war agencies. The economy drive on "non-defense" agencies has been gathering steam for months. In the speaker-

head has been Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, chairman of the joint committee on non-essential federal expenditures. The 78th Congress, greatly increased in republican strength, is going to hammer away on non-defense economies and make a lot of to-do about the "waste" in Administration handling of war contracts.

To beat them to the draw, the Administration is going overboard in getting rid of "non-essentials." In dollars and cents, all this probably won't mean much to U. S. taxpayers, no matter who instigates it. The WPA or what was left of it, has been devoting its time lately entirely to projects identifiable as national defense.

Behind the scenes, war agencies are already scrambling to see who will "take over" WPA. Its personnel, tutored in the ways of government operation, would be valuable to half a dozen bureaus. Some months ago, a Civil Service Commissioner told a Senate committee he would guarantee a job to any government employee who could demonstrate that the job he was holding should be abolished. Not only that, but the commissioner said he would guarantee that the new job would be a better one. This wasn't idle testimony. In spite of all the talk about "surplus" government employees, men who have to fill employment orders are still sweating. Turnover, resulting from dissatisfaction with federal pay, working conditions, etc., has made recurrent gaps in essential agencies. The draft has made more. It's likely that a great many "non-essential" government agencies can be abolished without making any material difference in the federal payroll.

In 1942, 170,000 students graduated from colleges in the Soviet Union.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS: 1. Best friend-ly ally. 2. Negative. 3. New York's financial street. 4. Arrived. 5. Babylonian deity. 6. Arrow poison. 7. Minute particle. 8. By. 9. Pedal digits. 10. Ridicule. 11. Arabian weights. 12. This. 13. Support for plucker. 14. Fragments. 15. Sweet biscuit. 16. Snr eagle. 17. Literary scrape. 18. Short for a kind of dog. 19. Medley. 20. More than sufficient. 21. Goddess of peace. 22. Greek letter. 23. Golf term. 24. Dry. 25. Exlat. 26. Feline animals. 27. Genus of the sunnar. 28. Explanation. 29. Small tilt hammer. 30. Price into other's affairs. 31. David Copperfield's wife. 32. Mountain. 33. comb form. 34. Object of devo. 35. Border. 36. Edge. 37. Closing part of a musical composition. 38. Unsprung. 39. Epoch. 40. Formerly. 41. Cupid. 42. Negligent. 43. Back of the neck. 44. Number. 45. Head covering. 46. Kept back. 47. Small wild ox. 48. Sidelong glance. 49. Minus. 50. Accomplish. 51. By. 52. Siles heavily. 53. Foundation. 54. Harden. 55. Diminish. 56. gradually. 57. Large serpent. 58. Lane. 59. Composition for pipe. 60. Park in the Rockies. 61. Before, prefix. 62. South American Indian. 63. Weaken. 64. North American Indian. 65. Dawn. 66. Selection. 67. Pronoun. 68. One indefinitely. 69. East Indian woody vine. 70. Rounded protruberance. 71. City in Spain. 72. Indefinite quantity. 73. Scent. 74. Seed container. 75. Long narrow board. 76. Horse and carriage.

AP Features

PACIFIC PATROL

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

YESTERDAY: Lieut. Dan Sherman was the guest of honor at Santa Philippi's War Bond dinner, and Mary Garthwaite's mother was chairman of the affair. But Dan did not make a polite speech; he flung the truth at the audience with both hands. And then he disappeared with Mary. She told Dan he had been rude, and Dan told her she would be seeing him again—soon.

Chapter Two
The War Comes Closer
Porter Lloyd was waiting for Mary, all right. She saw his car in front of the house as she turned into the wide tree-lined boulevard.

"Thank God you're here," he said as she came in. He strode toward her, hands outstretched, his limp more pronounced than usual. Mary noticed instantly. It always was, she knew, when Porter was upset or tired.

"What's the matter?" she searched his face anxiously. "Plenty." He drew her toward the sofa. "The F. B. I. picked up three of my night crew. Jap agents, every one of them."

Mary stared at him. "You're kidding." Porter jumped up, paced the long room again nervously. "We've all been sound asleep here."

His curtsey gave Mary her cue. "But, Porter, it's all over now. They are caught. You won't have any more trouble. Don't worry so."

He fell, slim body had never been quite strong enough to sustain his tremendous mental energy since that ghastly Thanksgiving Day game when they'd carried him unconscious out of the Stanford Stadium deaf to the cheers of his school-mates. He'd earned the winning touchdown that day, but he'd paid for it with a year in a wheel chair and a permanent limp.

Porter flung out his hands helplessly. "What can we do? We don't know where they'll strike next."

"For one thing, we can stop talking about being prepared, and do something. There's a war on, you know. We can't go on taking safety for granted, doing business as usual. Everyone has to dig in and help to win the war."

The Lieutenant Again
"Bravo! Well said, Miss Garthwaite!—from behind her in a now-familiar voice."

Mary leapt to her feet, faced the graceful archway to the hall. Dan Sherman, grinning and clapping his hands in mock applause. And behind him, Mother and Dad.

"Well, you're kidding you here," she said stupidly, not sure whether to be glad or sorry to see the tall Lieutenant again.

"Hello, darling. And Porter, my dear. Mrs. Garthwaite took charge now. "I want you to meet our new and very dear friend, Lieutenant Daniel Sherman, Lieutenant, my daughter's fiance, Mr. Porter Lloyd."

Mary saw the picture now. Bored Santa Philippi, grateful for a little novelty. And being told they were lazy and stupid was certainly novel. Presto! Blunt Dan Sherman becomes the lion of the hour.

"Paul dear," Mrs. Garthwaite turned to her husband who still stood in the doorway. "We'd all love a nice hot drink. Do get us something, won't you dear?"

"Let me help you, Doctor," Porter offered courteously. "Doctor Garthwaite nodded. "What will it be? Hot buttered rum?"

"Marvelous darling. I'll find the cups," and linking her arms through Paul's left and Porter's right, she went with them through the spacious dining room into the kitchen beyond.

Mary, feeling that the Lieutenant watched her, was waiting for her attention, picked up a handsome copper cigarette box from the table beside her, offered it and a very arch smile as she taunted.

"How does it feel to be the lion of the hour?"

He took a cigarette lit hers and then his own before he answered. "Wonderful. I'm enjoying it."

"That's obvious." She shrugged a little. "Who became of all your fine oratory about winning a war with parties as usual?"

"Why it's being quoted in all the best drawing rooms in town," he said slyly, the laughter in his eyes betraying his gravity.

The hit scored and Mary's flush mounted steadily. "That's unfair. I wasn't quoting you. I was only saying what I've thought from the beginning."

She was glad that the others were back from the kitchen now. "Here we are," Paul Garthwaite said heartily, passing the tray of steaming cups to his guests.

"You were quite right about our not being aware of war, Lieutenant," her father went on, "but you see it is difficult for us to appreciate an experience we've never had. War to us is still very far off and—"

that, she wasn't quite prepared to sleep as suddenly as they did and she was only inches behind when her brakes took hold.

"Wait here," she heard the shouted command. "Turn off your engine. Your lights out."

Mary, taut nerves relaxing a little, leaned back against the cold leather seat, tried to pull tangle salt deep into her lungs, to quiet the steady pounding within her.

You didn't make a good soldier, she reminded herself wryly, if you got the jitters under fire. Because she was in the line of fire, all right. No Jap sub commander would let an opportunity like this go by.

New Attack
"Get rolling!" came the shouted command.

Dim lights snapped on ahead. A big white ambulance loomed in the murky light, moved on slowly, headlights on the wheel, eyes fixed on the car ahead. A moment later, she rounded the turn, saw the pitiful little huddle of women and children on the beach. Protected but thinly against the damp cold of the night air, many of them still in night clothes, they scrambled into the cars.

It could be hours before all these people could be taken to safety. Mary realized with apprehension as she made the turn, fell into line. Hurry! They must hurry back before—

It came then, that paralyzing whistling sound—a sort of low-pitched whine that rose higher and higher, coming nearer and nearer.

The car ahead lurched on. For what must have been a matter of seconds and yet seemed a part of eternity, she clutched the wheel, stared hypnotized at the road ahead, and waited for that growing whine to burst into awful thunder.

When it came, it splattered the night with great, jagged pieces of white light, ripped the silence with titanic fury of a world being torn apart. Mary's head jerked violently as the car rocked with the concussion, but her hands didn't leave the wheel, her foot found the accelerator almost immediately, she kept her place in the line of cars flowing rapidly down the highway.

But minutes snailed along and there was no other sound. They still hadn't got the range, she exulted fiercely. Please God, they wouldn't. If those thousands of gallons of gasoline went up—

Mary shuddered, she drove on doggedly.

To Be Continued

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina—Pitt County
In The Superior Court
Esther Gray Cox
-vs-
William Edward Cox
The defendant, William Edward Cox, will take notice that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County in the Courthouse in Greenville, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 14th day of January, 1943, and answer or answer to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 18th day of Dec., 1942.
J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk of Superior Court Pitt County, Dec. 21-11w-4wk.

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to an order of reference signed by the Honorable J. F. Harrington, Clerk of Superior Court in the matter of "W. S. Arnold and wife, Lucy Helen Arnold; Jessie Weatherington and husband, Jim Weatherington; Annie Cox and husband, Clinton Cox; Mrs. Leola Sumrell and husband, Hugh Sumrell; R. G. Arnold; L. H. Arnold and wife, Lucy Arnold; Ex Parte" the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale, and sell to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door in Greenville, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon

Wednesday, December 30, 1942
all of the following described parcels:

That certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situate in Choccoland Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, in the proposed Town of Simpson BEGINNING on Railroad Street at a stake and running with Main Street Northerly 30 feet to another stake on Main Street; thence Eastwardly 120 feet to Barrow Street; thence with Barrow Street, Southwesterly to a stake on corner of Barrow Street and Railroad Street; thence with Railroad Street Westwardly to the BEGINNING and containing 9,600 square feet and being the same lot of land conveyed by C. G. Barrow and wife, to J. S. Edwards on February 15, 1908, by deed recorded in Book S-8, at page 209 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, and the same land conveyed by J. S. Edwards to L. A. Arnold et al by deed recorded in Book R-1 at page 521; and being the identical lot of land conveyed by L. A. Arnold to Julia Arnold by deed dated September 28, 1931, recorded in Book A-19, at page 322, to which deeds reference is hereby made for a more accurate description.

This the 15th day of Dec., 1942.
DINK JAMES, Commissioner. Dec. 21-11w-3wk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

North Carolina—Pitt County.
The Guaranty Bank and Trust Company having this day qualified as Executor of the estate of Bennett W. Moseley, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to the undersigned Executor, and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to file their claims itemized and duly verified with the undersigned Executor within twelve months from the date of this notice or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery on said claims.

This the 14th day of Dec., 1942.
GUARANTY BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Executor, of the Estate of Bennett W. Moseley, deceased. Dec. 15-11w-6wk.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

Our Plant will be closed from Dec. 24, Noon until Monday morning, Dec. 28. Get your fuel oil orders in early and have your coupons ready when you receive the oil. The rationing of fuel has greatly increased our work and unless you can deliver us the coupons before delivery or at the time of delivery, we will not be able to leave the oil. We'll appreciate your cooperation and patronage during these times.

Save all the oil you can, because some of our boys on the battlefield might need the oil to win the battle for Peace and Happiness.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

J. G. Clark, Agent

Sinclair Refining Company

SWAP-RIDES

Hi Diddle, Diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
Hirohito just over the moon!
It made him so mad
When he heard of Swap-Rides,
He'll commit Harakiri darned soon!
SWAP RIDES
SAFE GAS & SAFE TRIPS & SAFE CABARETS
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BUY U. S. WAR BONDS OR STAMPS EVERY PAY DAY

WILLIAMS IS TOPS WITH BAT

Boston Outfielder Wins Honor For Second Team

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Cornering most of the American League hitting honors, Jean Ted Williams, the 24-year-old Boston Red Sox outfielder who now is taking a course in naval aviation and is considered out of baseball for the duration of the war, became the eighth player in the league's history to win the batting championship more than once.

Williams officially was tabbed today as champion with a .356—a 50-point drop from his winning .406 in 1941. His mark topped the 300 Bruce Lombardi of the Boston Braves posted to win the 1942 National League batting title.

Williams also led in these departments: 36 home runs, 137 runs batted in, 338 total bases and 141 runs. Chet Laabs of the St. Louis Browns was second best in homers with 27. Official figures showed a considerable let-down in batting this year. In 1941 three men exceeded Williams' new 356 mark, and 16 finished with .300 or better, whereas only seven regulars made this group in 1942.

Aggregate team batting dropped from .266 in 1941 to .257. The Red Sox powered by Williams and Johnny Pesky took the title for the third straight year with .276—seven points shy of their 1941 percentage.

Although Joe Di Maggio's seventh place hitting mark of .305 was accentuated by only 21 homers, nine less than he clubbed a year ago, the New York Yankees totaled 108 four-ply blows. For 23 years now they have been tops in this particular feature and have come through 21 seasons with a home run output of 60 or better. Charlie Keller aided the cause this year by matching Di Maggio's production.

The Yanks were second in team batting with .269, followed by the Browns with .259 and the Washington Senators with .268.

In the league as a whole, home run output dropped from 734 in 1941 to 533.

Pesky, who, like Williams, also is in the naval aviation program, was runner-up in batting with .331, but excelled the champion in number of hits with 205 to become the eighth rookie in American League annals to pass the 200 mark. Pesky also led in sacrifices with 22. Sacrifice hits throughout the league increased by 36.

Georgians Rose-Bowl Bound



Frankie Sinkwich (left), the nation's No. 1 athlete for 1942, packs his suitcase No. 21 jersey at Athens, Ga., as the University of Georgia football team prepared to leave for the Rose Bowl. Looking at him are Jim Lee (center), Georgia guard, and George Feschner, end, and brilliant pass receiver, Georgia takes on the U. C. L. A. Bruins at Pasadena New Year's Day.

baseball club owners who are busy finding new training quarters because of transportation difficulties etc., should learn that those long expensive jaunts weren't necessary at all. ... There have been complaints at times that training under a hot Florida or California sun and then coming back to major league territory in mid-April didn't always produce the best results. ... And it isn't violating the censorship to point out that northern April weather often isn't fit for man or beast, much less baseball. ... So it might be that the players would have fewer sore muscles if they didn't have to undergo such a complete change. ... Before we hear any rebuttal from the warm spots however, we'll admit that we don't expect any permanent changes as long as spring training retains its publicity value.

Time To Duck

Ray (World Telly) Trullinger tells this one about a Connecticut duck hunter who invited three friends to spend a day on Long Island sound. They hardly had set out their decoys when a patrol boat approached. "Better get out your coast guard identification cards," suggested the host. "Never heard of 'em," chorused the guests, one of whom added he didn't even have a hunting license. ... Just then a coast guardman let go a pistol shot—Not at the hunters but at the decoys. ... It was his turn to apologize when the hunters suddenly appeared. "Though they were the real thing," he admitted. "Lucky he didn't have a machine gun," the host suggested as the patrol boat turned away without checking identifications, "but maybe it would be more fun to play poker."

Today's Guest Star

Frank Quinn, Butte (Mont.) Post: "Another of war's greatest 'coolest'—Not at the hunters but at the decoys. ... It was his turn to apologize when the hunters suddenly appeared. ... Though they were the real thing," he admitted. "Lucky he didn't have a machine gun," the host suggested as the patrol boat turned away without checking identifications, "but maybe it would be more fun to play poker."

Monday Matinee

Tulsa U. Officials may ask to have their early Missouri Valley basketball games re-scheduled because most of their cagers will be playing football in the Sugar Bowl. ... New York basketball writers plan to hold their annual dinner February 7, but they're not expecting as big an out-of-town attendance as last winter, when they turned their \$2,500 profit over to the Red Cross. ... Jack Meagher, the Auburn coach who soon will be a major in the Marines, picks Alabama to beat Boston College in the Orange Bowl—which is probably a good idea as long as he remains in the south. ... Lee (Deep) Handley former Pirate infielder, is toying with the idea of leaving his job with a tractor company to return to baseball next season. He has had offers from the Giants, Athletics and Toronto.

Service Dept.

Petey Sarron, former N. B. A. featherweight champ, stumbled over mathematics in the army officers' school at Miami. That's not hard to understand, as a boxer he never

Colored News

I want to congratulate all 4-H Club members, neighborhood leaders and all farmers who help so wonderfully with this year's program. In a time of need you helped to grow more feed food, you helped to gather scrap iron, rubber, paper, aluminum, you aided in fire control program, and too, you did double duty to help make up for the loss of those who went to camp or other war industries.

As we stand on the eve of the old year and watch for the approach of the New Year, let us do it with a new determination to do more in 1943. Each farmer must do more to double the production of food and feed, buy more War Bonds and Stamps. And take part 100 per cent in every program that is brought forward. Begin now to think out ways and means of increasing our production to help feed the boys at camp and other needy people.

I am asking each 4-H Club boy and girl to pledge your hands to be ready to help win the war by growing more corn, chickens, pigs, and making a garden.

Watch the match where you throw it. Think of the danger and the lives of others. Help in any way you can to prevent an accident during the holidays, be good club boys and girls when you look at the soldier boys be able to say I too, am a soldier fighting on the home front. Make some body happy and you will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

D. D. Dupree
Negro County Agent

Truck Firm Suffers \$500,000 Fire Loss

Burlington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Fire destroyed two of three buildings of Barnwell Brothers, a trucking firm affiliated with Associated Transport Corporation, here yesterday.

R. W. Barnwell, an official of the company, estimated the damage at \$500,000. He said no one seemed to be able to determine how the fire started.

Twenty trucks and trailers and all the merchandise in them were destroyed.

Hitler Confers . . .

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Kettel, chief of the Nazi high command; Gen. Ugo Cavallero, chief of the Italian general staff; Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano; German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop and other military and political leaders. Premier Benito Mussolini did not attend the meeting.

Laval's participation in the conference received only one sentence in the communique. A long conversation on present French problems was held with Laval, it said.

DAN DUNN — SECRET OPERATIVE 48



THIMBLE THEATRE — Starring Popeye



BLONDIE — by Chic Young



NOTICE TO FUEL OIL USERS

Users of fuel oil are advised that our place will be closed from Thursday, December 24th until Monday morning December 28. In order to take care of your fuel oil needs we urge you not to delay your orders until the last minute.

When fuel oil deliveries are made please have your coupons ready as we will not be able to make deliveries without receiving the coupons. Your co-operation in the matter of placing your orders early and in having your coupons ready will help us to render better service to our customers between now and the holidays.

We take this opportunity to extend to you our best wishes for a happy Christmas Season.

W.L. Allen, Distributor

GULF OIL PRODUCTS

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR. Wide World Sports Columnist

Rose Bowl Queen



Mildred Kathleen Miller (above), 18-year-old honey blonde, has been elected 1943 queen of the Tournament of Roses in connection with the Rose Bowl football game at Pasadena, Calif., in which the University of Georgia meets U. C. L. A. New Year's Day. She will preside over the team's big War Bond rally which this year replaces the traditional parade.

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Other than to business houses having regular accounts with us, no want ads will be charged. Send or bring cash with order. To prevent errors, want ads will not be taken over the telephone.

FOR RENT, JANUARY 1—STORE two doors from Five Points, on Evans Street. See or call V. E. Staton. 19-31

Visit the Shell Shoe Clinic and get relief from corns, bunions, ingrown nails, and hurting feet. We get to the cause of foot troubles. Scientific shoe fitting.

Shell Shoe Clinic
217 State Bank Bldg., Greenville

OUR MEMBERS HAVE THE privilege of selecting the Funeral Director of their choice. If you do not have this feature, join with us. Ellwanger Mutual Funeral Association, 1212 Dickinson Ave. 13-41

WANTED TO BUY—SECOND hand small child's desk. Phone 2071. 19-31

MAN WANTS TO RENT TWO horse farm on halves. Able to furnish self or let other man furnish. Must have at least 10 acres of tobacco, 5 acres of some government pease, and a few acres of cotton. Nine in family, large enough to work. Contact J. A. Elks, care of John Hart, Greenville, R. 4, in five days. 19-21

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF the public, magazine subscriptions will be taken by Mrs. A. J. Moore at our store. She will be glad to receive your subscription to any magazine. A. B. Ellington & Co. 19-31

WE HAVE POINSETTAS AND other hot plants for Christmas. Funeral work and cut flowers for all occasions. We deliver. See Myoe's Florist, 1009 Ward St., Dial 2210. 17-61

ONE SECOND-HAND FURNITURE store for sale, doing good business in good locality. Stock inventory at invoice price of \$1,350.00. Profits to be made are amazing. Reason for sale, called to enter the service. Answer "Furniture." P. O. Box 408, Greenville, N. C. 19-61

FOR SALE—TREADLE SEWING machine, \$12.00. Also Singer console electric, A-1 condition. Buttonhole workers make ideal Christmas gifts. Needles, parts and repair for all machines. Alterations and fur coat remodeling. Dial 2623. Sewing Machine Shop, 105 East 5th St., at Five Points. 16-61

We Clean and Press Men's Suits, Ladies' Coats—Dresses Our work must please and a trial will convince you. CAROLINA DRY CLEANERS Dial 2276—Leon Smith Prop.

FOR SALE AT AUCTION—WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30, at 10:30 a. m.—2 mules, 2 cows now milking, 3 horse wagon, stalk cutter, smooth-harrow, wire fencing, plows, hoes, new Cole corn planter, new Gemguano distributor, farming implements of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, one kerosene refrigerator. M. H. Nobles, Greenville, R. 4, old River road. Dec 18-21-23-29

RED CROSS WANTS 500 WOMEN to knit soldiers' sweaters during holidays. Get wool this week. The need is urgent. 14-61

ONE FISH MARKET FOR SALE in wide-awake business town of Eastern North Carolina. Stock invoice \$10,000.00. Sales volume for the year \$10,000.00. Overhead \$1,500.00. Profits \$1,500.00. Will sacrifice this paying business because of Uncle Sam's call. Answer "Fish Market." P. O. Box 408, Greenville, N. C. 19-61

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FLOWERS AND POT PLANTS make an ideal gift. Orders telephoned will be given particular attention and delivered on regular schedules. We are complying with government regulations. Choice selection of wreaths for the graves of loved ones. Greenville Floral Co., Phone 2827. 19-41

TOBACCO CANVAS—WHITE'S STORES 1500-61

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TAKEN UP—THREE HOGS—owner may have same by identifying and paying for this ad and all cost of keeps. Oscar Godwin, Greenville, R. 5. 21-31

FOR SALE—CHOW PUPS, ELIZABETH Ricks, 111 Summit St., Dial 3681-1. 21-21

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10-25 cents a bale higher.

Noon values were 25 to 60 cents a bale higher. March 18.99, May 18.91, July 18.83.

Futures closed 10-65 cents a bale higher.

	Open	Close	Prv. Cl.
Jan.	19.00	18.96	18.94
Feb.	18.97	18.99	18.94
Mar.	18.89	18.91	18.85
Apr.	18.77	18.84	18.74
May	18.72	18.78	18.69
June	18.68	18.79	18.66

Middling spot 20.66, up 6.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Scattered stock market leaders managed to maintain the recovery theme in today's market but many others were subdued by profit cashing on last week's big upswing.

While advances of fractions to a point or so were in evidence, fear of as much were plentiful in the final hour. Transfers were in the vicinity of 700,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Air Reduction	40
Al Chem and Dye	141 1/2
Allis Chalmers	26 3/4
Am Can	25 1/2
Am Car Fdy	25 1/2
Am Rad and St S	6 1/4
Am Roll Mill	10 1/4
Am Smelt and Ref	37
Am Sug Ref	88
A T and T	125 1/4
Am Tob B	42 1/2
Anacosta	28 1/2
Arm C I	28 1/2
A I Ref	28 1/2
Aviat Corp	11
Baldwin	11
Bendix Aviat	33 1/2
Beth Stl	55 1/4
Boeing Alpi	25 1/2
Borden	22 1/2
Briggs Mfg	21
Budd Mfg	3
Burl Mills	19 1/4
Bur Add Mach	9
Case J I	7
Caterpillar Trac	39 1/2
Ches and O	33 1/2
Chrysler	68 1/2
Coca Cola	98 1/2
Coml Credit	98 1/2
Coml Solv	9 1/2
Consol Edis	15 1/2
Con Oil	6 1/2
Cont Can	27 1/2
Corn Prod	5 1/2
Curtiss Wright	6 1/2
Doug Air	58 1/2
Dow Chem	132 1/2
Dupont	132 1/2
Eastman Kod	150 1/2
Elec Auto L4	30 1/2
Firestone	22 1/2
Freepost Sul	35
Gen Elec	30 1/2
Gen Foods	34 1/2
Gen Mot	43 1/2
Goodyear	25
Int Harves	58 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	6 1/2
Johns Man	71 1/2
Kennecott	28 1/2
Kroger Groc	26 1/2
Libby OP Gl	31 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	61 1/2
Loews	45
Lorillard	16 1/2
Louis and Nash	15 1/2
Mont Ward	34
Nash Kely	6 1/2
Nat Biscuit	15 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	19 1/2
Nat Dairy Prod	14 1/2
Nat Dist	25 1/2
NY Cent	10 1/2
No Am Aviat	9 1/2
Old Edis	17
Pac Mills	18 1/2
Packard	2 1/2
Param Pix	17 1/2
Penney J C	80 1/2
Penn RR	22 1/2
Pepsi Cola	28 1/2
Phillips Pet	44 1/2
Pullman	27 1/2
Pure Oil	10 1/2
Radio	4 1/2
Rep Stl	14 1/2
Reynolds B	24 1/2
Seab Al	3-1E
Sears	61 1/2
Sou Ry	15
Sperry	24 1/2
Std Oil N J	4 1/2
Stewart Warner	45
Tex Corp	7
Tex Gulf Sul	36 1/2
Un Carb	81
Unit Air	25 1/2
Unit Corp	5-1E
Unit Drug	8
US Ind Alco	29 1/2
US Rub	45 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	25 1/2
US Steel	48 1/2
Vanadium	15 1/2
Vick Chem	39 1/2
Warner Pic	8 1/2
Western Union	26 1/2
West Elec and Mig	82
Yell T and C	12 1/2

Hog Market

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets 25 cents higher with tops at 13.95 at Richmond and 13.70 at Rocky Mount.

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—(AP)—(NCDA)—Eggs and poultry markets steady. Raleigh—U. S. extras large (clean white) 47; cooled hens 20 to 22. Washington—U. S. extras large 50 to 52; colored fowls 23 to 25.

Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Wheat prices tumbled more than a cent a bushel today from the highest quotations since 1937 as profit taking sales halted the slow advance which had added 5 to 12 cents to value since the first of the month.

Wheat closed 1/4-1/2 cents lower. Joseph LeRoy, December \$1.36-1/2. May \$1.35-1/4; corn 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, December 89¢. May 92 1/2-1/4; oats 1/2-1/4 off; rye 3/4 lower; soybeans unchanged to 1/4 off.

Negro Group . . .

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lie Lee Edwards, Sam Joyner, LeRoy Fred Moore, Larry Joyner, Willie LeRoy Godette, Arthur H. Jones, Oscar Keel, Jr., Abe Thomas Barrett, Willie Edward Peaden James Alfred Chance, Jr., Willie Arthur Baker, Charlie Elus Moore, Eugene Knight, Willie Roy Moyer, Boston Napoleon Bradley Boxa Langley, Vance Columbus Stanley, Jasper Armfield, Norris Teal, Roger Edd Hopkins, Furlow Cox, John Edd Moore, Willie Roy Smith, Charles Milton Highsmith, Johnny Keys, David Freeman James Powell, Jesse C. McCray, Berry Roscoe Jenkins, Ulysses . . .

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Hitler To Make . . .

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air fighting in Tunisia.

The Rome radio, quoting the high command, said advanced Axis elements were being kept busy "replussing enemy units." Harbors and ships at Bone and Philippeville in Algeria were attacked by Italian bombers and many direct hits scored, the communique said.

The British communique from Cairo said Allied aviation continued to make Rommel's retreat a nightmare, and pounded his retreating columns with particular effect at Buemat El Hsun, 60 miles northeast of Sirte.

While the Axis was believed to be getting out of Libya, informed opinion here was that Rommel would use every conceivable means of rearguard and delaying action in

Teachers To Give Tax Information

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Treasury officials disclosed today that plans to enlist the aid of hundreds of school teachers throughout the country in instructing citizens in handling income tax returns next spring have been discussed with representatives of educational organizations.

Emphasizing that plans were still in the "conference stage" officials, declining to be quoted, said that proposals under consideration contemplated using teachers in an educational program to spread tax information. It was not planned, officials said, to have teachers help taxpayers fill out returns.

Ten Million Tires.

Washington, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Motorists have turned in about 10,000,000 tires under the government's idle tire purchase plan, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

Prisoners Released

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Governor Broughton issued an order immediately effective today for the release of prisoners whose terms would normally terminate between now and December 31.

The order, like one last year, was expected to affect more than 200 prisoners.

Court Asks For Spy

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The Argentine Supreme Court asked today that Capt. D.E. German embassy be delivered into its jurisdiction for trial on charges growing out of a spy ring investigation.

Cold Sweeps . . .

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reported yesterday.

Chicago had a low of one above last night, compared with 10 above the night previously. But at Birmingham, N. D., the mercury had risen to a low of 10 above, considerably warmer than the 19 below reported yesterday.

Other low temperatures reported today: Albany, N. Y., 18 below; Detroit, 10 above; Philadelphia, 1 above; Pittsburgh, zero; Washington, 1 above. Albany's minus 18 passed all low marks since weather records were started there 68 years ago.

In New York City more than a score of fire alarms were sounded between midnight and 7 a. m., today when freezing temperatures in office buildings which had been closed for the week-end played hob with automatic sprinkler systems.

Fire department officials said the department's activity was without parallel, since every alarm meant sending four pieces of fire apparatus.

Commuters took all sorts of precautions to combat the cold on the way to work. One woman who boarded a train wearing slacks at Port Washington, Long Island, changed to a dress before the train reached New York.

Some deaths and numerous injuries were attributed to exposure.

There were widespread transportation delays, the Pennsylvania Railroad reporting at New York that some of its trains from the west were arriving at from one to five hours late.

Yesterday's weather was New York's coldest in nine years. The average temperature for the day was three degrees above zero, which bettered by six degrees the previous low average of 9 set in 1884—way back when petroleum was used for patent medicines and lampoil.

The "L Street Brownies" at Boston and the 14 members of the Iceberg Athletic Club at Coney Island took dips in the ocean and swimmers at Brighton Beach near Coney Island reported the water "cold, but invigorating."

The extreme cold plus the gasoline shortage kept auto traffic extremely light, New York State police reported.

order to gain as much time as possible for consolidation of the position at Tunis and Bizerte.

These developments coincided with news from Allied headquarters in Tunisia that French troops, supported by American fighter planes, had recaptured Pichon, 50 miles west of the port of Sousse and 62 miles south of Medjes-El-Bab, which is a key point in the struggle for Tunis and Bizerte.

A spokesman at Allied headquarters said the American fighters had knocked out at least 10 enemy vehicles in the action around Pichon. Apparently referring to the same action, French headquarters in North Africa reported earlier that French troops had occupied German positions west of Kairouan—which is 25 miles east of Pichon—said he held their gains in the face of strong enemy counter-attacks.

The Germans suffered considerable losses and a number of Nazi prisoners were taken, the French said.

Except for this action Allied headquarters had nothing to say of land operations in Tunisia except that the Allies were consolidating their positions on the northern and central sectors and were in frequent contact with enemy patrols.

Allied bombers which hammered Tunis and Bizerte repeatedly last week, kept the pressure on the Germans, however, by attacking the railway yards at Sfax with a strong fighter escort, a communique said yesterday.

"There were many hits on the yards and when our bombers left the target it was obscured by smoke from fires which had been started," the bulletin declared.

It reported that all the American planes had returned but acknowledged the loss of six aircraft in other operations.

News which promised some alleviation of the Allied supply difficulties came meanwhile from Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, who announced that a part of the French merchant fleet in North and West African ports would be used directly "in the Allied cause." The remainder, he said, would be employed in supplying French Africa's economic needs.

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