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Occasional rain and showers this afternoon and tonight, slightly warmer in interior.

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Rommel Continues His Flight Before British Eighth Army In Libya

Whether He Will Attempt Stand at Misurata Is Uncertain; British and American Planes Continue To Blast Axis Supplies and Shipping in Tunisia Area

London, Dec. 28.—(AP) Allied patrols, taking advantage of the first break in the weather in several days, pushed back German detachments along the Medjez-El-Bab road to Tebourba in Tunisia, an Allied communique reported today, as the British eighth army drove Marshal Erwin Rommel farther westward in Libya.

Several prisoners were captured and casualties inflicted in one encounter with a German detachment in Tunisia, the communique said, while in another the Germans were routed from a farm by shellfire. The Germans also were driven off in a third clash, the announcement said.

While the patrols plodded over sodden fields and roads after a let-up in steady rains which bogged ground actions, Allied air forces were continuously hammering at Axis supply ports, shipping and transport.

Marshal Rommel in his retreat was rapidly nearing Misurata, where he would have to decide whether to make an all-out stand or give up his last of Mussolini's Tripolitania.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery reported in a General's communique that his British Eighth Army had forced the German retreat in the region of Wadi Bel El Chebir, 40 miles west of Sirte and only about 15 miles east of Buerat El Hsun. The Libyan shore trends northward there toward Misurata and forms a huge hump in the coastline.

Flanking marshlands and hills in the immediate stretch ahead gave Marshal Rommel his most advantageous position to stop and fight since his defeated army pulled up stakes at El Aghela, 220 miles east of Buerat El Hsun.

If Rommel abandons the Misurata positions, he has no place to stop short of Tripoli and even there he perhaps can make no prolonged stand.

Although he might save men and material and strengthen the Axis forces in Tunisia by quickly abandoning his Libyan positions, military commentators pointed out that the Eighth Army and its powerful air force would be at his heels and ready to join the British First Army in a two-way drive upon Tunis and Bizerte.

The Italian high command admitted today that reconnaissance activity was growing more intense in the 'Sirte region' of Libya, a term it uses to obscure the extent of the rout in Tripolitania.

It claimed that Allied attacks in Tunisia were repulsed, however, and the German high command said some ground had been gained by the Axis there.

The only ground action reported from the Allied side was from the (Continued on Page Six)

Clinic for Cripples At Health Office

Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, orthopedic specialist of Raleigh, will conduct an orthopedic clinic at the Pitt County Health Office, Third and Greene streets, Friday from 12:30 to 4 p. m., Dr. N. Thomas Bennett health officer, announced today. The clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, and the service is free for those unable to pay for private treatment. It is desired but not required that patients be referred by a physician or a welfare officer. The clinic serves the people of Pitt, Beaufort, Carteret, Pamlico and Tyrrell counties. It has been conducted here for a number of years and is rendering a valuable service.

Rationing Of All Foods Will Begin In February

Washington, Dec. 28.—(AP)—You will need a ration book with your own opener beginning in February. In an extraordinary broadcast to the American people, Food Administrator Claude R. Wickard outlined plans just now to ration all canned, dried, and frozen fruits and vegetables including soups, as soon as the machinery can be set up. The purpose, as Wickard explained, is to insure an equitable distribution on the home front while supplying the armed forces and our fighting allies, who together will need about 25 per cent of all the food that we produce next year. In a warning against hoarding, the Office of Price Administration emphasized that consumers must

CITY OBSERVED QUIET HOLIDAY

No Serious Accidents Marred Christmas Celebration

By CHESTER WALSH

Greenville and Pitt county's second Christmas of World War II was the quietest and most orderly in more than a quarter of a century law enforcement officers stated today.

No fire occurred to mar the Christmas holidays. A false alarm was turned in Christmas Eve from Box 221 at Clarke and 12th streets. State highway patrolmen reported no wrecks during the week-end and commented that it was the quietest Christmas they had experienced.

A Marine, who had partaken of the "cup that cheers" walked in front of an automobile at Third and Greene streets Christmas and was slightly injured. He was given first aid treatment at the hospital and left.

Five deaths from natural causes occurred in and near Pitt county during the period from Thursday until Sunday.

Business places and stores generally observed Saturday, the day after Christmas as a holiday. County and city and other governmental offices were closed Friday and Saturday.

Christmas was celebrated in almost Indian summer weather. Light rain Sunday and Sunday night was needed.

Traveling the highway from Kinston late Sunday night a motorist stated that in the 25 miles he saw only three cars and two passengers.

Another motorist stated that only one service station or store on the road from Kinston to Greenville was open Sunday night near midnight.

Fireworks played a very small part in the celebration of the Yuletide season.

An affray in which a knife was wielded with serious effect occurred in front of a store in Fictolus on Christmas day, when Joe Richard Price stabbed Andrew Brown, both colored. Brown is at Taylor Hospital in Washington, in a serious condition, sheriff's officers stated. Price was locked up. The altercation resulted from an argument about a woman, it was reported.

For the first time in many years no hunting accidents at Christmas were reported in the Pitt county area. Game is plentiful, but gun shells, while not rationed, are scarce and at a premium.

Wholesalers and jobbers earlier in the month did a heavy volume of business in stocking up retail stores with holiday merchandise, particularly food.

Retail stores, almost without exception, (Continued on Page Two)

Superior Court To Be Held Here Jan. 11

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill will preside over a civil term of Superior Court here this week of January 11.

The Greene County jurist will convene a criminal term of court on Monday, January 18.

No important cases are on the docket.

County Schools Open Jan. 4; Few Changes

The Pitt County Schools will reopen after the Christmas holidays on Monday, January 4, Supt. D. H. Conley announced today.

Very little turnover in the faculties of the schools occurred this year. Matrimony stepped in several instances, but the school setup will continue as heretofore, the school superintendent said.

A reporter reminded him that a number of years ago, when Christmas was due to the shortage of man power, Conley just smiled.

German War Machines Captured By Russians



This picture from the Russian steppes southwest of Stalingrad shows German tanks captured by the Red army banked solidly for a quarter of a mile, many smoking in serviceable condition. Moscow dispatches said this booty, and much more, fell into Soviet hands when the Reds hurled back a Nazi counter-offensive during the past week. This picture was radioed from Moscow via London.

HULL PLEASED WITH GIRAUD

Says Appointment Means Greater Unification of Effort

Washington, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull today hailed the naming of Gen. Henri Giraud to head the French in North Africa as resulting in "greater unification of all groups and elements behind his military leadership." It will "go far to insure the common victory with the restoration of French liberty everywhere," Hull said.

Hull issued this statement: "The selection of General Giraud to his new post is a most fortunate choice and one that will, I am sure, receive the enthusiastic commendation of all. Gen. Giraud is one of the great military commanders of the world today and his recent selection will result in greater unification of all groups and elements behind his military leadership and thus prevented a possibly heavier toll of injuries from scalding. He then went back to close a broken steam-heating line which was hampering rescue work.

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Fireman Saves Many Passengers

Dixon, Ill., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Investigators credited today the quick thinking of a fireman with preventing a heavier toll in the wreck of two Chicago and Northwestern railroad trains here in which two persons died and 30 others were injured.

The line's mail train, westbound from Chicago, plowed into the rear of the trans-continental passenger train, the San Francisco Challenger, at the Dixon station shortly before midnight Saturday night. The Challenger was carrying 489 passengers, many of them soldiers and sailors returning to their stations after Christmas furloughs.

Harry R. Beisel, 32, of Melrose Park, fireman on the mail train, succeeded in closing off the live steam valve just before being thrown clear of the wreckage and thus prevented a possibly heavier toll of injuries from scalding. He then went back to close a broken steam-heating line which was hampering rescue work.

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Raid on Naples Took Heavy Toll

London, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, said today that at least 600 persons were killed and 400 injured in the December 4 raid by four-motored United States Consolidated bombers on the Italian port of Naples.

The greatest damage was done to the harbor district, the report said, though a railway station, some factories and several hundred houses were destroyed.

Georillas Take Town. London, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Albanian guerrillas were reported by the Moscow radio today to control the town of Martanesh, 40 miles east of Tirana, after routing the Italian garrison and killing several officers, including a general.

Move Underway to Unify French Fighting Forces

De Gaulle To Visit Washington And Then Confer With Giraud in North Africa

London, Dec. 28.—(AP)—General Charles De Gaulle probably will visit Washington soon to lay the blueprint of a new French government before President Roosevelt, then proceed to North Africa to see Gen. Henri Giraud, successor to Admiral Jean Darlan, well-informed quarters said today.

The creation of a new French government, centered probably at Algiers, based on the repudiation of the armistice with Germany and Vichy's dissolution of the French republic, was said to be among the aims of the Fighting French leader.

De Gaulle is described as "very anxious" to unite all diverse French elements and bring about a general mobilization of the fighting forces of North Africa and other parts of the French empire.

His plan coincides with the report that Albert Lebrun, president of the republic until the armistice, has escaped to Switzerland, a report that has been denied in Vichy, however. It is understood that a number of members of the Chamber of Deputies also are residing in North Africa, where they might be recalled to service.

Although the departure of De Gaulle for Washington has not yet been scheduled, reliable informants said they believed that the program for conferences with President Roosevelt and other American authorities already had been set and that the Fighting French leader might leave England soon.

The position of De Gaulle in the blueprint he will carry has not been discussed, sources close to the Fighting French leader said. But it was understood that he was chiefly interested in a military post.

"The main point is to bring French arms into the war, an unification under a single regime which the fighting forces as well as the French people will follow is the best way to achieve it," said these sources.

"The fusion of the French African forces, the Fighting French and other groups elsewhere would be the burden of the coming conferences with Giraud."

Gen. Giraud, unanimously selected as high commissioner and chief military and civilian authority in North Africa by the Imperial Council following the assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan, has not yet secured complete control of the entire army in North Africa, some sources said.

Although his prestige is great, it said, some parts of the French army are still "conned to quarters" under terms of the French-German armistice.

The diplomatic correspondent of the London Daily Mail said the successor of Admiral Jean Darlan probably would meet the leader of the Fighting French at an early date, though the time and place of the meeting had not been arranged.

At the same time the diplomatic correspondent of the independent French news agency said developments in North Africa were likely (Continued on Page Six)

Rumor Churchill Is in Washington

Washington, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Rumors that Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain again had crossed the Atlantic were received by White House officials today with neither confirmation nor denial.

An inquiry to presidential secretary Stephen Early as to whether Churchill was in North America, brought this reply: "I don't know that he is and I don't know that he isn't, and if I did know I wouldn't tell you."

Likewise, Early had nothing to say when asked about London reports that a visit to this country by Gen. Charles De Gaulle, Fighting French leader, was imminent.

33 KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

119 Others Injured in Collision at Altamonte, Canada

Altamonte, Ont., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Thirty-three holiday passengers were killed and 119 injured, many critically, when the locomotive of a Canadian-Pacific troop train plowed through the three wooden cars of a local train standing in the station here last night, officials of the railway said today.

A corrected casualty list was released by the railway after earlier reports had listed a total of 232 casualties, including 32 dead.

Virtually all the dead and injured were in the three coaches which were taking aboard men, women and children at Altamonte on the run from Penroke, Ont., to Ottawa.

The troop train was only slightly damaged. It was moving from the Petawawa military camp.

Throughout the night, in the flickering light of a bonfire built from the wreckage of the smashed cars, rescue workers toiled to release trapped passengers and remove the dead.

Scattered in the deep snow were reminders of the recent holiday festivities, torn bundles in the brilliant color of Christmas wrappings.

Although civilians made up the bulk of the casualties, at least six soldiers were among the dead. Among the bodies identified was that of Lt. Douglas Markham of Vancouver.

It was believed they were passengers on the Pembroke-Ottawa train, which was standing in the Altamonte station when the troop train crashed into it.

It was the worst train wreck in Canada since 1910, when 43 persons were killed in the derailment of a train at Spanish River bridge, Webwood, Ont.

The collision occurred at a grade crossing, beside the intersection of mills and bridge streets, the later Altamonte main thoroughfare. So great was the impact of the two trains that two sizeable trees by the right of way were sheared off by the telescoping coaches.

Except for the three cars telescoped in the wreck, damage to the Pembroke-Ottawa train was slight, and the forward coaches were able to proceed later to their destination.

Memorial Service For Lt. Johnston

By EDW. W. HEARNE. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock memorial services for Lt. John Clayton Johnston, who gave his life for his country somewhere in New Guinea on November 30, 1942, were held at the Jarvis Memorial Methodist church, conducted by the minister, Rev. Geo. W. Perry.

Addresses were delivered by Mr. K. W. Cobb in behalf of the Board of Stewards of the church; Supt. J. H. Rose, for the city schools; Dr. L. R. Meadows, president of E. C. T. C., for the college, and his honor, B. E. Sugg, mayor, for the city of Greenville. Each of the speakers dwelt upon the excellent character and traits of Lt. Johnston (from his first year in public school through his two years in college). Of his loyalty to his family and friends; of his unselfishness in always delighting in serving those he knew.

Rev. Geo. W. Perry, minister, read scriptures of comfort, and mentioned the fact that the last time he had been afforded the pleasure and privilege of seeing Lt. Johnston was at the mid-week prayer service, with his mother, and Aunt, Miss Addie Johnston and that both his mother and aunt were at this same mid-week prayer service, weeks later, when word was (Continued on Page Two)

Russian Army Closing Second Trap On Nazis In Stalingrad Sector

ALLIED AIRMEN BLASTING JAPS

Jap Ships, Planes and Bases Over Wide Area Bombed

By the Associated Press

The United States Navy announced today that the Japanese were attempting to supply their hard-pressed forces on Guadalcanal Island by air, but declared that supplies which the Japanese dropped by parachute were discovered on the ground and bombed and strafed by army Aircoabras.

On the same day, yesterday, Douglas Dauntless divebombers and Aircoabra fighters bombed and strafed a Japanese camp northwest of Kokumbona, on Guadalcanal, the Navy reported.

It said that on Saturday, Lockheed Lightning fighters attacked Japanese shore installations on Kiska. Two of the long-range planes were lost, but the pilot of one was reported rescued.

Also on Saturday Dauntless divebombers attacked the Japanese airfield at Munda on New Georgia island, the Navy said.

It reported that a second Japanese vessel has been sunk in an attack last Saturday near Wickham Island. An earlier communique had reported only one sinking and gave the date of the attack as Friday.

Allied air power, on the offensive across the Southwest Pacific from Burma to the Solomon Islands, was credited today with knocking down 33 to 36 Japanese airplanes, damaging at least four ships and bombing eight or more Japanese bases in week-end attacks.

These underlined the grim warfare which the Japanese people were given by their Premier and War Minister, Gen. Hideki Tojo, that "the real war is starting now."

Tojo, in an address to the Diet, said Japan faced hard military problems at the outpost of her far-stretched warfront and declared that Japan was busy day and night "providing against air raids and preparing for future war developments."

One of the heaviest blows against the Japanese in the air was dealt by American Lockheed Lightnings in the skies above the Buna coastal battlefield in New Guinea.

Outnumbered more than three to one, 12 of the swift American pursuit planes engaged a force of 25 fighters and 15 bombers. A communique from Allied headquarters in (Continued on Page Six)

City Maintaining Gilt-Edge Credit

City Clerk J. O. Duval mailed to New York banks today checks totalling \$12,623.75 in payment for bonds and interest which are due January 1. The payments were for the following items: School bonds \$4,000 and school bond interest, \$5,153—total, \$9,153; city bond interest \$1,585; water and light bond interest, \$1,888.75—total, \$3,473.75, for a general total for bonds and interest of \$12,623.75.

The city is meeting its payments on retiring bonds and bond interest as they come due with consistent regularity. New York banks and bond buyers and others give the city of Greenville a gilt-edge credit rating, it is understood.

15 Couples Married At Christmas Time

Applications for marriage licenses during Christmas week showed a marked decrease this year compared with 1941 and 1940, when some of the young people believed being married would avert serving in the armed forces. During last week—December 20 to 26—only 15 licenses were issued by the register of deeds.

Nine of the licenses were for white couples and six were for colored people.

Lack Of Japanese Air Activity Is Big Question

By JOHN HIGHTOWER. Washington, Dec. 28.—(AP)—One of the questions intriguing Washington authorities today is this: "What has happened to the Japanese air force?"

For more than a month, it has been conspicuously impotent in the communications from Pacific war theaters, both in numbers and in fighting ability.

The Japanese have suffered heavily in the number of planes destroyed since last June but it is obvious that they have a considerable force left. Authorities here believe that the explanation of their current inability to fight effectively in the air probably involves other and more complex factors than simple attrition.

Uncounted Germans Being Hemmed in by New Encircling Movement; Red Offensive Surges Forward on All Four Major Fronts Despite Bitter Cold

By EDDY GILMORE. Moscow, Dec. 28.—(AP)

Russian troops advancing southward in the middle Don sector were reported only 45 miles from those striking southwestward from Stalingrad today, and thus a second Russian trap threatened German forces in the Stalingrad area.

Should these two huge forces join somewhere on the lower Don—the mid-day Soviet communique reported they were moving forward—the strong German forces at Kotelnikovski in the upper Caucasus also would be in great peril.

The capture of Biriukov by the Red forces southwest of Stalingrad and the seizure of Solometsky north-east of Biriukov by the armies of the middle Don brought the two massive forces near a junction.

Biriukov, in the southeast corner of the Don elbow, is about 22 miles northeast of Tsimlyansk, where the Germans first crossed the Don last summer and developed their attack along the Novorossiisk-Stalingrad railway up past Kotelnikovski to Stalingrad.

Solometsky is northeast of Biriukov and it was the capture of this village which put at least the advance forces of the two armies 45 miles apart.

The Russian armies, engaged in four winter offensives, were pursuing every advantage night and day while Russian dispatches pictured the Germans as wasting hundreds of lives in fruitless counterattacks at some points and abandoning great stores of equipment in their haste to retreat at others.

The Russians had captured Tatsinskaya, 50 miles east of Likhaya on the Stalingrad-Likhaya railway and in that position they were only 90 miles from Rostov.

The British radio reported that the Russians were within 50 miles of Rostov.

By capture of Tatsinskaya the Russians were in control of virtually all the 225-mile railway between Stalingrad and Likhaya, and they were close to large coal fields in the region.

With a bitter, chilling east wind behind them the Russians continued to drive on southwest of Stalingrad, where early today they had been reported only 20 miles north of Kotelnikovski. Some 300,000 Germans were reported trapped in the Volga-Don river area by this drive and another northwest of the Stalingrad.

Six hundred Germans were slain as the Russians fought through the night here, repelling a bitter German counter-attack. (Continued on Page Six)

Will Mobilize Spanish Navy

London, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The German-controlled Paris radio reported today that Generalissimo Francisco Franco had ordered mobilization of the small Spanish navy.

There was no immediate confirmation from any other source, and the significance of the report was not immediately clear.

Informal London observers harbored the opinion that the mobilization, if true, mainly was a gesture to accompany the new Spanish-Portuguese pact.

In any case, they said, the move would be of small military importance, since the Spanish navy at last official reports consisted principally of six cruisers, one fairly new 10,000 tonner and five of 6,000 tons each. There also were said to be 16 destroyers, six small torpedo boats, nine submarines and five minelayers.

The record of recent enemy activity in the South Pacific is highlighted by the fact that (Continued on Page Five)

The WAR TODAY By DeWITT MacKENZIE Wide-World News Analyst

New Delhi, Dec. 27.—(Delayed)—Looking back from nine months to the black days when the sprawling sub-continent of India was unprepared to defend itself against a Japanese invasion, it's good to be able to report with certainty that this great empire's security is no longer a cause of anxiety.

Of course the defense of India is still a matter of concern, just as is the defense of England, or our own United States for that matter. There always must be an element of danger so long as the Mikado's barbarians are sitting just across the Bay of Bengal in Burma.

However, we can say that Hindustan today is so well set for military action that it feels capable of dealing with any emergency. The time of sleepless nights has passed. I arrived in the Indian capital last night and the first thing I did

was to check on the military situation to make sure it looked as good as this column will recall that from where we are up against actualities. India has a big army of at least a million under arms here at home, apart from the hundreds of thousands of men who are fighting overseas. The training of new troops is proceeding well. Other defensive projects are said to be in an equally satisfactory condition.

So far as concerns the possibility of a Japanese invasion the readers of this column will recall that from the outset of the Nipponese conquests in Indonesia and Burma I said that an attempt to conquer India proper was remote despite this country's military and political weaknesses. This estimate was based on the undoubted fact that an

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Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spell and children of Washington, D. C. are visiting Mrs. Spell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Stroud.

Little Barbara Willard Harris is quite sick at her home, Tenth and Lawrence streets.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Harris went to Oriental on Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Harris' brother, Mr. T. C. Haskins, who died December 24.

Mrs. L. C. Lemons and Mr. Percy Ray Cox of Washington, D. C., Mr. J. P. Manning of Baltimore, and Staff Sergeant Murray J. Cox of Topeka, Kansas, have returned to their respective homes after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Johnston and daughters, Phyllis Claire and Alma Christine of Norfolk, Va., were here to attend the memorial services on Sunday for Lieut. John C. Johnston, brother of Mr. James Johnston.

Mrs. Lather Stearn and Miss Tiny Bowen of Norfolk, Va. spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. C. L. Bowen.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. E. Crute of Augusta, Ga., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith. Lieut. Crute has returned to Camp Gordon. Mrs. Crute will remain for a longer visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Smith spent the holidays with their daughter in Salisbury.

Mrs. W. E. Randolph spent Christmas in Fountain.

Miss Mary Thomas Smith has returned to Greensboro, where she is teaching.

Hiram Mayo is spending some time in Richmond with Wiley Mayo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dupree of Raleigh, returned home yesterday after spending the holidays with Mrs. Clarence Barnhill and Mrs. Alfred Kennedy.

Miss Leah Mildred Ross is spending several days in Richmond as the guest of Miss Frances Smith and Miss Frances Cowell.

Miss Clara Williams has returned to Greensboro, N. C., after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams.

Mrs. Roy Barrett is spending the holidays in New York.

Henry Morris, Jr., who has been in the Navy for the past four years, part of which was on overseas duty, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sharpe have returned to Burlington after spending Christmas with Mrs. Susie Warren.

Mrs. Milton White spent the holidays in Hertford.

H. E. Goodall, Jr., was at home from Fort Bragg yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Turner of Whitehurst, are spending the winter with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. McAlister Turner, Greenville Route four. Mr. John Turner's condition remains serious.

F. W. B. Auxiliary To Meet. The Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church will hold its regular meeting tonight at 7:30 at the church. All members are urged to be present.

Birth Announcement. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Mewborn of Snow Hill, announce the birth of a son, Robert Douglas, on Wednesday, December 23, 1942, in Memorial General Hospital, Kingston.

Birth Announcement. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin T. Barnhill announce the birth of a son on Thursday, December 24, 1942, in Pitt General Hospital.

Mrs. Barnhill is the former Miss Dorothy Robinson of Stokes.

Bell-Allen. Mrs. Beattie Hudson Allen of Crineland, announces the marriage of her daughter, Louise, of Elizabeth City, to Mr. Roger Rowland Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Churchill Bell of Blount's Creek, on December 10, 1942, at Elizabeth City.

At Will Rogers Field. Will Rogers Field, Okla., Dec. 28. Lieut. Robert H. Station, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Station of Bethel, N. C., has recently reported to the Air Depot Training Station at this field for duty with a service group, the War Department has announced.

Lieut. Station received his commission on December 9, at the Army Air Force Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla.

Whitney-Trucker. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Trucker of Winterville, announce the marriage of their daughter, Lula, to Mr. Billy Dees Whitney of Greenville and Goldsboro, on Saturday, December 26, 1942, in Dillon, South Carolina.

Junior Department Party. The Junior Department of the Methodist Church will give a party on Tuesday night from 7:30 until 9 o'clock, at the church.

Birth Announcement. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith announce the birth of a daughter, Joan Carol, on Saturday, December 19, 1942, in Pitt General Hospital.

Social Calendar

MONDAY. 6:30 p. m.—Rotary Club.

7:00 p. m.—Lions Club.

7:30 p. m.—Modern Woodmen.

7:30 p. m.—The Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church meets at the church.

TUESDAY. 7:30 p. m.—Party for Junior Department at the Methodist Church.

Thigpen-Allen. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Allen announce the marriage of their daughter, Ila Lynn, to Mr. Bruce E. Thigpen on Sunday, December thirteenth.

Hardee-Frazier. A wedding, beautiful in its simplicity, was quietly solemnized at noon on Saturday, December 26, at the First Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids, when Mrs. Mary Ann Frazier, daughter of Mrs. Alfred A. Bullock of Norfolk, Va., and the late Mr. Bullock, became the bride of Mr. Ralph Pope Hardee, son of Mrs. Edward Hardee and the late Mr. Hardee of Ayden.

Before the altar, which was banked with evergreens and flanked by candelabra holding lighted cathedral tapers, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Lester A. Tilley, former pastor and friend of Mr. Hardee, the impressive ring ceremony being used.

The bride wore a dress of sapphire blue neeplepoint crepe with matching hat and a corsage of orchids.

Mr. Hardee is associated with the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company of Greenville.

The couple will make their home in Ayden.

Willoughby-Carraway. Bellthurs, Dec. 28.—The Arthur Christian Church was the scene of a lovely wedding on Wednesday evening, December 23, when Miss Lena Lillian Carraway, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack M. Smith, became the bride of Louis Skinner Willoughby, son of Mrs. Bessie Willoughby and the late Joe E. Willoughby of Arthur. The vows were spoken before Rev. Gilbert Davis, pastor of the church. The church was flanked with pine and other evergreens. Tall baskets of white gladioli and carnations, and several holders of lighted candles completed the decorations.

Miss Janie Hemby sang "Rose O' Love" and "I Love You Truly" with Mrs. Bruce Strickland at the piano. They were evening gowns of red and white with a shoulder corsage of white carnations, and old rose evening gown with pink carnation corsage, respectively. Traditional wedding marches were used by Mrs. Strickland.

The bride entered the church with her father, Mr. Jack Smith, by whom she was given in marriage. She was unusually lovely and charming in her white taffeta wedding gown of floor length, with a close-fitting bodice trimmed with gold sequins, a full skirt of net over the taffeta. The sleeves were three-quarter length and her long veil was caught with orange blossoms at the crown. Her only ornament was a gold locket, gift of the bridegroom. Her bouquet was of carnations and lilies.

Mrs. Mary Jo Allen and Miss Marjorie Carraway, in pink and blue gowns of taffeta and net with corsages of rose and pink carnations, attended the bride as matron and maid of honor. Hallett Ward Willoughby served as his brother's best man. Harold Harper Joyner and Gilbert Davis, Jr., were ushers.

Mrs. Smith, mother of the bride, wore a green crepe dress with a shoulder corsage of pink carnations. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Willoughby, wore a dress of soldier blue crepe with a corsage of pink carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith entertained at an informal reception at their home near Arthur. Mrs. Violet Austin, assisted by Mrs. Mack Smith and Mrs. R. E. Willoughby, served punch, with Misses Helen Willoughby and Anne Smith serving nuts, cookies and candies. A three-tiered wedding cake was cut by the bride and groom.

The young couple left for a short wedding trip to unannounced points after the reception. The bride wore a two-piece beige suit with brown accessories for traveling.

Mrs. Willoughby is a graduate of Arthur High School and attended King's Business College in Raleigh. The groom also attended the local school. At present he has a government position in Newport News, Va.

Promoted. MacDill Field, Fla., Dec. 28.—The public relations office at MacDill Field announced today that William E. Fleming, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fleming of Greenville, N. C., was promoted to the grade of technician flying entered the service on September 2 at Fort Bragg and is now assigned to duty as second cook at one of the Army Air Force's largest bombardment bases, located at Tampa, Fla.

Roberts-Flake. Mrs. Clemmie Flake of Greenville, and Elder J. B. Roberts of Farmville, Dec. 27, 1942, at the home of Elder Mewborn in Snow Hill. They are making their home on Woodlawn avenue in Greenville.



RITA LEADS CONGA LINE—Film Actress Rita Hayworth leads a conga line at New York's Stage Door canteen. Being a professional dancer as well as an actress, Rita gave the service men and their friends some fine points on the conga.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR December 28, 1902

Greenville was clear of holiday accidents. Everybody can now get ready for the new year.

Come now, get busy. Shake off that tired feeling and go to work. It's a year to Christmas.

Mrs. S. M. Schultz and children went to Rocky Mount today. Closs W. Hearne returned Saturday evening from Wilson.

Christian Science Service. "Christian Science" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science churches and societies on Sunday, December 27.

The golden text was from John 14:15-17. "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth."

Among the citations which comprised the lesson-sermon were the following from the Bible: "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak; and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13).

The lesson-sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:

"Christ's Christianity is the chain of scientific being reappearing in all ages, maintaining its obvious correspondence with the Scriptures and uniting all periods in the design of God. The sermon on the Mount is the essence of this Science, and the eternal life, not the death of Jesus, is its outcome."

The King's Daughters Meet. The Patient Circle held their last 1942 meeting December 8 with Mrs. E. W. Harvey. The president opened with a very appropriate Christmas service.

A Christmas prayer was used that covered all for whom we are expected to pray, soldiers, sailors, marines and the dear ones who are left at home, including the broken-hearted and needy, closing with these lines: "O Holy Child of Bethlehem depend on us we pray, cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today."

A very fitting and lovely devotional was given by Mrs. E. W. Harvey on Christmas. It was taken from St. Luke 2.

The regular routine of business was observed. Mrs. Aubrey Shackell, secretary, read the minutes and Mrs. Richard Williams gave the treasurer's report. Dues were collected for some plates and squares. The Christmas work was discussed and Mrs. W. R. Jones was called upon to receive gifts given each year by the Kiwanians. The circle then perfected plans to give the soldiers a turkey supper on a Sunday night in the near future, the date to be announced.

The president read two selections from the Silver Cross, after which the meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.—Reported.

Library News

Concerning Geography. If you want to better understand the news from the various war zones there is a group of new books classified under Travel at the Sheppard Memorial Library that offers much information concerning the geography of the several countries where the news is coming from. This war information newspapers and radio has made the public geography conscious, particularly when it comes to the names of strategic cities. Their names have become commonplace in our language and in our thinking. Even the splendid maps of actual war sectors have incured interest in the physical aspects of the terrain of these countries. And

the spreading of these war zones from one continent to another has just about made this interest in geography world wide.

To cite some evidence of this geography consciousness, this week under the Best Selling Books, a chart published by the New York Times Book Supplement, "Suez to Singapore" by Cecil Brown (a book that combines geography and warfare) is placed second among the non-fiction books, while two other books about the geography of our own country, "Texas, A World in Itself," by George Sessions Perry, and "Washington Is Like That," by W. M. Kiplinger are ranked ninth and seventeenth, respectively. Factual information given out this way makes learning such an easy process that it is no wonder that thousands take advantage of this type of reading.

The books in this group are: "Suez to Singapore," by Cecil Brown—Grin warfare in the desert and the Malayan jungles. The sinking of the Repulse and the Prince of Wales. The fall of Singapore. The last days of the Indies. Australia today.

"The Pacific Ocean," by Felix Reisenberg—About the greatest physical unit on the earth, its islands, resources, navigators, etc.

"Hawaii, Restless Rampart," by Joseph Barber—Concerns the problems of Pacific defense which may affect the whole world.

"The Panama Canal," by Sullivan Richardson—A discussion of the operation and protection of the canal in peace and war, as well as bearing on international relations generally.

"The Mediterranean" by Emil Ludwig—Tells about the destinies of an ocean played along the coast, its center of cultural history throughout all civilized times.

"Behind the Urals," by John Scott—A description of those years of construction and struggle for iron and steel, how towns were built, and of the great fortress the Russians made of the Urals.

"Amazing Amazon," by Rose and Rob Brown—A corking travel book about South America, dealing with every phase of life lived there from the deep jungles to modern cities. The authors have a large knowledge of the land and language and a sympathy for its gracious people.

"Westward the Course" by Paul McGuire—is what may be called a modern man's re-discovery of the great world in the Southwestern Pacific. Concerned mostly with the expansion of western man and the western mind in the lands under Asia, beyond the Pacific, where our people, perhaps, recover faith in themselves and in their work.

"Akovargo River" by Sidney LeGendre—The story of southwest Africa, of hot sand, blistering heat, of faded greens and browns—but nevertheless the story of fighting areas where our soldiers are experiencing discomfiting described herein.

"The Nile" by Emil Ludwig—Contains a wealth of fascinating detail of a river a thousand miles long, and a panorama of at least a hundred years of history.—H. L. R.

Real Estate Transfers

The following real estate transfers were recorded in the Register of Deeds office last week: Jos. S. Moyer, Commr., to J. O. Youngblood and wife, lot, \$5,050. J. W. Jackson and wife, Robt. Carmon and wife and Ellis Joyner and wife to Jasper Burney and wife, 2 lots, \$10.

J. C. Waldrop and wife to Alma Cox Madison and husband, lot, \$10. Town of Ayden to Luther Dall, 2 lots, \$250.

Norman Hawkins to Otis Hawkins, 2 tracts, \$1. Carl C. Aley and wife, Helen G. Luther and Clara D. C. M. and Mabel Stokes, Nannie S. and Joseph L. Jolley to Nora L. Jolley, 2 tracts, \$10.

M. M. and Grace Ayscue, Clem M. Johnson and Willie Enell Boyd Johnson to C. G. Little, 15 acres, \$2,900.

D. E. Oglesby and wife, Deszie, to Tom Vines, lot, \$550. Irene F. Lee to R. M. Garrett and J. S. Ficklen, lot, \$10.

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- TUESDAY, DEC. 29. 7:00—News. 7:05—Musical Clock. 8:00—News. 8:15—Moonbeam Trio. 8:30—Morning Meditations. 8:45—The Choir Loft. 9:00—News. 9:05—Local News and Ann's. 9:15—Mildy's Music Box. 9:30—Melody Time. 9:45—Rhythm and Recipes, TN. 10:00—Obituary Column. 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—U. S. Marine Band. 12:00—Hillbilly Roundup. 12:15—News. 12:25—Tune Time. 12:40—Carolina Farm Features. 12:55—News and Markets. 1:00—Parade of Bands. 1:15—Bright Spot, MBS. 1:30—Johnson Field News, TN. 1:35—Behind the Headlines in Our Army. 2:00—Today's War Commentary. 2:05—Robersonville on the Air. 2:15—Baron Elliott's Orch., MBS. 2:30—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS. 3:00—Stanley Dixon and the News, MBS. 3:15—Steady Valley Folks, MBS. 4:00—Background For News, MBS. 4:15—Treasury Star Parade. 4:30—Waltz Time. 4:45—N. C. Goes to War. 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—The Rhythm Ensemble, MBS. 6:30—Sportscast, TN. 6:45—Outkings Views the News, TN. 7:00—Al Kavelin's Orch. 7:10—Human Interest Drama. 7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS. 7:30—Action on the Home Front. 7:45—A Christmas Message. 8:00—Pass in Review From Camp Upton, MBS. 8:30—Music As You Like It. 8:55—You and Uncle Sam. 9:00—Gabriel Heatter, MBS. 9:15—Henry King's Orch., MBS. 9:30—Murder Clinic, MBS. 10:00—News. 10:15—1100 Club. 10:30—Meet the Band, TN. 10:45—1100 Club. 11:00—News. 11:05—Sign Off.

FUNERALS

HENRY D. NELSON. Henry David Nelson died in Norfolk General Hospital Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock after six months' illness.

Funeral services were conducted from S. G. Wilkerson and Sons Funeral Home this afternoon at 3:30, by Rev. W. B. Nobles, Free Will Baptist minister of Winterville. Burial was in the Reedy Branch Church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Reba Manning Nelson of Greenville; three sons, H. D. and Theron Nelson of Norfolk, Va., and Elmer Nelson of Greenville; two daughters, Mrs. A. R. Forrest and Miss Doris Nelson, both of Greenville; one brother, J. E. Nelson of Greenville; four sisters, Mrs. Elbert Smith of Norfolk; Mrs. Annie Vanocand of Sarasota, Fla., and Mrs. J. E. Schult of Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Will Downing of Birmingham, Ala.; and eight grandchildren.

He was born and reared near Winterville and spent his entire life in Pitt county. He was a member of the Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church. Up until two years ago he ran a machine shop in Greenville.

Mrs. Eva Ipock. Mrs. Eva Ipock, 64, of Craven county, died at the home of her step-daughter, Mrs. J. L. Stewart in Sanford, Sunday afternoon, following a very short illness.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her brother, Ernest Gaskins, near Vanceboro, by the Rev. Mr. Tew, Methodist minister of Bridgeton. Burial was in the Gaskins family cemetery in the Ernul community.

Mrs. Ipock is the widow of the late C. A. Ipock. She is survived by three brothers, Ernest, Noah, and Fred Gaskins, all of near Vanceboro, and other relatives.

Guy W. Whitford. Guy William Whitford, 38, died at his home at Ernul at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. He suffered a heart attack a few hours earlier.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Burial was in Cedar Grove cemetery, New Bern.

Mr. Whitford was a farmer and had spent all his life in Ernul. For about 10 years he was employed by



FRANCO CONFERS WITH GENERALS—Generalissimo Franco (second from right) confers with his Spanish generals at recent maneuvers. Spain's future role in the war is uncertain.



DETECTING AXIS MINES—Two British engineers with land mine detecting equipment advance to clear the way for pursuit of Axis forces in African desert.

the State Highway Commission. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Manie Whitford, two sons, Jimmie and Nat Whitford of the home; five daughters, Miss Sadie Whitford of the home, Mrs. Dalton Gaskins of Bridgeton, Mrs. Thad Cannon of Vanceboro, Mrs. James Singleton Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. N. M. Ipock of Ernul; two brothers, John Whitford of Portsmouth, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Hardy Whitford of Tarboro, Carrie Whitford of Williamson, Mrs. Ethel Jackson, Reelsboro, and Mrs. W. B. Smith of Vanceboro, and eight grandchildren.

NEWCOMERS AND REMOVALS

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Brooks have vacated 300 Elizabeth street and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barnhill will occupy this house.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Littlejohn will move during the week from 606 W. Fourth street to corner of Fourth and Biltmore streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sutton have vacated 123 W. Eighth street and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wooten have moved there.

Mr. Herman Wellons, of Elizabeth City, will move to Greenville January 2. His family will join him later.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Valnwright have moved to 112 West Ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Smith have taken an apartment at 1005 Ward street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson are living at 100 West Third street.

Memorial Service . . .

(Continued from page one) received that Lieut. John Clayton Johnston had paid the supreme sacrifice.

Although John's body of flesh has passed beyond the view of mortal eye, he still is with us.

Tomorrow and in years to come

whenever we see a Christian calmly seated in the house of God with saintly face uplifted toward the stained glass window, anxiously absorbing the sublime truths the minister is propounding regarding the truths of God's Gospel, then we will know that such men as Lieut. Johnston are among us.

Whenever we see some Boy Scout proudly prove himself a gentleman by requesting that he may enjoy the privilege of carrying some aged person's bundles to their destination, then we will know that we are among the spirits of such heroes as Lieut. Johnston.

Whenever we see some sympathetic soul stoop down to dry the eyes of a tear stained face of some innocent child who has stubbed its toe, then we will know that we are in the presence of such men as Lieut. Johnston.

As Mrs. J. H. Waldrop so beautifully rendered the solo, "Be Still My Soul," all present knew that "he is not dead"; knew that if we only had faith we could see him in our midst. For to such honest, upright, loyal men as Lieut. John Clayton Johnston, "there is no day that is not."

Fountain Man Is Aviation Cadet

Maxwell Field, Ala., Dec. 22.—Herman Franklin Owens, Jr., son of H. P. Owens, of Fountain, N. C., is a member of the latest class of aviation cadets to enroll in the Army Air Forces Pre-Flight School (pilot) at Maxwell Field, located on the outskirts of Montgomery, the capital of Alabama.

Here the new class of cadets is receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training preparatory to beginning their actual flight instruction at one of the many primary flying schools in the Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center.

Cadet Owens attended The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and received his L. L. B. degree at Duke Uni-

versity of Law in 1942. He was practicing law with Fountain and Fountain, attorneys at law, Tarboro, N. C., when he entered the U. S. Army September 7, 1942. He was accepted as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces and began his nine weeks pre-flight course at Maxwell Field, Alabama, on November 24, 1942.

Service men were entertained during Christmas at the Servicemen's Center and were made to feel "at home."

Bakers, looking back over progressive and prosperous year, and remembering 1932—ten years ago—smiled benignly over the prosperity that has attended the people here during the year which ends next Thursday night.

City Observed . . .

(Continued from page one) ception, experienced a gratifying volume of business up to closing time Christmas Eve.

A small colored boy was knocked down by a passing car at the intersection of Third and Green streets Sunday night. He was slightly injured, it was reported.

Mayor Bruce Suggs, reviewing events leading up to Christmas and its observance expressed pride in the people for the fine spirit they are manifesting while the war goes on. "Christmas was celebrated in a true religious spirit and that is the way it should be. There are no finer nor more loyal people in the world than our folks here in Pitt county." His Honor said as he waded into an accumulation of mail and other matter on his desk for consideration after the holidays.

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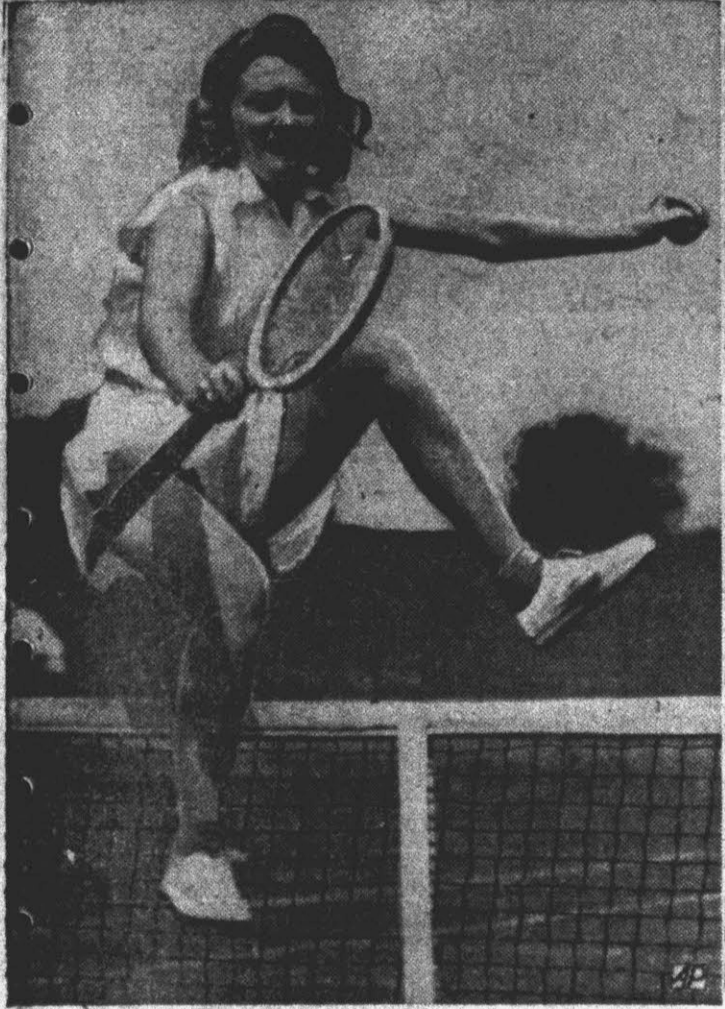
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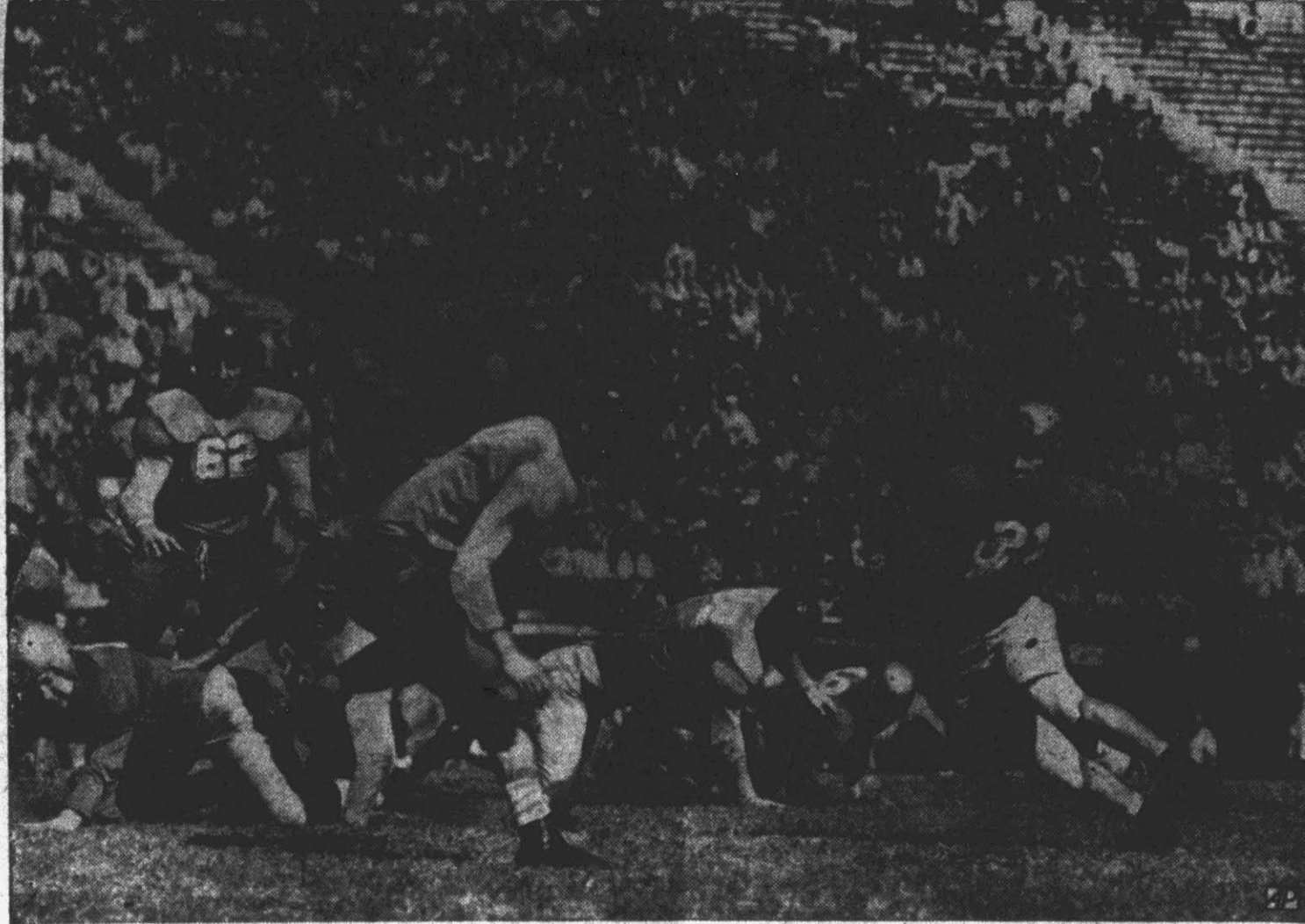
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1942 — PICTURE REVIEW OF YEAR IN SPORTS — 1942

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



QUEEN OF TENNIS—Pauline Betz, who ranked second in sports editors' poll on outstanding woman athlete of year, hurdles net after a victory at Rye, N. Y. She won the national women's singles tennis championship.



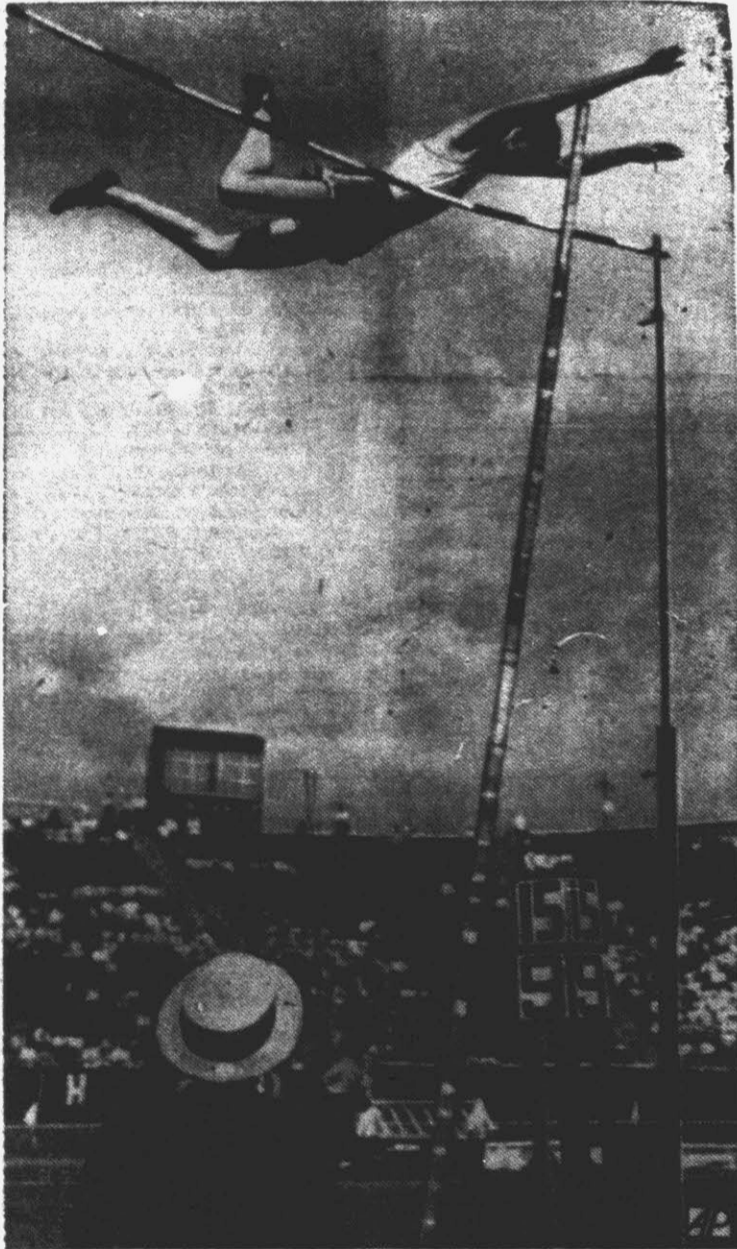
ATHLETE OF THE YEAR IN ACTION — Georgia University's Frankie Sinkwich (21) of Youngstown, Ohio, shown in some swivel-hip ball carrying in game in which Georgia defeated Ga. Tech 34 to 0. Sports editors named him No. 1 male athlete of year.



THE CHAMP AND HIS AWARDS—Heavyweight Boxing Champion Joe Louis, wearing his army uniform, holds Edward J. Neil and "Ring" magazine awards presented to him in New York City.



SHUT OUT WINS DERBY — Shut Out (No. 3, foreground) comes home winner in 68th Kentucky Derby at Louisville. Alsab (right behind Shut Out), second; Valdina Orphan (16), third.



KING OF VAULTERS—Cornelius Warmerdam, holder of world's pole vaulting record, soars over bar at 15 feet 9 inches but later brushed it off at Randall's Island Stadium, New York.



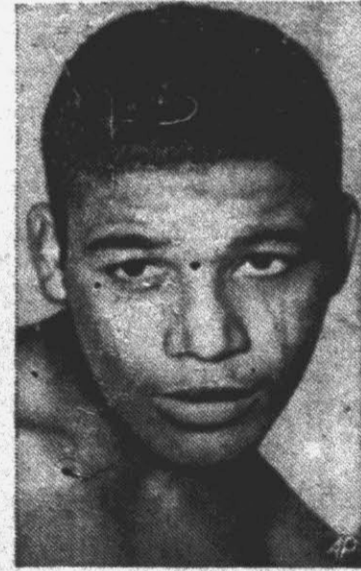
HOGAN'S 10-UNDER-PAR DRAWS FANS—Admirers crowd around Ben Hogan as he shot 10-under-par golf to win Hale America tourney at Chicago. He's a leading money winner.



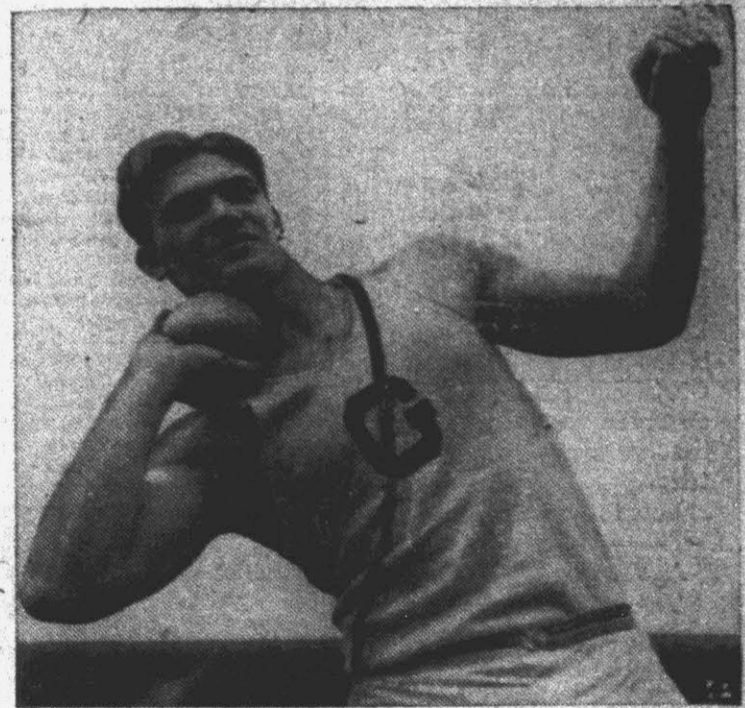
1942'S BEST SWIMMERS—Gloria Callen, holder of 31 national swimming records and voted by sports editors the top woman athlete of year, stands by Bill Smith, of Ohio State, ace swimmer and holder of several records.



HORSE OF 1942—Warren Wright's Whirlaway (above), leading all-time money winner, was named horse of the year by Furf and Sport Digest annual poll. Alsab ranked second.



UNBEATEN—Ray "Sugar" Robinson (above), unbeaten and with 140 victories, amateur and professional, to his credit, is 1942's top welterweight boxer. New York is his home.



SHOT PUT ACE—Al Blozis retained his shot put title in A.A.U. championships. His best throw, 57 feet 3/4 inch.



BASEBALL'S GREATS PERFORM AGAIN—Walter Johnson (left), famed old-time pitcher, shakes hands with Babe Ruth (right) before they gave an exhibition at New York.



CARDS CELEBRATE WORLD SERIES VICTORY—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball commissioner, sits on shoulders of St. Louis Cardinals as they celebrated defeating Yankees for World Series victory. Left to right: Cardinal batboy, National League President Ford Frick (hat before face), Harry Walker, Max Lanier (behind Walker), Enos Slaughter (next to Frick), Sam Narrom (back on bench), Landis, Manager Billy Southworth, Whitey Kurowski (hand on Landis' head), Slat's Marion (behind Kurowski), and Coach Buzzy Wares (bent over box in front).



SCHROEDER LEADS U. S. TENNIS—Fred Schroeder, Jr. (right) holds trophy beside Frank Parker whom he defeated to win the national men's singles tennis championship at Forest Hills, N. Y. Parker holds runner-up trophy.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

STICKING TO THE END
King Nebuchadnezzar in a dream saw a great image, the head of which was fine gold, the breast and arms of which were silver, the lower part of which was brass, the feet of which were part iron and part clay.

Someone has compared our undertakings and purposes to this image. Very often our plans are like the head of this image, of fine gold, but after a time our desire begins to slacken, we have less exalted ideas of what we are supposed to do—the gold blends into silver and later into brass. Finally we give up our ideals altogether, either because we find them difficult to attain, or because we are tired or disillusioned. That which started with a head of gold ends up with feet of clay. It is the picture of how we often start good things in a spirit of exaltation and at last renounce them in great discouragement.

Paul in writing to the Galatians "Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." It is easy indeed for us to become weary, to go from golden dreams to silver efforts, and at last to renounce even those efforts and confess ourselves exhausted and defeated. We need to remind ourselves that in due season we shall reap if we faint not. We were made for triumph, not for defeat. The only condition is that we faint not.

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WE ENJOYED IT

We return today after a quiet Christmas holiday which we thoroughly enjoyed and which we hope was enjoyed by all our readers. From information gathered about our city during the holidays and today, it was one of the quietest Christmases this community has known for many years. That is the manner in which the Christmas season should be observed and we are glad that no serious accidents or tragedies occurred hereabouts to mar the holiday.

A YEAR OF VICTORY

The new year that is about to begin is a big question mark in the minds of many, viewed from the standpoint of the progress of the war, but the war, like other things, will be controlled to a big extent by the actions of our people. The more effort we, as individual citizens, put forth here on the home front, the greater will be our chances of victory in the coming year. Greater sacrifices in order that our armed forces and those of our allies might have sufficient supplies and the materials with which to wage a victorious war should be the lot of the American people during the coming year. The more War Bonds and Stamps you buy the more money the government will have to purchase necessary supplies and war equipment. The less you drive your car the more gasoline and rubber there will be for the war effort. Cutting down waste in foods and other vital materials will

America's Boy of the Year



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the war effort. Every one of us has a great stake in the war during the coming year, so let us start right now doing our part to make it a year of victory for the forces of freedom and democracy.

WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—The Capital in Wartime: Some of the couplets go: "I carry the mail for Uncle Sam, I take it through with speed and wham," and "I bring your mail from far and near, I'm next of kin to Paul Revere." The boys got in a dig at a couple of old traditional mail service gags, with the line: "I get it there right on the minute, and never peek to see what's in it." My favorite is the plaint on the mailman's long hours and his absence of time for the little joys of life. It goes: "I carry on from dawn to dark, and I don't have time to stop and spart."

Gone from the sky on the Potomac near Fourteenth and Main avenue is the 75-room "floating hotel," Amphitrite, which has been getting notices in the dailies here for months. Ever since it came

lumbering up the coast from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to do its bit in relieving the Washington housing situation, it has had troubles galore.

To get it remodeled and refurbished, its owners had to battle the priorities. To get it moored, they had to scrap over rental rights. There were ruckuses with the public utilities, local officials and WPB. But that's all over now. The army has taken over.

Shining like a millionaire's yacht, the motorless "waterway hotel" was towed away silently the other night. Destination—a military secret.

The Boston and St. John's night club. Eric tragedies have had real repercussions in Washington. Nearly all of the local department stores have hidden away their ash trays and posted "No Smoking" signs. The city fathers dug down in a dusty bin and unearthed an old ordinance strengthening the District's fire protection laws and passed it pronto.

Many of the night clubs, including that free-for-all-service-men, the "Stage Door Canteen," are holding frequent fire drills. The "Stage Door Canteen," in the old Belasco theater, emptied its packed interior the other night in one minute and ten seconds, without even a Marine stepping on an army man's toe.

The WAR TODAY

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invasion would not be strategically sound except from the standpoint of some emergency such as might develop, for example, in the Russo-German theater.

The steps already had overrun all and maybe more than they could hope to digest. So why ask for trouble by trying to swallow giant India. The Nipponese military leaders will steal all they can get away but the intimations have been

that they are trying not to let their eyes get bigger than their stomachs.

Still there always was the bare possibility that Hitler might persuade his allies to strike at India in order to help his Caucasus drive or that some other circumstances might impel them to cross the Bay of Bengal. Therefore, it is a matter of immense satisfaction to see these contingencies recede into the dim shadows.

There undoubtedly is another sort of invasion which the Japanese are attempting. That is the conquest of propaganda. Every effort is being made to create disaffection among the people of India, but the average native of this country has no delusions about his fate at the hands of the Japs if they ever get a hold there. The morale of the army is said to be air-tight.

India's presently vastly improved position is due not only to her own growing strength, but to the weakening of Japanese resources. Thanks for this must go to the operations of United States forces and their allies in the Pacific.

Japan's heavy losses in aircraft, warships and cargo boats have greatly weakened her striking power and limited the range of her activities. In order to invade India on a big scale, the Japs must have control of the Bay of Bengal—please get out those maps I talk so much about—both in the air and on the water.

They must have transport ships with which to move their troops, equipment and supplies. Those prerequisites would appear to be beyond their reach at this time. Certainly the Anglo-American air forces have superiority in the air defensively although they lack absolute control, as witness the raids on Calcutta last week.

Rationing of . . .

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posers, said: "While everyone will not get as much of every kind of food as he wants, and while there may not be as much pleasure in eating," Wickard declared that "there will be enough for an adequate and healthy diet."

"Rationing in this country," he said, "does not mean sub-standard diets." Speaking on the same program, Elmer Davis, director of War information, observed that some American food goes to the allies and said that "to hear some people talk, you would think that most of it is going to our allies."

"That is not so," he declared. "What goes to our allies is less than what goes to our own armed forces; and don't forget that to some extent this exchange of food works both ways. Some British food, and a great deal of Australian food, is supplied by the governments of those countries to our troops who are stationed there."

"The total sent to our allies is less than what is supplied to our own armed forces; it is small compared to what is left for us at home." Prior to the broadcast, Donald E. Montgomery, retiring consumers' counsel in the agriculture department, issued a statement protesting against advance announcement of plans for food rationing.

He called for the rationing of all foods except cereals and perishable fruits and vegetables, but declared that no previous announcements should be made, in order to "avoid tipping off trade speculators, pantry hoarders, and pocketbook patriots."

PACIFIC PATROL

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter Eight Carmecita And The Sailor

Porter Lloyd, his smile faltering a little, looked quickly from Mary to Dan. Then, instantly, he was the perfect gentleman.

"Hello, dear. Hello, Sherman. Hope I haven't kept you two waiting?" He stepped into the hall, pulled off his gloves. "Mary, your gown is very smart. I shall be proud of you tonight."

She glanced at Dan in time to catch a strange twist to his smile. To interpose whatever smart crack he'd intended by snatching up her coat, saying, "We'd better hurry. Port. We're nearly late now."

"Right, we are. And mother will be furious if we aren't there to receive the first guest."

They received the first guest, all right, and the hundred and first! Her face ready to crack with smiling, Mary stood in the line between her future mother-in-law and Porter's aunt. She'd said "How do you do" until it had become a meaningless chant. And been gushed over and told she'd make a beautiful bride until she felt sure she'd slap the next person who told her so.

It was over finally. Mrs. Lloyd beamed happily at her son and said, "Go get Mary some supper, dear. I'm sure she's famished."

Not so hungry as bored, Mary amended silently and let Porter put her into a big chair in the library while he went for supper trays. Wearily, she leaned back, closed her eyes.

"So this is the charming Miss Garthwaite," a familiar voice mocking you'll be my dear."

Mary opened her eyes, sat erect, grinning at her from his seat on the footstool was Dan Sherman. And—Mary opened her eyes wider—with him, a perfectly stunning girl.

"Look what I found," Dan said, pointed to the lovely, be-ringed hand he held now. "Isn't she gorgeous?"

"How do you do," Mary murmured automatically, remembered now that Mrs. Lloyd had presented this Senorita Something-or-other.

The Singer Mary had time now to notice how really lovely the girl was. Olive-skinned, great, slumberous dark eyes that seemed haunted by some sadness, a wistful, full-lipped mouth, a sad little smile. She was in simplest white and one gardenia in her hair made it look like ebony. Mary felt suddenly a little over-dressed in her gleaming gold and Port's orchids.

"Her name's Carmecita de la Vega," Dan went on, patting the girl's hand but never taking his eyes from Mary's face. "And she's from Buenos Aires one minute and Rio de Janeiro the next. She says 'yes' to both. I've a hunch she doesn't understand my brand of Spanish."

He looked down at her now, as fondly, Mary noticed wryly, as if he'd dreamed her up himself. "And she doesn't speak a word of English. Isn't that wonderful?"

"Yes, wonderful for you," Mary agreed dryly, keeping her smile sweet. "She probably won't suspect what a fool you are."

Dan laughed and the lovely Carmecita laughed to see him. And said something quickly, smoothly in Spanish in her lovely native Spanish or Portuguese or whatever it was she spoke. Mary wouldn't know. "She's going to sing for her supper," Dan explained. "She might dance for us, too. All this is pure hearsay, of course. I got the dope from a waiter." He smiled at Carmecita again. All she says to me is 'Si, Senor'."

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NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to an order of re-sale signed by the Honorable J. F. Harrington, Clerk of Superior Court in the matter of "W. S. Arnold and wife, Lucy Helen Arnold; Bessie Weatherington and husband, Jim Weatherington; Annie Cox and husband, Clinton Cox; Mrs. Letha Sumrell and husband, Hugh Sumrell; R. C. Arnold; I. 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:

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina—Pitt County. In The Superior Court. Town of Bethel, Plaintiff.

vs. Ruth James and husband, Joe James; Drew Garris and husband, Henry Garris; H. L. Andrews and wife, Eula Andrews; W. E. Andrews and wife, Lucille

Andrews; J. Herman Andrews and wife, Elizabeth Andrews; C. V. Andrews; Annie Andrews; County of Pitt.

The defendant, C. V. Andrews, will hereby take notice that a civil action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Pitt County for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens and certificates of sale held by the plaintiff and against the real estate of the defendant in the Town of Bethel, Pitt County, North Carolina; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to be and appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County at his office in the court house at Greenville, N. C., within twenty days after the 23rd day of January, 1943, and answer or demur to the complaint (said complaint with copies have been filed in the office of said Clerk) or the relief therein demanded will be granted.

Witness my hand this the 23rd day of December, 1942.
J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk Superior Court Pitt County.
Dec. 23-11w-4wk.

SPORTS DRESS

This white sports dress with nail studded belt and luggage can stitching is modeled by Movie Actress Faye Emerson. The hat is rough straw.

NEW HAIR DO—Adeline Barrage of Toronto, Can., has a "donut coiffeur," so named from the hair roll in doughnut shape.

Falling Boulders Crush Bus, Kill 22



Twenty-two persons were crushed to death when two huge boulders slipped from a high embankment and crashed down upon a bus crowded with home-going war workers near Alaquippa, Pa. Only three passengers escaped, and two of them were critically injured. This was the scene after the tragedy. In the foreground are the boulders with part of the truck buried beneath them. Rescue workers are trying to recover the bodies.

U. S. Carrier's Crew Under Japanese Fire



Crew members of a U. S. carrier aircraft carrier were preparing fighter planes for take-off somewhere in the Pacific when a Japanese plane (upper left) flew over and started the deck. Hunting cover, some of the men have fallen flat as the carrier's flight deck until the incoming enemy plane is driven away. This scene is from a navy film taken on the carrier during battle action.

WAR NEEDS MONEY
and the money must come from
★ You ★

ALL STARS WIN OVER REDSKINS

Chicago Bears Get Revenge for Recent Defeat

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The failure of Sammy Baugh, star of the champion Washington Redskins, to appear for yesterday's pro bowl football classic at Shibe Park caused a furore that overshadowed the National League All-Stars 17 to 14 victory over the league champions.

Commissioner Elmer Layden ordered an investigation to bring out the "full facts." Another league official explained: "From all we know Baugh might have had a legitimate excuse for not showing up. But so far we can find no legitimate reason for his not notifying us that he could not or was not coming."

Baugh declared at his Rotan Tex. ranch home that "I tried my best to make the game. They were supposed to have a car ready for me in Sweetwater (about 30 miles from Rotan) so I could catch a plane out of Dallas about 11:50 p. m. Saturday night. The car was not there."

The announcement Baugh could not play was made late Saturday night. Many in the crowd of 18,671 knew nothing about it when they appeared at the park.

All proceeds of the game, above minimum expenses, were turned over to the United Seamen's Service. The players were not paid and many of Baugh's Washington teammates were reported "sore" at his failure to appear.

George Strickler, director of public relations for the league, said Baugh was expected here Saturday morning. Two airplane tickets having been delivered to his home on Tuesday. A telephone call to Rotan Saturday afternoon disclosed Baugh wasn't feeling well and didn't think he could make it.

M. Dorland Doyle, vice president of the Washington club, talked with Baugh and he finally agreed to make the trip. Strickler declared adding:

"We made arrangements with the Sweetwater police to give Baugh an escort to Dallas. He was to get the 11:30 p. m. through plane for Washington. Late Saturday we were informed by the Sweetwater police Baugh had decided there wasn't time to get to Dallas so went back home."

The game itself gave the Chicago Bears some measure of revenge for losing the league title to the Redskins two weeks ago. Lee Artoe Bear tackle, provided the winning three points by kicking a 40-yard field goal on the second play of the last quarter. Artoe's mighty boot climaxed a furious six minute period in which 24 of the 31 points were scored.

The Redskins took the lead in the first quarter on Kl Aldrich's 36-yard punt return for a touchdown. A 97-yard run by Pittsburgh's Bill Dudley after he intercepted a pass, tied the score in the third quarter. The All-Stars went ahead on John Peety's lunge from the two to cap at 51-yard advance, but the Redskins promptly tied it on a 15 yard aerial. Roy Zimmerman to Bob Seymour.

In the last 30 seconds Bob Masterson's field goal attempt from the 27 yard line. It was the first victory for the all-stars since the pro bowl series began in 1939.

The gross gate was announced as \$75,000. In addition \$90,170 in war bonds was sold between the halves

WANT ADS PAY

Oranges For Alabama's Orange Bowl Players



Maybe these Alabama football stars, who meet Boston College in the Miami Orange Bowl New Year's Day, are eating oranges at Tuscaloosa to acclimatize themselves. Any way, they're going for the fruit, they say, in the same way they'll go for Boston College. Left to right: Russ Craft, leading Alabama backfield ground gainer for 1942; Joe Demmanovich, center, captain, and all-America selection; Don Whitmire, hefty tackle, who also made several all-America teams.

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR. Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 28.—The more we read about baseball's confused efforts to conduct a sensible spring training program, the more we suspect that the club owners are afraid of being hit where it hurts the most—in the bankroll.... The strongest point we can find in favor of Ed Barrow's proposal to delay the season long enough to train at home is that it would save dough—the saving in travel would be negligible now that barnstorming and camps in congested military areas have been ruled out.... The plan also would create new problems—for instance how to boil off 40 pounds from an athlete who had spent the entire winter within reach of the cracker barrel in the village store, when the guy is too cold to raise a sweat.... Our guess is that both leagues will okay camps in the mid-south and that if they do postpone the opening, they'll eventually decide that it's patriotic to end the season early, too—about the time the late season attendance slump shows up.

Ersatz Ball
From the Jacksonville, Fla., naval air station comes the sad story of sailor and marine teams that spent three weeks practicing for the basketball season without having a basket at either end of the court.... Priorities kept them from securing the iron rings and the supports for the backboards until just before the opening game.... The cagers spent their time practicing floor work and yelling "two points" when a teammate would cut loose at the blank wall.... "It sure cramps our style," wailed Chief Specialist Bill Borchner, former Oregon cager who coaches the sailors, "but we'll be in perfect condition and able to run all night."

Monday Matinee
The Atlanta and Birmingham quarterback clubs both voted for Monk Gafford of Auburn, who looked so good in Saturday's Blue-Gray game, as the Southeastern Conference's outstanding football player instead of Georgia's Frank Sinkwich.... Grover Klemmer, who successfully turned iron track to football this fall, now is out for the

Kas.... And each year McBride failed to attend.... So when Dumont recently sent McBride his 1943 pass, he enclosed a note that he was sending a Christmas gift that would remind Clyde to be in Wichita next August. A few days later it arrived—a beautifully wrapped Christmas box containing a bottle of pop and a sack of peanuts.

Service Dept.
Example: The greater Detroit Bowling Proprietors' Association is putting up the dough to maintain six bowling alleys in the new USO center for free use by service men.... Lieut. Com. Ben Lee Boynton, former athletic director at the Georgia pre-flight school, now is co-ordinator of physical training and welfare activities for the navy's new air operational bases, where flying ensigns learn combat tactics.... Jim Christensen, former Utah quarterback now flying for the marines, claims that all fliers should wear football headguards. He says he wouldn't have received a skull fracture in a recent air crash if he had worn one.

Lack of ...

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Since the great sea-air battle of Mid-November, the Japs have bombed the American air field on Guadalcanal only about four times and then only with lone planes. Previously there had been daily raids in force and frequent night attacks. At Munda, on New Georgia island, the Japanese built an air base to counter our force at Guadalcanal. American planes began attacking it about three weeks ago just when it was ready for use and when greatest damage could be done. The Japs lost 30 planes at Munda, according to official navy reports and we lost two, so far as has been announced. In the last reported attack there, 14 enemy planes were shot down and 10 were destroyed on the ground while no American planes were lost. Following up the raids on Munda, Flying Fortresses struck at the

Youngster Shows Old Timer How



A number of veteran hunters, who participated in the recent annual Holly Shelter deer hunt, didn't bag their bucks—but Gene Hester, 11 years old, was not among them. It was Gene's second deer hunt, and he killed the 139-pound, eight-point buck lying beside him.

major Jap base at Rabaul, New Britain. A Japanese fighter force took to the air but did not attack. Those are the high spots of recent air combat in the South Pacific. They are not without parallel in fighting far to the north—for Japan's weak air force at Kiska in the Aleutian islands was wiped out last fall after about three months of vain resistance to American bombers and fighters. Marine officers back from Guadalcanal report that the Jap pilots encountered there in the last few weeks are decidedly inferior fighters. They characterize them as being generally third-raters.

Japanese planes likewise seem to have been proved entirely inferior to American types. The Zero, with all its highly-touted maneuverability, simply cannot stand up in combat with American planes.

Another element reported to contribute to the weakness of Japan in the air is her inflexibility of tactics. American fighter plane methods have been modified in accordance with actual combat experience. The Japs always fight the same way and their vulnerable points are therefore well known.

A year ago Japanese airmen had it all their own way in the southwest Pacific. Then Gen. Douglas MacArthur's pilots began giving them a drubbing over northern Australia and they got the worst of it from American naval airmen in the battles in and around the Coral Sea.

But it was the battle of Midway last June—the greatest sea-air battle of the war so far—that really started them down hill. For there they lost four carriers and hundreds of pilots and planes. Since Midway their plane and pilot losses have mounted steadily and their effectiveness in battle has as steadily declined.

Conservative authorities said that the Japs may have decided to try to build some new and better types of planes, causing a lag in their current production while they retool and get new models going. And they may be saving a large portion of their force, just as they seem to be saving their main naval strength for home defense.

But on the other hand, these authorities said, it is possible that the Japs are losing the air war in the Pacific, and losing it fast, simply because they can't keep up the pace of our own military and naval forces have set.

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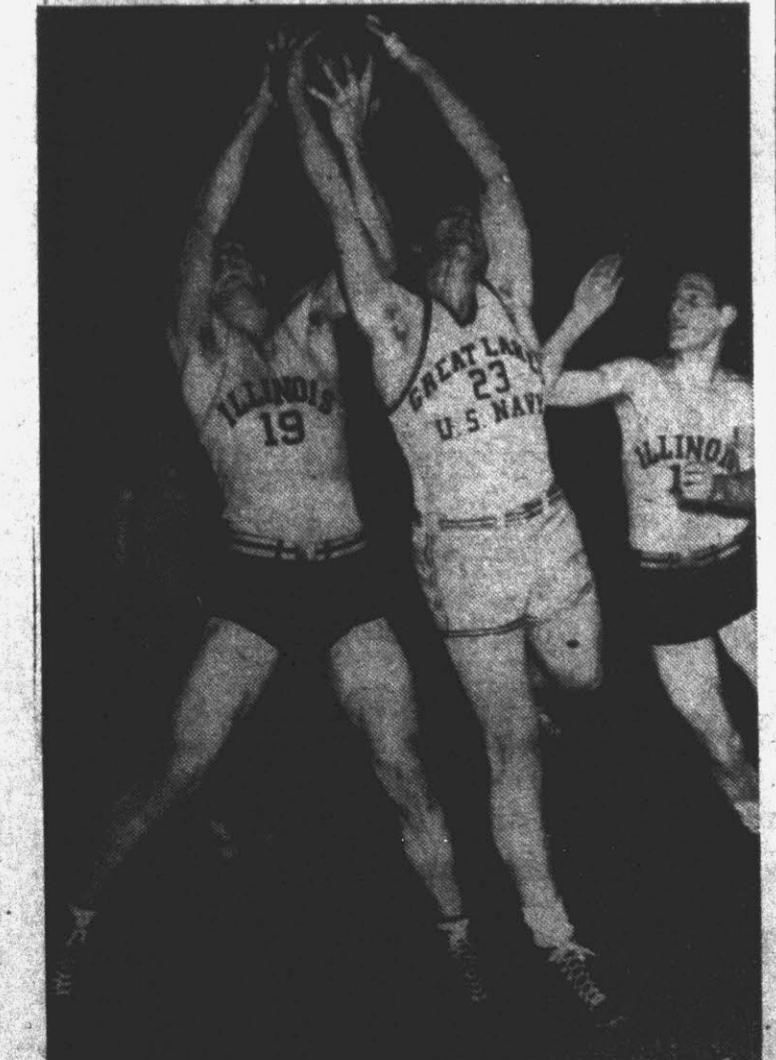
DAN DUNN - SECRET OPERATIVE 48



THIMBLE THEATRE - Starring Popeye



BLONDIE - by Chic Young



WHOSE BALL?—Struggling for a rebound in the Great Lakes-Illinois game at Chicago are Art Mathisen (19), Illinois center, and Dick Klein (23), Great Lakes center. By scoring 12 points in last five minutes, Illinois won 57 to 53.

WANTS

Wants 15c per word, minimum charge 25c for 25 words, one insertion; six insertions \$1.25; one month \$7.00. Indented lines known as classified display, or larger than regular size type, double price.

GENERAL REPAIR WORK - both iron and wood, and of all kinds. Apply to R. D. Manning, Griffon, Route 1. 24-66

ONE FISH MARKET FOR SALE - In wide-awake business town of Eastern North Carolina. Stock inventory \$10,000.00. Sales volume for the year \$150,000.00. Overhead \$15,000.00. Profits \$15,000.00. Will sacrifice this paying business because of Uncle Sam's call. Answer "Fish Market," P. O. Box 408, Greenville. 19-61

WAR TIRES - JUST RECEIVED our shipment of war and No. 2 tires. Bring us your certificates. Also a new shipment of batteries. Just in. Stafford Oldsmobile Company. 23-154

OUR MEMBERS HAVE THE privilege of selecting the Funeral Director of their choice. If you do not have this feature, join with us. Elvanger Mutual Funeral Association, 1212 Dickinson Ave. 18-47

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 RENT - BLUEBIRD FILLING Station. Possession January 1. See A. M. Moseley. 24-eod-104

WANTED TO BUY - NEW OR used electric iron and alarm clock. Dial 2610.

WANT TO RENT - A 2-HORSE crop on shares. Have plenty of labor. Can furnish references. Call 7911, Robertsonville. 22-61

FOR RENT - ONE UPSTAIRS furnished apartment. Mrs. S. M. Woolfolk. Dial 2359. 22-2vk.

TOBACCO CANVAS - WHITE'S STORES 15eod-61

FOR SALE, AT AUCTION - WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30, at 10:30 a. m., 2 miles, 2 cows now milking, 2-horse wagon, stak cutter, smoothing harrow, wire fencing, plows, hoes, new Cole corn planter, new Gem guano distributor, farming implements of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, one kerosene refrigerator. M. H. Nobles, Greenville, R. 4, old River road. Dec 18-21-23-28

SIX ROOM HOUSE FOR RENT - corner West Fourth and Vance streets. Convenient to schools, nice neighborhood. Garage. \$30.00 rent. W. G. Ward, 300 W. Third St., Phone 3398. 26-41

FOR SALE - MAN'S BICYCLE - Moore Bicycle Shop, 101 Twelfth St.

WANTED - USED FLAT TOP OFFICE desk. Must be bargain for cash. Call 2607. J. A. Bland.

FOR RENT - FIRST FLOOR apartment. Four rooms. Bath. All private. 208 Manhattan Avenue. \$18 advance monthly. Move today. L. J. Smith, Real Estate - Insurance.

LOST - ONE TAN AND WHITE speckled female pointer. Finder please return to Rufus Mayo, 1219 Chestnut St., Greenville, N. C., and receive reward. Dial 3836. 26-31

WANTED - COLORED WOMAN TO do general housework and care for 3-year-old child. References required. 1106 Washington St., after 9 p. m.

LOST - BROWN BUXTON BILL - fold with name Billy Whitley on inside. Contains gas ration book, driver's license, \$18.00 in cash. Finder please return to or notify Billy Whitley, Dial 2335. Reward.

MAN ENGAGED SEVERAL YEARS in general merchandise and farm supplies and farm management desires local connection. Address "Manager," care Daily Reflector. 28-31

SWAP-RIMES advertisement featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, with text about swapping items.

Hog Market

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28. (AP) - (NCDA) - Hog market steady with top of 14.15 at Richmond at 13.90 at Rocky Mount.

Poultry and Eggs

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 28. (AP) - (NCDA) - Poultry market steady; U. S. extras large (clean white) 47; colored hens 20 to 22.

Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 28. (AP) - Wheat prices rose to the highest quotations since 1937 today while corn and oats reached top levels for the past several months in a general grain market advance that amounted to a cent or more a bushel in some cases before late profit taking whittled down the gains.

Selling just before the close, lowered wheat prices sharply from the day's high. Wheat closed unchanged to 1/4 higher compared with Saturday's finish, May 1.26 1/2, July 1.26 1/2.

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 28. (AP) - Cotton futures opened 15 cents a bale lower of 45 cents higher.

Table with columns: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec. Values for various months.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 28. (AP) - The stock market got off to a fairly good start today but profit cashing on the recent advance to the highest levels since October 1941, turned prices generally lower in the latter part of the proceedings.

Table with columns: Al Chem and Dye, Alis Chal Mig, Am Can, Am Can Fdy, Am For Pyl, Am Mill, Am Smelt and Ref, Am Sug Ref, Am Tob B, Anaconda, A O C, All Ref, Aviat Corp, B and O, Bendix Aviat, Beth Stl, Boeing Airpl, Borden, Budd Mig, Burr Ad Mach, Calumet and Hec, Can Dry, Case J, Ches and O, Chrysler, Coca Cola, Consol Edis, Cont Can, Corn Prod, Curtiss Wright, Doug Airc, Dow Chem, Dupont, Eastman Kod, Elec Auto Lt, Firestone, Gen Elec, Gen Foods, Gen Mot, Int Harvest, Int Tel and Tel, Johns Man, Libby OF G, Ligg and Mgers B, Loews, Lorillard, Mack Truck, Mont Ward, Nash Kely, Nat Biscuit, Nat Cash Reg, Nat Dairy Prod, Nat Dist, Nat Lead, Nat Pow and Lt, NY Cent, No Am Aviat, North Am, Old Elef, Packard, Param Pix, Penn RR, Peppi Cola, Phillips Pet, Pullman, Pure Oil, Radio, Rep Stl, Reynolds B, Seab A L, Sears, Sou Ry, Std Brands, Std Oil N J, Tex Corp, Tex Air Prod, Unit Airc, Unit Drug, US Ind Alco, US Pipe, US Rub, US Smelt and Ref, US Steel, Vanadium, Western Union, West Elef and Mig, Woolworth, Total Sales.

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HOLIDAY TOLL REACHES 413

At Least 13 Violent Deaths in This State

By The Associated Press - At least 413 persons met death by violence in the United States during the long holiday week-end, at the nation observed its second Christmas of the war.

War time duties and restrictions sharply reduced motor travel, yet highway accidents slowly mounted until no fewer than 255 lives were lost in the four-day period beginning Christmas eve and ending early today.

The traffic death rate was far under last year, however, when 334 such deaths had been reported by dawn of December 26.

Mishaps in homes, fires, shootings and other miscellaneous causes brought death this year to 158 persons.

Highest toll was reported in California where 56 persons were killed in 40 of them in traffic accidents. Next was Illinois with 36.

Only New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming and the District of Columbia reported no holiday deaths of violence.

Deaths by states included 16 in North Carolina, 20 in South Carolina.

Charlotte, Dec. 28. (AP) - At least thirteen persons met violent death in North Carolina over the three-day holiday period which ended yesterday, but relatively few were caused by traffic accidents.

Only seven of the deaths were attributed to highway accidents. The accident which claimed the largest number of lives was at Wilson. A train-automobile accident there caused four deaths.

John Alfred Koons, 36, a farmer was fatally burned when his clothing caught fire from a heater at Kinston.

An automobile struck and killed Henry Luther Blackwelder, 58, a farmer, as he walked along a road near Charlotte.

William Pack Cox, 40, drowned while fishing in the Catawba river near Hickory.

John Tolar, 67, and Mrs. Tolar, 46, were struck and killed by an automobile as they walked along a highway near Manteo.

LaFayette Robinson, 64, was fatally burned when his clothing caught fire from a fireplace in his home near Marion.

At Concord Everett Curtis Sherrell, 24, was fatally cut in what Sheriff Ray C. Hoover described as a "fee for all" at a roadhouse.

At Rocky Mount, B. G. Guthrie a buyer for a tobacco company, was scalded to death at a hotel when he slipped and fell in the bathtub.

Four negroes were killed in an automobile-train collision near Wilson.

Margaret Fair, 17 year old negro girl, was shot and killed in Durham.

Avalanche Wrecks Passenger Train

PORTLAND, Ore. Dec. 28. (AP) - A 500-foot slide of mud and snow hit a Southern Pacific passenger train 180 miles south of here in the Cascade mountains last night, knocking one car down a 30-foot incline, piercing another with a tree and injuring eight people, one seriously.

The badly injured man was H. aKne of Los Angeles, a steward of the railroad company announced, all of the injured were in the car, a diner, through which the tree trunk crashed.

The car which toppled down the embankment, another diner, was partially buried but all those inside were rescued without mishap. Eight cars in all, including six sleepers, were derailed. The sleepers however did not overturn.

Office Supplies Curtailed. Washington, Dec. 28. (AP) - Manufacture of desk pencil sharpeners was halted today by WPB which also forbade the making of copper engravings for calling cards, greeting cards, and business stationery.

Manufacture of metallic file fasteners and production of metal repair parts for office supplies, with the exception of parts for staplers and punchers, were likewise prohibited.



STARTING TOWARD THE ALCAN HIGHWAY - A White Pass and Yukon Express tugboat, docked at Skagway, Alaska, for the northern end of the Alcan highway.

Wallace To Speak

Washington, Dec. 28. (AP) - Vice President Wallace will speak over the NBC's radio network tonight from 10:30 until 11 o'clock, EWT, to highlight the capital's observance of the birthday of Woodrow Wilson.

TERM ACTION MOST UNWISE

Condemn Premature Announcement of Food Rationing

(By The Associated Press) - A spokesman for the National Association of Retail Grocers and the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Rep. Fulmer (D-SC) joined today in condemnation of the food administration's announcement, more than a month in advance, of its plans to ration more than 200 kinds of commercially processed foods.

"We deplore government officials giving the unscrupulous portion of the public a month to do their hoarding," said Mrs. Rose Marie Kiefer, the grocers' secretary, at Chicago. She said rationing would be necessary next year but "there is no shortage at the present time."

Fulmer told reporters rationing authorities had "promoted a buying wave and encouraged hoarding."

Price Administrator Leon Henderson, in announcing last night Food Administrator Wickard's orders to ration canned, frozen and dried fruits and vegetables, as well as soups, tomato products and juices, said "The reasons for announcing the program this far in advance may be found in the magnitude of the job to be done before rationing can begin."

Henderson asserted 1,500,000 OPA volunteers would have to be recruited and trained in connection with the registration for ration book No. 2 under which the foods will be distributed. He appealed to Americans to "play fair with the nation's food supply" and not stock up.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and OWI Director Elmer Davis supplemented this appeal in radio addresses.

Some stores reported "runs," but many already had established limits of one or two cans of each food to a customer. Chain store executives in New York said the announcement "makes it legal," explaining they have limited sales for months. A survey showed 17 of 18 stores in one Ohio district doing the same. Samuel Leask, Southern California director of OPA, said many grocers there had limited canned goods purchases for some time, at OPA's request.

In New Haven, Conn., several retail stores reported inquiries from persons seeking to buy canned foods by the dozen. Independent stores here were selling only two or three cans to each person, and chain stores for several weeks had limited sales to one can of each variety.

President Alfred J. Roth of the Connecticut State Retail Grocers' Association said the situation presented a "personal problem" for each grocer.

William Eden, director of purchases for American Stores Co., said in Philadelphia: "The only thing for a retailer to do is to take his goods off his shelves, especially in the self-serving markets."

Rep. Fulmer commented in Washington: "The procedure is ridiculous. The announcement this far in advance can only result in a wave of buying and hoarding which will aggravate the situation. It is only natural that housewives who use canned foods extensively will start stocking up, especially when they are warned in advance that they had better get all they can while the getting is good."

Fulmer said the decision to ration canned foods amounted to belated official recognition of the truth of the agriculture committee's repeated warnings of the past that a food shortage was developing.

"This thing should have been taken in hand long ago instead of waiting this long," he commented. "And when it was decided that rationing was necessary, there should not have been an advance official tip-off. Instead, the first announcement should have frozen sales of all such food until the rationing machinery was set up."

Administrator Henderson pointed out that each consumer registering for the new ration book would have to declare all commercially processed foods in his position, and "heavy penalties are provided for any applicant who makes a false declaration."

Old Radio Tubes

Washington, Dec. 28. (AP) - Owners of radio sets soon will be required to turn in their old tubes when they buy new ones.

In making this announcement today, the WPB said the requirement would permit the salvaging of tube bases which in some cases can be refabricated.

Butter Shortage

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (AP) - Butter, already scarce in the city's retail stores, was even scarcer in some of them after 22,000 pounds, scheduled for delivery today, were reported stolen from the basement ice box of a cold storage warehouse.

Seize Explosives

London, Dec. 28. (AP) - The German-controlled Vichy radio said today French police had seized a quarter of a ton of explosives, 6,500 incendiary devices and 336 pounds of chemicals in a roundup of 157 alleged terrorists in Paris and 134 others in other parts of France.

Important Cases In Police Court

In Police Court today Marvin Earl Williams, colored, breaking and entering the No-Hi bottling plant and larceny of a quantity of sugar and a motor truck, sent up to Superior Court under \$500. W. B. Marable, colored, receiving some of the stolen goods, 18 months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$100 damages and placed on probation two years. Webster Foskey, colored, receiving some of the stolen property, 12 months, suspended on payment of \$50 damages and half the court costs and placed on probation two years.

Sol Spencer, colored, charged with stealing two bicycles, was given 12 months on the roads on each charge. The bicycles were recovered.

Drunks: John Garris and James Carney, both colored, 30 days in jail or \$15; William Cannon, 30 days or \$15; Lattie (OK) Howell, 30 days or \$15 and James Henderson, 30 days or \$15.

Assault on female: Roy Hardy, colored, 60 days or \$20; Greely Peterson, colored, same sentence; Edward Lee Smith, not guilty.

Larceny from person: James Earl Foreman, colored, 30 days on streets or \$20. Red Anderson, colored, 30 days or \$10. Assault with deadly weapon: Sam Tucker, colored, 30 days on streets or pay costs. Disorderly conduct and assault: Ely Goodwin, colored, not guilty. Carrying concealed weapon: Frank Anderson, not guilty.

German Command Throwing Its Soldiers Into Futile Counterattacks

The German command is throwing its soldiers into fruitless counterattacks, the communique said of the fighting on this front.

"Yesterday the Elites counter-attacked one unit seven times. Losing 300 enemy officers and men and three tanks, the enemy retreated to his original position."

In the Caucasian foothills south-east of Nalchik the Germans were reported thrown from several dominating hill positions. A large village also was taken after a fierce battle the communique said.

"The Germans are suffering heavy losses," it added. "In fighting for one high-altitude Red Army men or one unit wiped out 400 officers and men. War material and prisoners were captured."

The fighting inside Stalingrad continued despite the peril confronting the German forces there and the Russians said they captured several enemy blockhouses and dugouts in the factory district of the city.

Northwest of the city a "height of great tactical importance" was reported occupied and held despite German counterattacks. Two hundred German troops were said to have been killed in this fighting.

Move Underway

(Continued from Page One) - To accelerate De Gaulle's departure for the United States for a projected meeting with President Roosevelt, General Georges Catroux, fighting French commander in Syria, is likely to accompany De Gaulle, the agency said.

The Daily Mail's story was printed under a five-column headline and roused considerable interest in London, which has been eagerly awaiting some news of De Gaulle's reaction to the appointment of Giraud.

De Gaulle, accompanied by his aide, Air Marshal D'astier De La Vigerie who had just returned from a mission to North Africa, conferred with Prime Minister Churchill on the situation yesterday, but continued to refrain from making a public statement.

The only indication of official British reaction was the assertion by an authoritative source that Giraud's elevation to the post held by the assassinated Darlan was entirely satisfactory to the British government.

Dispatches from Algiers, meanwhile, quoted Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander in North Africa as saying he was delighted with the selection of Giraud. The Algiers press also acclaimed the selection and declared it was a sign of eventual French unity.

The identity of Darlan's killer, who was executed by a firing squad Saturday morning, was still uncertain, as was the motive or the persons that inspired him to the deed.

Rommel Continues

(Continued from Page One) - French forces guarding the Southern flank in Tunisia. The French claimed an important advance south of Pont-Du-Fahs, about 30 miles southwest of Tunis.

The Axis air force was being compelled to move from one airfield to another so rapidly in Libya that it was able to put up practically no opposition.

In Tunisia, American P-40 War-

Russian Army

(Continued from page one) - man counterattack, the mid-day communique said.

In the middle Don offensive where the Russians are pressing in to the Ukraine and plunging down toward Rostov, a German stronghold was reported taken and 600 Germans killed in only two sectors. Large quantities of equipment and food stores were also seized in this area, the communique reported.

Another vital artery of the fast dwindling German communication system in southwestern Russia has been cut by the Russian occupation of Tatsinskaya, 50 miles east of Likhaya on the railway line leading from the Moscow-Rostov line to Stalingrad.

Almost all of the angle east of the Moscow-Rostov railroad and not of the Likhaya-Stalingrad line is now in Russian hands.

The offensive was reaching so deeply into the German rear that crated planes were being found at railroad stations like Tatsinskaya and in a bank at Voloshino, seized of Millerovo, together with a warehouse full of grain and many automobiles, dispatches from the front said.

The Russians were believed to be less than 100 miles from Rostov, the capture of which would isolate the German armies in the Caucasus and leave them only the Black Sea as a supply route or means of evacuation. The Russians have reported the death or capture of approximately 12,000 Germans in this middle Don offensive.

In the Velikie Luki region of the central front west of Moscow, the mid-day communique said, four more populated communities were taken by the advancing Red Army. The Russians are approximately 90 miles from the Latvian border in this region.

hawk, newest model of the Curtiss fighter plane, were in action for the first time, escorting Flying Fortresses in attacks on Stax.

While Middle East aircraft attacked Tunis and Sousse Saturday night and dropped bombs which burst in the main basin and on the electric railway depot at Tunis, the Flying Fortresses also kindled fresh fires among ships and docks at Bizerte.

These raids, on Saturday, were followed up yesterday by another Flying Fortress assault on Sousse in which a ship was blown to bits and warehouses and docks showered with explosives, dispatches from Allied headquarters said.

Lightning and P-40 Warhawk fighters strafed roads and shot up enemy transports, the dispatches said, but there was no sign of an imminent major offensive from either side. Only scattered patrol drenched countryside.

The Morocco radio broadcast a French communique announcing that 100 prisoners were taken by the French as they forged ahead, improving their positions.

As the main armies remained stalled on the perimeter of the Axis Bizerte-Tunis defenses, the humbled Axis Field Marshal Erwin Rommel was reported moving the bulk of his defeated African Corps into Tripoli, only 80 miles from the eastern Tunisian border.

Rommel's retreating Libyan Army was reported by the Allied-controlled Morocco radio to be streaming into Tripoli only a few hours after the British announced that the pursuing British Eighth Army was well to the west of Bizerte, 220 miles east of Tripoli.

American Flying Fortresses led the Allied aerial assault in Tunisia with an attack on the important naval base of Bizerte and the port of Stax on the east coast. The big bombers started a number of fires among the docks at Bizerte and scored hits on their targets at Stax, an Allied communique said yesterday. Two large ships were reported sunk in Stax harbor.

A screen of fighter planes escorted the Fortresses over the targets and shot down two enemy planes.

Other Allied fighter planes ranged over Tunisia attacking Axis land supply lines, railroads and locomotives and barges off the coast, the communique reported. A German gun position near Medjez-El-Bab, the center of the most recent fighting by American and British troops, was attacked by Hurricane bombers.

Two of the Fortresses were lost in the raids on Bizerte and Stax and two other Allied planes were lost during the day's operations.

Allied ground troops were reported still clinging to an important height six miles northeast of Medjez-El-Bab, captured Christmas Day after a furious battle in which the hill changed hands three times. This battleground is only about 28 miles from Tunis.

Dispatches from the Medjez-El-Bab front said the Germans were using giant tanks as mobile pillboxes in a determined effort to hold the approaches to Tunis and Bizerte. The tanks were said to be

formidable defensive weapons, but of limited offensive value because of their great weight and the lack of bridges strong enough to hold them.

The Germans were reported strewing the area before Medjez-El-Bab with mines and trenches.

A detailed communique from Allied headquarters in North Africa on aerial operations said that 277 enemy planes have been destroyed there since the beginning of the campaign. Of these, 128 were reported destroyed by the RAF, 132 by the United States Army Air Forces, 16 by anti-aircraft fire and 31 at night. Allied losses for the campaign were listed as 114 planes - 59 American and 55 British.

French troops engaged in the campaign "have displayed high fighting qualities," the communique said, and "are being reinforced and re-equipped."

Allied Airmen

(Continued from page one) - Australia, said the Lightning shot down 15 planes - 13 fighters and two bombers. None of the Lightnings was lost and only one was listed as damaged.

Allied medium bombers shot down three other Japanese fighters in this section and anti-aircraft fire downed another.

Other Allied bombers heavily damaged a 15,000-ton transport and set three cargo vessels afire at Rabaul, New Britain, also attacked by Allied planes were enemy warehouses at Madang and Finschafen, near Vitiaz Strait in northeastern New Guinea; supply depots and road transports near Laival, in Timor; the airdrome at Cape Gloucester and a schooner in Jacquinot Bay, New Britain.

Allied ground forces were said to have made gains on both flanks of the last heavily fortified Japanese lines at Buna.

The Chinese air defense headquarters at Kuming said eight of 21 Japanese were shot down yesterday in a new rain on Yunnan Province.

Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's American Flying Dragon fighter pilots also were said to have downed seven and perhaps 10 of 18 Japanese planes which attempted to attack an American air base Saturday afternoon.

American bombers attacked Japanese advanced bases in Yunnan Province, just across the Chinese border from Burma, and the RAF, striking from India, bombed a Japanese airdrome at Heho in central Burma.

Japanese planes raided Calcutta again this morning, but damage was described as slight. The British said there were fewer than 10 casualties.

The Tokyo radio said Allied planes bombed and machine-gunned Bangkok, capital of Thailand, early yesterday morning.

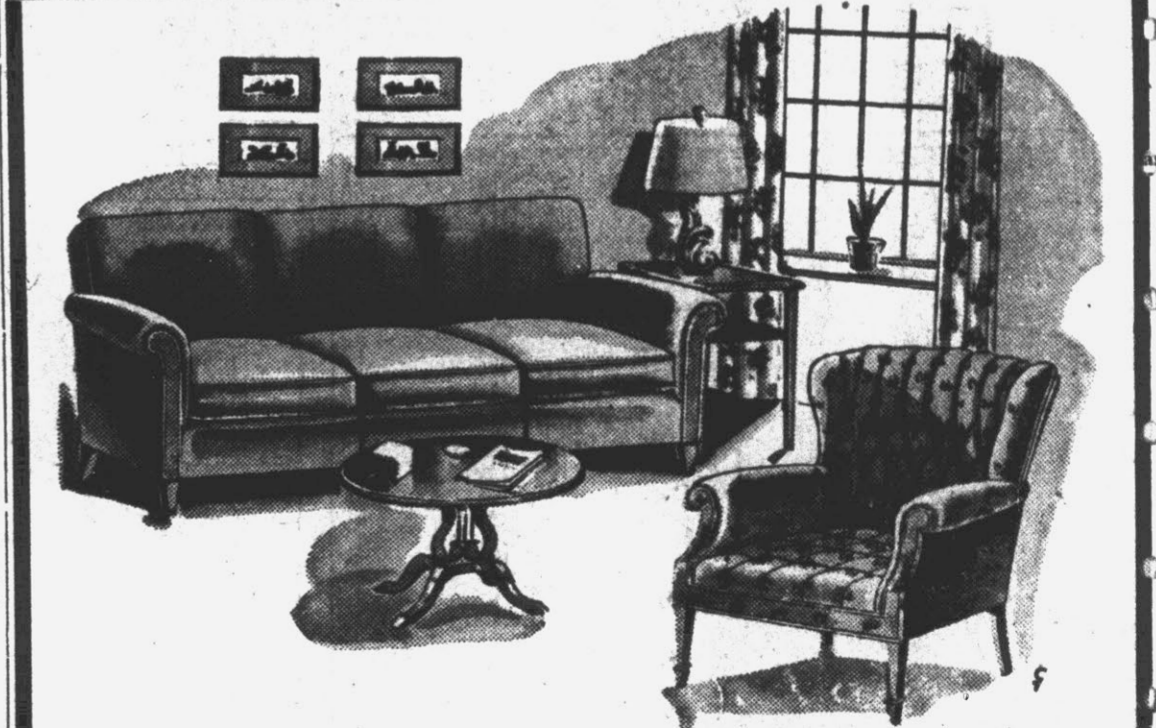
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