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Somewhat colder tonight and early Thursday, some drizzle in mountains this afternoon.

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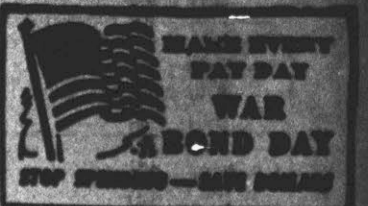
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Fall Of Key Rail Center Seals Doom For Nazi Forces Trapped Near Stalingrad

Russian Offensive Rolls On Following Capture Of Kotelnikowski; Red Armies Nearing Millerovo With Rostov As Ultimate Goal; German Losses Described As Heavy

By ROGER D. GREENE (Associated Press War Editor) Russia's steamroller offensive lunged on across the middle Don steppes today and battered at the gates of another big populated place—perhaps Millerovo or Kamensk—after seizing the key German-held rail citadel of Kotelnikowski, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad.

Already hemmed in on three sides, with Soviet troops only two miles away at the nearest point, Millerovo lies 120 miles north of Rostov. Kamensk is 40 miles south of Millerovo.

London military quarters said the fall of Kotelnikowski, the first big prize of the Russian winter offensive, virtually sealed the doom of 22 German divisions now trapped before Stalingrad.

"The capture is a most significant success which even the Germans will not be able to hide," these quarters said. "It means the extermination of Col.-Gen. Hermann von Hoth's sixth army, because the only chance the Germans had to get relief was along this railway (the Stalingrad-Kotelnikowski railway which Kotelnikowski is situated)."

German field headquarters, ignoring the fact that Kotelnikowski, reported last night that the Russians had suffered heavy casualties—but gave no figures—in continuing attacks on the Stalingrad and Don river fronts.

With Kotelnikowski in Russian hands and Millerovo engulfed, the next major Soviet objective was apparently Rostov. Its capture would cut off the land escape route of perhaps 1,000,000 German troops in southern Russia.

Other Soviet columns striking due west were reported less than 100 miles from the great Ukraine steel city of Kharkov.

Captured after bloody street fighting in which 6,360 Axis troops were killed and 9,770 captured in 24 hours, Kotelnikowski had served as a main base of supplies for the German siege armies before Stalingrad.

The plight of these Nazi forces, originally estimated at more than 360 troops, was emphasized by a Soviet communiqué reporting that 32 transport planes were destroyed on December 28 in the Stalingrad area as the Germans desperately attempted to supply and reinforce their beleaguered units by air.

Along with the surprisingly swift fall of Kotelnikowski, Red army headquarters declare that frantic efforts to stem the Russian tide on the middle Don steppes by throwing in masses of reserves had been frustrated.

Red army headquarters announced still further successes in the Stalingrad vicinity, where Russian shock troops sweeping out of their foxholes and ruined buildings in the northside factory district were reported to have captured 83 German blockhouses and dugouts and killed 200 Nazis.

"Northwest of Stalingrad, our troops captured a height of great tactical importance and wiped out about 400 Hitlerites," the Russian command said.

Quiet In Police Circles Exceptionally good order prevailed here during and since the Christmas holidays. Very few arrests were made and nearly all of them were for minor violations.

To Deduct Victory Tax This Week's Payrolls

By FRANCIS J. KELLY Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Treasury, it was learned authoritatively today, has ruled that the new Victory tax must be withheld from all wages and salaries paid in January, even though part or all of the money was earned this month. In other words, a man paid monthly on the first of the month will find a Victory tax tick taken out of his pay envelope this Friday, despite the fact that he worked for the money in December. The same is true of all salaries paid on Friday.

JAP SHIPS SUNK OFF SOLOMONS

Two Vessels Sunk When U. S. Airmen Bomb Cargo Fleet

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—American aircraft, operating from Henderson field on Guadalcanal, in the Solomons, strafed and bombed a fleet of enemy cargo ships off the island and sank two enemy vessels the Navy Department reported today.

Simultaneously, the Navy, in its communiqué, reported that army and marine troops had killed more than 150 Japanese with a loss of only four men killed and one wounded.

The attack on the cargo vessels occurred at Wickham anchorage on the southeast coast of Vangunu island in the New Georgia group of the Solomons, approximately 120 miles northwest of Henderson airfield.

The communiqué reported also that fighting marines in an exchange of artillery and mortar fire, destroyed an enemy mortar and a machine gun position.

The text of the communiqué No. 233: "South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude) On December 27th: (A) Army and marine corps troops on Guadalcanal killed 114 Japanese in patrol skirmishes with the enemy. U. S. casualties during these encounters were two killed.

(B) U. S. Marines, in an exchange of artillery and mortar fire, destroyed an enemy mortar, a machine gun position and killed between 30 and 40 Japanese. The Marines later ambushed and killed 11 more of the enemy. Marine casualties were two killed and one wounded.

"2. On December 29, U. S. planes made two attacks on enemy cargo vessels at Wickham anchorage on the southeast coast of Vangunu island in the New Georgia group of the Solomons. Bombing and strafing resulted in the sinking of two of the enemy vessels.

The fleet of Japanese cargo vessels at Wickham anchorage apparently was attempting to bring in supplies to the harassed Jap forces in the Solomons.

The report of the attack came a day after Commander Dwight H. Dexter, 41 year old Coast Guard Officer, just back from the Solomons, told a press conference that the Japanese forces there were weakening.

"Judging from my experience there," he said, "I believe the Japs now have all they can do to combat starvation and disease, much less worry about the little bit of hell the Marines are giving them, too."

To Permit Sale Of Automobiles

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration announced today the removal of rationing restrictions on a limited number of new automobiles, making the public eligible to purchase the machines without a rationing certificate.

The models affected are new 1942 cars with a list price of \$2,500 or more and all models of earlier years.

No figures were available immediately on the number released, but OPA reported that the total of new cars was 275,339, of which 139,468 were reserved for probable government purchase.

The new cars released may be bought by anyone who "shows need for a car in traveling to and from his work or in doing such work."

In connection with the order, convertibles and soft top cars formerly reserved for government purchase were opened to public sale.

1943 are to be considered "income" for 1943 under the ruling, regardless of the period in which they were earned.

Two members of the Senate Finance Committee, active in the drafting of the new tax bill, declared the ruling ran counter to Congressional intent.

"It was the intention of Congress, I know, to base the tax on 1943 earnings," said Senator Byrd (D-W.Va.). "I'd be in favor of clarifying it, and applying the tax to income earned in the next year. Suppose a man was paid his income on a quarterly basis, and received a quarter's income next month."

Senator Danaher (R-Conn.) said that the act provides that the Victory tax withholding deduction from salaries should apply to income commencing on January 1, 1943. (Continued on Page Five)

Engineer Dies At Throttle In Train Wreck



From the window of his twisted engine cab in which it was pinned by the impact hangs the body of Chris Larson of Chicago, engineer of a fast mail train on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad which crashed into the rear of that railway's westbound transcontinental passenger train, the San Francisco Challenger, at Dixon, Ill. Two persons were killed and 30 were injured.

Raid Sub Base

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Heavy bombers of the United States Army Air Force attacked submarine pens in the Nazi-held French port of Lorient this afternoon, it was announced officially.

Three of the bombers were missing, but the communiqué said a "number" of enemy fighters were destroyed when they attempted to intercept the raiders over the target area.

A joint bulletin from the Air Ministry and headquarters of the United States Army, European theater of operations, said Allied fighters also made sweeps over enemy territory without encountering air opposition.

STUDY GOV'T MARKET PLAN

Form Of Cooperative Would Eliminate Middlemen

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Visualizing the establishment of a federally-financed marketing system through which consumers would pay less for their food and farmers would receive more, Chairman Fulmer (D-SC) of the House Agriculture Committee said today the committee would undertake a study of the proposal shortly after Congress convenes next week.

The investigator, Fulmer said, would be to determine how much of the nation's food bill goes to "middlemen," but out of it probably would come recommendations for overhauling the entire marketing set-up.

Horace H. Herr, secretary of the National League of Wholesale Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Distributors, denied that there was "any undue spread" between the price producers received and consumers paid for food.

This spread, Herr said, "is astonishingly low, ranging from 2 to 9 per cent."

Herr declared that distribution of food was "a function that somebody has to carry on and the cost of service would still exist, regardless of who handles it."

"Whether the government or the thousands of individuals competing with each other could do it more economically is a matter of opinion," he commented.

Herr said studies made by the Federal Trade Commission "do not bear out the wide, sweeping changes made by Mr. Fulmer."

Rate Increase

Effective January 1, 1943, there will be an upward revision of our advertising rates. The increased rates are necessary as a result of improvements we have effected during the past year together with the increased production costs brought about by war conditions.

Despite the number of improvements made in our paper this is the first advertising rate increase we have made in several years but it is now necessary to either increase rates or lower the standard of our paper and from the standpoint of our readers and advertisers the former course is preferable.

Drinking Is Not Serious Problem At Army Camps

OWI Makes Report After Nationwide Survey

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The Office of War Information, whose investigators "traveled" more than 12,000 miles in a coast-to-coast survey of drinking conditions in and around army camps, reported today:

"There is not excessive drinking among troops, and drinking does not constitute a serious problem."

OWI said it undertook the survey "to investigate rumors which have gained wide currency, and to provide the American people with honest and accurate information about the millions of men who are doing their patriotic duty in the armed services."

The investigators concluded that: 1. The sale of 3.2 beer in army camps is a healthy and sensible arrangement. The fact that there is vastly less drinking among soldiers in this war than in the last—a fact almost universally agreed to by commanders and civilian authorities alike—may stem in part from this sale of beer in camps. In the last war camps were bone dry. As a result, bootleggers did a thriving business.

"2. No American army in all history has been so orderly. Conceding 'hazards and pitfalls in any investigation of the liquor problem, OWI commented:

"First, various imponderables do not lend themselves to statistics. Second, much of the testimony is necessarily suspect—wishful thinking and pre-judgment have a way of interfering with factual reporting on moral issues. This is true of both convinced wets and convinced dries. They have, in sandlot language, already chosen sides.

"For that reason, any particular item of evidence may represent the (Continued on Page Six)

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE Wide-World News Analyst

New Delhi, Dec. 29.—(Delayed)—This Indian subcontinent which holds within its vast borders about one sixth of the world's population, certainly is a country of amazing potentialities.

It has been a quarter of a century since I last visited this land of mystery and found it just beginning to awaken to its own possibilities. That was during Germany's previous effort to conquer all outdoors.

India has been living largely in a not too splendid isolation, unaware of much that went on in other parts of the globe. But world conflict opened her sleepy eyes to the fact that she had her part to play in the universal schemes of things. Indeed was dependent on outside countries for many necessities.

Now, while a quarter of a century is a big slice out of the life of a man, it isn't much in the life of a country. Still I had scarcely climbed out to an airplane which brought me to Hindustan when I sensed a vast change. My first impression was that India had been living at a much faster rate. And this subsequently was confirmed. She has, in this comparatively brief time, achieved real remarkable progress, particularly in industry, agriculture and education of the masses.

Unfortunately there exists a barrier which may act as a deterrent to future achievement, and that is a mountainous political crisis under which the country is laboring. Settlement of that would render opportunities for advancement almost limitless.

Heavy Fighting In Tunisia As Allied Forces Advance

NO EXCESS IN FOOD BUYING

OPA Head Says That Housewives Apparently Not Hoarding

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson said today that a survey throughout the country showed that housewives are buying canned fruits and vegetables normally and are not, except in rare instances, hoarding because of the plan to ration canned goods in February.

Earlier OPA officials had expressed confidence that, despite the tremendous job to be done, rationing would start during February.

Henderson also said that it became necessary to let the rationing news out nearly two months in advance because of meetings and other preparations for the program which might have produced garbled rumors.

The OPA chief issued a statement saying in part: "We have checked every major population center in the country, and find that buying of canned fruits and vegetables and the other processed foods that are going to be rationed soon has proceeded normally."

"This is the strongest possible proof that the American public has not been panicked into foolish action and shows its ready understanding of the necessity for rationing."

"There have been a few instances where individual stores have reported heavier than ordinary buying on the part of a few customers, but these individuals have been quickly discouraged by the storekeeper and by the pressure of opinion of other customers."

"I am confident that orderly buying of the canned and other processed foods to be rationed in February will continue from now until actual rationing begins. Of the housewives, I ask that they buy only as they need and that they accept in good spirit such restrictions as their food stores may be compelled to place on sales of certain goods because of scant supplies."

"If your grocer limits you to one can of this or two cans of that over the next few weeks, you may be sure that he is doing it so that your neighbors also can share in whatever stock he has available."

"When rationing begins under the point system you will have complete freedom of choice once again, limited only by the over-all confines of your ration. Everyone will get the same ration and everyone of the rationed foods will have the same point value in every store in the United States."

Friday New Year's Day; Quiet Event

Friday marks the beginning of a new year—1943. Business places and the county and city offices will be open as usual. The banks will be closed.

Very little preparation has been made for celebrating and welcoming the New Year. A few private social events are planned for New Year's Eve. The pandemonium of blowing whistles, ringing of bells and fireworks will be conspicuous by their absence.

War is changing many customs. The changes are more apparent as the days go by.

Red Cross Room Needs Knitters

Mesdames Jesse Moyer and E. R. Conway co-chairmen for Red Cross knitting this morning received a letter from national headquarters asking for sweaters for United States service men. There is an immediate call for one hundred sleeveless turtle neck sweaters for navy and one hundred circular scarfs for navy. In addition there is an urgent call for sweaters for refugees. Wool is in the Red Cross rooms for all of these garments. The rooms are open every week-day morning except Saturday from nine-thirty until twelve.

Every woman in Pitt county who can knit is asked to get wool at once—anyone wishing to learn to knit can receive instructions. Mesdames Moyer and Conway will be glad to have instructors for all who ask for them.

Response to the call for knitters before the holidays was encouraging and greatly appreciated—but more knitters are needed. All women who have wool out are urged to complete work as soon as possible and return to work room.

Four Die In Crash Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 30.—(AP)—An army plane missing since Christmas day crashed on a mountainside near Bakersfield, Calif., killing its four occupants, the Douglas air base public relations office disclosed today.

Chairman?



WILLIAM T. JOYNER

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Colonel William T. Joyner, an attorney of Raleigh, has been appointed to the State Board of Elections to succeed W. A. Lucas of Wilson, who resigned after 17 years' service as a member.

Col. Joyner's appointment was announced late yesterday by Governor Broughton. The board will meet at noon tomorrow to select a new chairman. Lucas has held the chairmanship for the last five years.

Joyner is a native of Goldsboro and a son of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, former superintendent of public instruction. He gained the rank of colonel in World War I with the 113th Field Artillery. He has been division counsel for the Southern Railway System since June 1, 1937.

Capital Hill sources predict that the new member will be chosen chairman at tomorrow's meeting. Gov. Broughton commended Lucas' service and said he had indicated sometime ago his intention to resign after the 1942 election.

Other board members are Walter H. Woodson of Salisbury and J. R. Morgan of Wayneville, Democrats; and A. S. Mitchell of Winton and Warren Hall of Charlotte, Republicans.

ALLIED GAINS IN NEW GUINEA

Allied Planes Continue Blast Jap Positions In Burma

(By The Associated Press) Hard-fighting American troops in New Guinea were officially credited today with the capture of the "bloody triangle," a series of 13 fortified bunkers bitterly defended by the Japanese, while other Allied forces slowly closed a trap around the enemy's narrow beach corridor at Buna.

Front-line dispatches said the Americans drove out the Japanese piecemeal and then inflicted heavy casualties in beating off an enemy counterattack.

The fierceness of the Japanese defense was illustrated when American soldiers mopping up one sector found a single Japanese operating eight machine-guns by means of strings and wires rigged in a series.

"Mopping up of captured positions is in progress," Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced. "Our troops expanded their initial wedge still farther to the west."

Other Far Pacific developments: Burma—RAF Blenheim bombers escorted by fighters blasted anew at the Japanese airdrome at Mowya, on the Chindwin river in northwest Burma, and pounded the enemy air base at Toungoo in central Burma. British fighter planes also carried (Continued on Page Two)

No Extra Gasoline For Motorists In The East

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Eastern motorists and consumers of fuel oil learned today that the railroads expect to deliver more gasoline and oil to the Atlantic seaboard next month—but probably they won't get a single extra gallon.

The best they can hope for, in the opinion of economic director James F. Byrnes, is that their present rations will be maintained.

Byrnes made that analysis last night after a long conference with key government officials and presidents of six major railroads.

While he cited several factors which provided a basis for hopes that deliveries to the eastern seaboard area might be improved, he emphasized that military needs in Africa and Europe were expected to increase.

American Troops Are Driving Toward Gabes; French Pushing Into Souise; Axis Shipping Sunk In Mediterranean; Effort Being Made To Keep Rommel From Joining Forces In Tunisia

London, Dec. 30.—(AP) United States troops were reported in a Reuters dispatch today to have advanced to within 40 miles of Gabes, strategic Tunisian port which lies approximately midway between Axis-held Tripoli and Tunis.

The direction of the advance was not stated, but delayed telegrams received last night disclosed that an American task force was operating on the southern Tunisian front and told of a recent raid on Maknassy, 55 miles northwest of Gabes and 40 miles from the coastal road and railway, in which 21 Italians were captured.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Allied shelling of enemy positions in the hills northwest of Medjer El Bab in Tunisia was reported by the War Department today in a communiqué which said also that forward patrols had inflicted casualties on Axis forces and had taken some prisoners.

The hills, described in today's communiqué as the Heleis area, have been the scene of intermittent bitter fighting for several days.

Allied headquarters in North Africa reported today that British and American fighters, braving violent electrical and rainstorms and severe icing conditions, have continued their day-and-night assault on important German communication lines and troop concentrations in Tunisia, it was disclosed today.

There was no further word concerning the situation northwest of Medjer-El-Bab, where footholds gained by the Allies upon a ridge six miles from the town in fighting Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were disclosed in an Allied communiqué yesterday to have been relinquished.

(The Associated Press erroneously identified the forces in this withdrawal as American. The Allied communiqué, issued first in Washington and then from Allied headquarters in North Africa, said they were "our units." Earlier dispatches concerning the attack and holding operations said they were executed by a famous British guard regiment.)

French troops in central Tunisia and American forces to the south were reported advancing slowly in a three-way drive upon the coastal road. Mud generally bogged the main Allied forces near Tunis.

The French forces supported by Allied tanks and planes, were reported to have cut an important road south of Pont-Du-Fab, 30 miles south of Tunis, yesterday, and to have beaten off a violent German counterattack except in one sector where the Nazis were said to have advanced slightly at the cost of heavy losses.

French headquarters in North Africa said another force of their troops, further south between Pichon and Kairouan, had improved (Continued on Page Six)

New Telephone Directory Bill Aycock, manager of the Greenville exchange of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company was extending New Year's greetings today with new telephone directories. The new directory has been comprehensively edited and brought up to date.

Social and Personal

Phil Goodson, Jr., has returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., and New York City.

Ernest Alton R. Johnston is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. F. V. Johnston.

Mr. J. A. Ratchiff has returned to his work in Portsmouth, Va., after spending the holidays here with his family on Greene street.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ivey returned to their home in Sanford yesterday after spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ivey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis McGowan.

John R. Anderson of the Naval Reserve, is attending William and Mary College.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King and family of Baltimore, who have been visiting Mrs. R. W. King, will return to their home tomorrow.

Sergeant Richard Gaylord, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Gaylord, has returned to Camp Blanding, Fla.

Louie McGowan is in Sanford visiting his sister, Mrs. Paul Ivey.

James L. White, who visited his mother, Mrs. J. B. White, during the holidays, has returned to Washington, D. C.

Methodist Prayer Service. Prayer service will be held tonight at 7:30 at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church.

Birth Announcement. Mr. and Mrs. Elton H. Hyrum announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on Monday, December 23, 1942.

Card of Thanks. The family of Mr. H. E. Nobles wishes to express their gratitude to friends for the kindness shown at the time of the death of their husband and father.

Dance Postponed. Girl Scout Troop 3 will postpone their dance until early in January. All members are urged to attend a very important meeting next Tuesday in the basement of the home of Mrs. J. E. James at 4 o'clock.

Girl Scout Meeting. The executive council of Girl Scouts, Inc., will hold a special meeting at the home of Mrs. H. L. Ormond, 408 Rotary avenue, tonight at 8 o'clock. Several important matters are to be considered. The meeting will be brief. About thirty members comprise the council.

Services To Continue This Week. The services being conducted by Mrs. Lewis Madams of Hixville, Tenn., at the Free Will Baptist Church, corner of Eleventh and Colman streets, will continue through Sunday.

On December 21 a special old year service will be held, following the regular preaching service.

At Fort Knox. Fort Knox, Ky., Dec. 30.—Ready to begin their basic training course which, when completed, will qualify them for duty with the armored force or for further training to become commissioned officers, newly arrived trainees at this post included Cary D. Warren, son of Mrs. Margaret D. Warren, 562 East Ninth street, Greenville.

Seaman Walter Lewis Here. Walter E. Lewis, seaman in the United States Navy since September, is spending a short furlough in Greenville with his mother, Mrs. W. E. Lewis, 110 West Ninth street. Seaman Lewis was glad to return home and renew old acquaintances. He has not been in combat, but has been "outside" enough to know that a war is going on.

Mr. Winchard gave me the first job I ever had as a carrier boy for the Reflector and I learned a lot about human nature, carrying the paper," Lewis told a reporter. He rejoins his ship next Sunday.

Stationed in Oregon. Pendleton Field, Ore., Dec. 30.—Pfc. Joseph H. Manning, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manning of Fountain, N. C., is in charge of gas and oil at the motor pool, Pendleton Field. Manning was inducted into the Army January 26, 1942, at Fort Bragg. He was stationed at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo., and there attended a driving school for eight weeks, after which he came to Pendleton Field.

He was graduated from Fountain High School, after which he was engaged in farming. He has a brother, Cpl. Leonard B. Manning, in the U. S. Army Infantry.

Mrs. Russell Jefferson Honored. Mrs. L. B. Tucker was hostess to her bridge club and extra guests on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Russell Jefferson, a recent bride, being honored. Potted plants and Christmas decorations were used throughout the evening.

At the end of the second progression, the guests were invited to the dining room, where the table was set in beautiful decorations with burning candles. A lovely congealed salad course with coffee was served, with miniature flags on each plate.

The third progression of bridge was played, with high score for the club going to Mrs. Neah Joyner and a score to Mrs. Rufus Keel. High score for guests was won by Mrs. W. J. Johnson, and low score by Mrs. Robert E. Egan.

Mrs. Jefferson was presented a beautiful piece of crystal as honor guest. Mrs. Ernest Winslow was also remembered with crystal.

It is believed that the "key" to the lice worm, an Oriental parasite.

Social Calendar

THURSDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon—Red Cross work room open. Knitners needed. Ladies of the Memorial Baptist Church in charge.

FRIDAY
9:30 a. m.—12:00 noon—Red Cross work room open. Knitners needed. Ladies of the Christian Church in charge.

6:30 p. m.—Elwans Club.
7:30 p. m.—Red Men meet.

Lawrence-Carr. Mrs. Robert Lafayette Carr announces the marriage of her daughter Elizabeth Pugh to

William Ross Hutchinson Lawrence Lieutenant, United States Army Air Corps on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of December

Nineteen hundred and forty-two Monroe, Louisiana

Home Address Collinston, Louisiana

Mrs. Lawrence is a native of Greenville, the daughter of Mrs. R. L. Carr and the late Dr. Carr.

MAKE CHRISTMAS GALA EVENT FOR SERVICE MEN

(By Lucy Cherry Crisp)
The united efforts of a number of organizations and individuals combined to make Christmas week-end at the local Woman's Club Service Center a gala occasion, designed to afford visiting service men as much of their accustomed Christmas celebration as was possible for them away from their homes in military training camps.

Heading the list of contributing organizations was the End of the Century Club, which turned its annual club Christmas party this year into a party for service men. All afternoon and evening on Christmas day, and again on Sunday afternoon, this club served delicious Christmas foods—fruit cake, cheeses, nuts, candies, and ice cream with ginger ale—from an attractively decorated buffet table. Hostesses for the club were Mrs. R. C. Stokes, Mrs. James Ficklen, Mrs. Richard Williams and Mrs. Fodie Harding.

Not as many men in uniform as were expected arrived on Christmas day, but the club was kept open all day, and there were more than enough dinner invitations to go around among those who came in the morning.

By Saturday night, however, the crowd had increased considerably, so that there was a full house for the dance. In the Christmas setting provided by the Garden Club, and with the girls as hostesses in evening dresses, this dance was the most colorful and party-like evening yet staged by the local Organization for Service Men since its beginning last January. Horns and whistles given as favors during the dance added much to the gaiety of the affair, as did the music furnished by a local orchestra to take the place of the ordinary phonograph recordings.

On Sunday there was the usual open house all day, with the End of the Century Club serving refreshments again in the late afternoon, and the weekly broadcast at 7 p. m., rather than at 8 o'clock, as usual. The Organization for Service Men extends sincere thanks to the End of the Century Club and to the many individuals who contributed to making this Christmas week-end a happy occasion for the several hundred service men who came to Greenville for the holidays.

Black Jack News

(By Mrs. Curtis Spencer)
Miss Rosa Lee Adams returned to Greenville yesterday after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adams.

Mrs. Elmer Haddock arrived Friday after working on the tobacco market in Greenville, Tenn.

Mrs. Jesse S. Smith remains on the sick list.

Miss Leida Mills has returned to Greenville after spending Christmas with her parents.

Mr. W. C. Spencer made a business trip to Washington yesterday.

Mr. David Taylor of Norfolk, Va., spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Taylor.

Mr. Woodrow Smith of Charlotte, spent Christmas here with his mother, Mrs. Sudie Smith.

Miss Frances Buck has returned to her home in Vanceboro after spending the week-end with Miss Bettie Riggs.

Mr. N. S. Dixon remains on the sick list.

Mr. Ralph Sutton has returned to Norfolk after spending the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Levi Haddock.

Mr. Walter Ellis of Vanceboro, was here this morning on business.

Hudson-Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox of Black Jack announce the marriage of their daughter Vallie Louise to

Sergeant Amos Hudson of Camp Blanding, Florida on Tuesday, December eighth Nineteen hundred and forty-two

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR December 30, 1902

Woman may never break into Congress but she will contribute to be speaker of the house just the same.

One more day and out goes '02. The tobacco market will resume sales next Monday.

J. I. Smith went to Washington today.

Clay Lanier went to Kinston on Tuesday evening.

G. J. Woodward returned Tuesday evening from Durham.

Clay Tunstall left this morning for Wilson to attend school.

Mrs. H. L. Fennell of Wilmington, arrived Tuesday evening to visit relatives here.

Christmas Party

Felix Scheller, manager of the Greenville Full Fashioned Hosiery mill, was host to the employees at a Christmas party last Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served from an attractively decorated table. There was dancing, singing and other amusements. A Christmas tree bearing gifts was the feature of the holiday event. Mrs. Scheller assisted in the entertainment of the employees. They presented Mr. and Mrs. Scheller appropriate gifts.

Boys, Girls Learn Welding NYA Free

Greenville and Pitt county boys and girls between the ages of 16 and 25 years who wish to have an important part in the nation's war effort as war workers are now offered an opportunity to secure such training without cost in the National Youth Administration's residential centers throughout North Carolina, according to an announcement by Thomas H. Broughton, NYA project manager.

Chief Gives Advice Regarding Fires

Recent fires in various sections of the country that have resulted in great loss of life have caused Fire Chief George Gardner to issue a warning to local citizens regarding the dangers of fires and the greater danger of one growing panicky or losing composure if fire is discovered in a building where they happen to be.

Declaring that "panic is a butcher," Chief Gardner says: "Panic is our most contagious disease. By the time you can count five a large crowd of civilized people can be changed to a herd of stamping beasts. This is one of the things that happen in most all holocausts. Next is the overly crowded conditions and hidden and improper exits. This is the fault of the management to allow this to exist. This was proven at the Boston night club and most all other places with a large loss of life.

"To avoid being trapped is to plan your exit in advance, such as in a theater, try and sit near an exit and make a mental picture of conditions first, so that you could get to this exit in the dark. Never start toward the main door, as every one else is trying to get out the door they come in, that is unless you are very near the rear. Never get into the aisles unless you want to be carried by the crowd toward the entrance door, but instead get near the walls and make your way to the nearest exit, push bar down on the exit door and it will unlock and swing outward, then call to the others to use this door. By doing this you will save your own life and many others. By all means keep calm and try and calm those around you.

"In hotels try and pick the most fireproof ones and with a sprinkler system if possible, and try and get a room near the ground floor. Don't be fooled in the word 'fireproof' as no building is any more fireproof than the contents it carries. The burning of the contents without damage to the structure has killed many, many persons. This is why we stress the sprinkler system as it catches a fire in its infancy and either puts it out or stops its spread until the arrival of the fire department. After being carried to your hotel room, check the fire escapes on your floor which should be two, so that you can in the wee hours of the morning, half asleep and frightened, go to either in the dark, as all rights might be off and this will have to be done in the dark. Know both escapes as the fire or smoke might block either of the two. If the smoke is too thick, try crawling on the floor, as this will

give you the advantage of the fresh air under the smoke. If this can't be done, stay in your room, close the door to hold smoke and heat out, then go to your window and yell below, so that ladders can be raised for your rescue. By all means never jump until the fire has burned through your door and the heat has forced you to.

"This should apply to all other public buildings and in your own home. Plan your escapes before they happen by imagining everything that could happen, and above all never get panicky. Stop and count five to calm yourself, then hold your head. Fire drills in schools are good training to avoid future holocausts, as it teaches the nearest exit (or escape) and most important, it teaches us to walk calmly and quietly outside which avoids a panic or stampede. No building is panic-proof, no matter how many exits it might have. Stay away from fire traps and over-crowded places. If possible know where all fire appliances are located and how to operate same. Also, keep calm yourself and do all you can to calm others around you."

Allied Gains . . .

(Continued from page one)
out offensive patrols in the Mayu river district, along the Bay of Bengal, where Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's British troops from India have been driving along the coast toward the big Japanese base at Akyab.

No further word was forthcoming on the progress of the British overland thrust, which yesterday was reported to have reached Ratha-daung, 25 miles from Akyab.

Must Buy City License Tags. Owners of motor vehicles are required by city ordinance to buy city license tags. The tags have been on sale some days. At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen instructed the police to enforce this law. The city tags are on sale at the city clerk's office in the City Hall

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TONIGHT
7:00—Dinner Music.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—California Melodies, MBS.
7:45—The Library Comes to You, MBS.
8:00—Sizing Up the News, MBS.
8:15—They're the Barries, MBS.
8:30—Todd Grant Gets the News, MBS.
8:45—Musical Interlude.
8:55—You and Uncle Sam.
9:00—Gabriel Heater, MBS.
9:15—Music in the Modern Manner.
9:30—Man Your Battle Stations, MBS.
9:45—Musical Varieties.
10:00—News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—Meet the Band, TN.
10:45—Dick Jergens' Orch., MBS.
11:00—News in Brief.
11:05—Sign Off.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

7:00—News.
7:05—Yawn Patrol.
8:00—News.
8:15—The Madison Singers.
8:30—Morning Meditations.
8:45—Irving Szath Mar's Orch.
9:00—News.
9:05—Local News and Announcements.
9:15—Mildred'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—Martial Arts.
12:00—Farm Agent.
12:15—News.
12:25—Hillbilly Roundup.

Try Our Want Ads

12:40—Carolina Farm Features.
12:55—News and Markets.
1:00—Parade of Bands.
1:15—Ice Cubes and Margaret, MBS.
1:30—The Army Goes to School.
1:45—Broadway Bandwagon.
2:00—Today's War Commentary.
2:05—Robersonville on the Air.
2:15—Baron Elliot's Orch., MBS.
2:30—Mutual Goes Calling, MBS.
3:00—Stanley Dixon and the News, MBS.
3:15—Shady Valley Folks, MBS.
4:00—Background For News, MBS.
4:15—Treasury Star Parade.
4:30—Hawaiian Melodies.
4:45—Tea Time Tunes.
5:00—Piano Melodies By Chris.

TN.
5:15—Quaker City Conga, 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—Marching to Music.
6:30—Sportscast, TN.
6:45—Silver Strings.
6:55—Human Interest Drama.
7:00—Pulton Lewis, MBS.
7:15—The Johnson Family, MBS.
7:30—Confidentially Yours, MBS.
7:45—Know Your Greenville.
8:00—1942 In Review, MBS.
9:00—Gabriel Heater, MBS.
9:15—You and Uncle Sam.
9:20—Modern Melodies.

9:30—TBS, MBS.
9:45—News.
10:15—1100 Club.
10:30—Meet The Band, TN, MBS.
10:45—Interviews for Cotton Bowl Game, MBS.
11:00—News.
11:05—1100 Club.
11:15—Bobby Sherwood's Orch., MBS.
11:30—Richard Himber's Orch., MBS.
11:45—Billy McCune's Orch., MBS.
12:00—New Year's Eve on Times Square, MBS.
12:02—Guy Lombardo's Orch., MBS.
12:15—Jan Savitt's Orch., MBS.
12:30—News.
12:35—Sign Off.

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Food Rationing Announced



Claude Wickard (left), secretary of agriculture and food administrator, and Elmer Davis (right), director of war information, stand before the microphone in Washington during the radio broadcast in which they announced that strict rationing of more than 200 kinds of foods would start in February when new books will be issued to the public for "point system" rationing.

No Guns Like This In The '60's



There were no rifles like this in the War Between the States. (L.) Gen. O. E. Gellette (right) 97, of Shreveport, La., last member of Gen. Robert E. Lee's staff, tells his son, Lieut. William C. Gellette, at Fort Benning, Ga. Gen. Gellette came to Fort Benning to pin the lieutenant's bars on his son who received his officer's commission at the officers' training school there. The general fought in 13 major battles of the War Between the States, serving with Gen. Job Stuart, Gen. Stonewall Jackson, and Gen. Lee.



FISHERMEN KNOW IT'S WINTER—Ice covers the rigging and pilot house of this fishing vessel unloading its cargo of redfish at the Boston fish pier. Like the men in the Navy, the fishermen find Atlantic winters tough.



BY DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT—A soldier stands guard as dawn comes to Ellington Field, Texas, called by the Army the world's largest multi-motor flying and pre-flight (bombardier navigator) school.



AFTER WORK GARB—Designers of off-duty fashions came up with these bathing suits for women workers. They have blouses that transform them into play suits and were shown by a Los Angeles manufacturer.



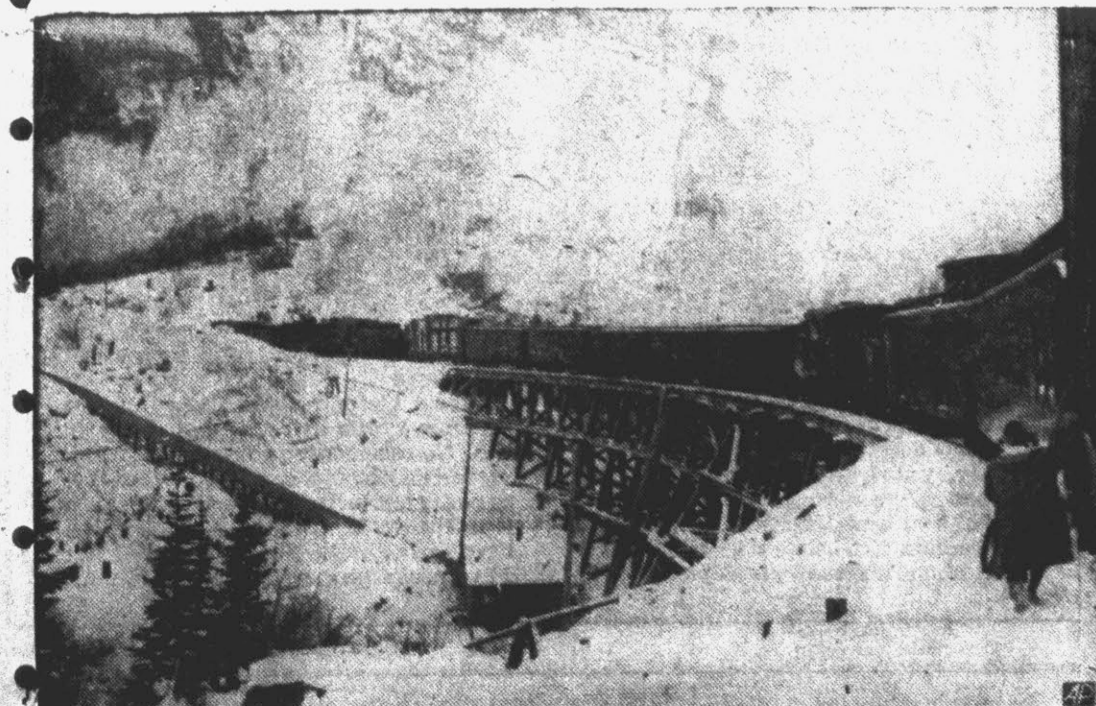
'CHUTE DIDN'T GET HIM RIDE—Although Biff's mother made him a parachute just like Dad's the youngster still didn't get to go for a plane ride. Biff's father, J. W. Martin, is an Army Transport pilot.



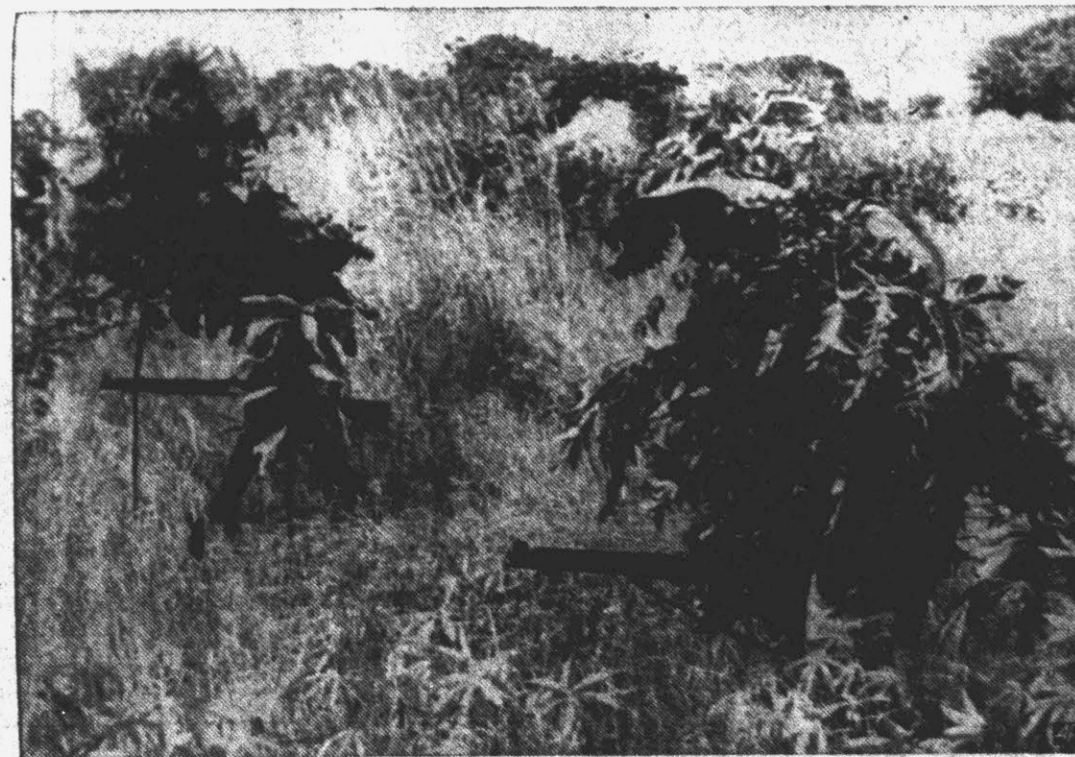
Black areas indicate territory which Soviets say they have recaptured from Germans in the current Red offensive west of Stalingrad and south of Voronezh. Soviet drives it was reported Saturday, were moving in the direction of Kharkov (A), Rostov (B), and the lower Donets River basin. Shaded sector indicates former German front lines through which Russians have driven.



MAKING ENEMY SHIP MODELS FOR NAVY—These women at the Taylor Model Basin at Carderock, Md., make scale models of enemy warships for Navy use.



LINKING ALCAN HIGHWAY WITH ALASKA—Chugging over a trestle on the narrow-gauge, U. S. Army-operated White Pass and Yukon railroad, a train heads for Whitehorse.



JUNGLE FIGHTERS—Three scouts using camouflage advance during training of the Royal West African Frontier Force near Accra, Gold Coast, British West Africa.



FOR SOLOMONS FIGHTING—Tons of foodstuffs, motors, tractors, and oil are loaded at a south Pacific port for transport to U. S. Marine and Navy forces fighting the Japanese in the Solomon Islands.

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Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

THE GOSPEL IMPRISONED

If we were going to choose a place where we could best serve God, we should probably not request to be cast into prison. Yet some of the most helpful Christian work that has ever been done on this earth has been done by men who were languishing in jail. St. Paul's epistles of the captivity enrich the New Testament to an immeasurable degree. John Bunyan's long sojourn in Bedford jail resulted in the writing of Pilgrim's Progress, and other books which have inspired subsequent generations. It is probably not too much to say that the world has gathered more inspiration from some of its distinguished prisoners than from any single group.

We can be sure also that in different parts of the world today there are many men in prison who are doing the Kingdom of God more good than if they had a continent-to-continent hook-up. Niemoller is a case in point, but he is only one of many. It is said that Hitler fears only two men—the courageous Catholic Archbishop of Mainz and the head of the Protestant Church in Germany. And while these men are not in prison, they are under such strict surveillance that they are practically prisoners. The great Archbishop of Norway is the figure in whom all patriotic aspirations center.

It is not where we are that counts. Men in prison sometimes serve God and their country better than do the men who live in palaces.
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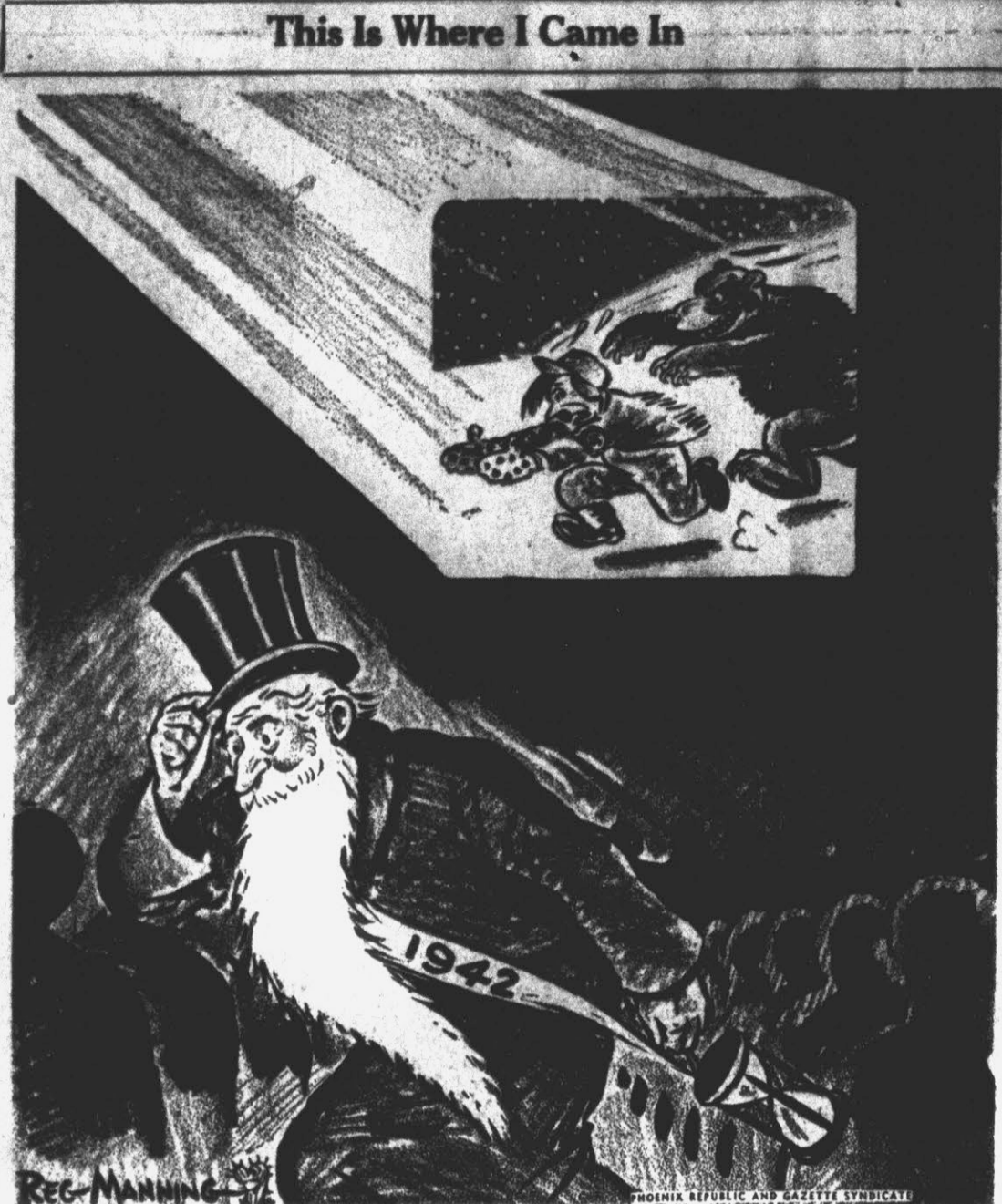
NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

We suggest as a New Year's resolution for those in Washington who are running the public show, a determination to display some real leadership in 1943 that will justify the confidence of the American people.

OUR MAIL SERVICE IS ROTTEN

Something should be done about the mail service in and out of Greenville. Since the removal of all of our mail trains but one, our city has had to depend on automobile and truck routes connecting with important rail junction points and such a service has been most unsatisfactory. In most instances the equipment used on the star routes is inadequate to take care of the mails and during the holiday rush large quantities of mail were delayed at junction points because the capacity of the vehicles was limited. Since the establishment of star route service to and from this city there have been frequent intervals when the routes did not operate at all because of breakdown of the vehicles or other causes. The latest such instance is a report that the star route operating between here and Rocky Mount at eight o'clock at night did not operate for at least three days since Christmas.

When mail is prepared for dispatch at the local office and the star routes do not operate, it is necessary for the mail to be rehandled and rerouted by the local office and this not only makes additional work for the of-



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face employees but it delays the delivery of the mail to its destination.

During these war times, when wire facilities are limited and the public is being urged to use the telephone and telegraph as little as possible in order to leave the wires free for government and military use, good mail service is important to the successful operation of business. Certainly Greenville business houses are placed at a great disadvantage when there is no certainty as to when letters mailed here will reach their destinations.

This is a matter that is beyond the control of the local postoffice, but it's time someone raised enough fuss about it to persuade Washington to take steps to provide adequate mail service to and from this city.

WASHINGTON IN WARTIME

By JACK STEINNETT

Washington—Even if Leon Henderson had continued as head of OPA, one thing already was on the books for 1943—a complete overhauling of rationing policies and

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Find the sum of
4. Apple juice
9. Hold back
12. Insect
13. Usurper
14. South American Indian
15. Fairy
16. Sections by law
17. Weary
18. In Russia, an old man or teacher
19. Pressed into bundles
20. Short jacket
21. Spouting hot springs
22. Fellow
23. Region
20. Wing-shaped
21. Canadian province; abbr.
22. Crazy
23. Oodles
24. Behave
25. Pronoun
26. Slight
27. White
28. Early medical character
29. Elves
30. At no time
31. Singing voice
32. Gets away
33. Marmalade
34. Tea
35. Burlesque musical serenade
36. Playing card
37. Jump
38. The east wind
39. Hindu cymbals
40. Goddess of the harvest
41. Interprets
42. Danish island
43. DOWN
1. Instigate
2. Slow in action
3. Paid
4. Irish or Scotch monk
5. Adherent of; suffix
6. Burrows
7. Puff up
8. Narrators
9. Groups of twelve
10. The herb dill
11. Quantity of matter
12. Subtle sarcasm
13. Lohengrin's wife
14. Northern constellation
15. Street urbane
16. Rebuffs
17. Part in the
18. Rockies
19. Expert; drowsy
20. Self-moving mechanisms
21. Daub
22. The pinapple
23. Removes the cover
24. Negligent
25. Musical show
26. Resound
27. Store
28. Sinister-looking stone
29. Fish
30. Regret

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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PACIFIC PATROL

BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter 18
Wedding Plans
At noon when she made out her report, Mary was tempted to mention the incident of the early morning. But then, she chewed the end of her pencil reflectively, what could she say? "Woman wearing brown slacks and heavy sport coat seen walking her dogs. Man in grey coat seen watching her. She shook her head. That would bring a whole new laugh about her submarine-while story! She finished signing the forms, started down the steep steps to meet the girls who'd arrived to relieve her.

She didn't mention the incident to her or even to Porter that afternoon as they drove out to the Mission to make final arrangements for the wedding. She was tempted to ask ever so casually if he knew that his mother's little protégée was tall and grey-haired, grey-coated "shadow." But some intuition held her tongue and she chattered on lightly about the party, about the plans for the ceremony.

"I can hardly believe you've finally set a date, Mary," Porter said once as they drove through the wintry afternoon toward the foothills. Mary smiled. She could hardly believe it herself. Being engaged to Porter Lloyd had been such fun and marriage was so well—final. The lovely old Mission Santa Philippe lay peacefully on the rise of a low hill, its white walls and tiled roof picturesque against the background of mountains piled close behind. Porter turned the car into the driveway, and the priest, who had been waiting for the bride, stepped forward to greet them.

It was the fashionable thing in Santa Philippe to be married in the Mission Chapel—quaint relic of the days when the Franciscan friars taught their simple Indian flock. Mary had always dreamed of the day she would walk down that taper-lit aisle a radiant bride. While Porter talked with kindly old Father Francis about wedding rehearsals and florists, Mary slipped into a back pew and tried to remember all that she had dreamed. The lovely ivory satin wedding gown that had been her grandmother's and her mother's before her—four of her best friends in matching dresses—Porter waiting, calm and dignified and proud—

"Hi, hi!" Then, suddenly, she was thinking of Dan Sherman. Dan and his irresistible grin, his way of keeping his mouth perfectly serious while his eyes laughed with you. Dan who wouldn't care a hoop whether he should stand three feet from the altar rail, or four.

"But, the customary 'Father'?" she heard Porter asking the old priest. "I thought the bride should stand slightly forward and—"

Mary went back to her own thoughts. Porter loved detail like this. It was sweet of him to take all the responsibility. Dan wouldn't have. "Hell, my sweet, I don't care what the bride does so long as she says 'yes' at the right time"—her imagination manufactured the scene.

Only the bride would say "El, si" at the right time, Mary added wryly and jerked herself back out of dreams. It was to be hoped Dan loved dogs and early morning hikes on a wintry seashore!

"I am sure all will be very lovely," Father Francis assured them placidly as the three stood a moment in the arched entrance to the chapel, looking out across the great arroyo that yawned beyond the verdant orange groves.

A great canyon had been cut by some ancient stream and then deepened. The steep walls were thick now with mesquite and browned cactus weed. The arroyo, slicing Santa Philippe into Upper town and Lower town, looked from these Chapel steps, like a great scar on the face of the serene little city spread on the land below. And the highway bridges and the huge railway trestle laced the towns together.

Like muted accompaniment to the twilight sounds from the canyon Mary heard the growling rumble of the Streamliner long before she saw it come through the cut, cut a wide curve through the fringe of Upper town's outskirts, thrust its one-eyed head out onto the trestle.

"It looks like a toy train from here," Mary murmured as Porter and Father Francis came to stand beside her. Father Francis pulled out a thick gold watch. "The train is late again today," he said. "So many troop movements, I suppose. It has been late every day this week." "I hope it won't be late three weeks from today," Porter said a little pucker of worry between his brows. "Mary and I are taking that train on our honeymoon." "Girl—or Saint?" "Our honeymoon! Mary whispered

Food Ration Law Is War Necessity

By CHESTER WALSH
Storekeepers in Greenville did not experience any unusual demand for foodstuffs following announcements from Washington at the week-end of the proposed rationing of all foods except cereals and products and perishable fruits and vegetables to avoid hoarding and waste. The demand for groceries and provisions, with some exceptions, is normal in comparison with demand during the summer when rationing was anticipated, grocery store managers stated.

It is evident—very apparent—that there was considerable hoarding of foodstuffs during the summer. Since sugar was rationed the supply has been adequate. Coffee is easier to get since it was rationed. And the belief prevails among wholesalers and retailers that when the rationing of other foods becomes effective everybody will have a fairer chance.

Storekeepers interviewed today were fairly well stocked, except for butter, and there is a shortage of this in the eastern part of the state. They are applying a common sense rule in filling orders. From experience with regular customers and some transients, they are able to decide in their own mind when a person is trying to hoard food.

The managers of stores stated that the rationing law will provide for requiring an inventory of food stored in pantries when the point system rationing books are issued. Incidentally, a false statement to the federal government, will bring down a \$10,000 fine or imprisonment in a federal penitentiary on offenders who make false statements. Furthermore, when the rationing law goes into effect, search warrants may be issued under the federal statute to check up on the hoarders of food.

A Washington official emphasized the importance of the rationing laws when he pointed out that "this is war, and if the government can take a man from his home and send him to the armed forces, it can regulate every moment of his life for the duration of the war. The government has the same power to regulate the lives of citizens at home and see that the home front backs up the battlefronts."

Before the rationing law was announced it was generally understood that there will be a shortage of certain foods, but nobody's going to starve this year, at least. In restaurants \$0c and 75c and other meals, with half a dozen meals to select from, will be "best a democracy" before the winter is gone. It is likely that there will be one meat to select from and that there will be some meatless days.

The food rationing laws are for a single purpose—to reasonably and fairly provide distribution of food in America, while one-third of all foods produced during the coming year must go to the armed forces and to the allied countries. "Food is just as important as bullets and tanks and planes in winning this war. The people at home are going to cooperate by wartime laws. If the government could not regulate the homefront during the war the men on the battlefronts would be a gigantic lost battalion," a man who recently returned from Washington, D. C., stated today.

Initiative Lost By Axis Powers

London, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The autumn of 1942 marked "the passing of the general strategic initiative from the hands of the Axis to the United Nations" in far-flung land war, the third annual review of the conflict by the British war office said today.

"Not only was the oriental partner of the Axis fully occupied and

on the defensive in his own area at the year's end, but the European members of the Axis themselves were on the defensive," the review declared.

The war review pictured the North African campaign and the Axis' huge winter offensive as creating Germany's hopes of "a creative pause" before spring.

The year also "vouchsafed the encouraging evidence that the British army, given adequate material and under leadership emerging from the hard school of experience, is more than a match for the enemy," it said.

The war review continued, "The first signs that the Axis flood might be turning to ebb," were the beating back of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's attempt launched Aug. 31 to break the British line at El Alamein, the Russian defense of Stalingrad, the U. S. landings on the Solomon, and the Allied offensive in New Guinea.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND BY COMMISSIONERS
North Carolina—Pitt County.
Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Pitt County, made in the special proceeding entitled Ethel Pierce, J. W. Pierce, Johnnie H. Jenkins et al, vs. F. L. Andrews, Jr., executor of the estate of W. H. Jenkins, deceased, are the undersigned commissioners will on the 31st day of January, 1943, at eleven o'clock on the premises of the W. H. Jenkins Home Place hereinafter described offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following lands lying and being in Bethel Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:
FIRST TRACT: Lying and being in Bethel Township about two miles East of the town of Bethel, N. C., on the South side of the Bethel-Big Oak Road and being bounded on the North by said Bethel-Big Oak Road, on the East by the land of M. O. Blount and Sons, on the South by the Jesse W. Carson Lands, on the West by the lands of D. R. Taylor, and being the same land conveyed to W. H. Jenkins by deed of M. O. Blount and G. W. Blount, of record in the public registry of Pitt County in Book 11-3 at page 271. Containing by estimation 105 acres, more or less.
SECOND TRACT: Being Lot No. 6 in the block No. 3, Bethel, N. C., as shown by a plat in the survey made by D. C. James, which plat is recorded in Map Book 1 at page 2 of the public registry of Pitt County, in Book P-13, at page 381.
A deposit of five per cent of the bid will be required pending confirmation of the sale by the Court.
This 5th day of December, 1942.
C. W. EVERETT et al,
F. L. ANDREWS, Jr.,
Commissioners.
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Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,
Jack swap rides with Joe and Nick.
By swapping rides for all who wish!
We'll run the Axis off the earth!

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THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...
"Here's a piece, Judge, that says that in spite of more cars and faster speeds, the first six years of repeal showed 12% less deaths from automobile accidents than during the last six years of prohibition."
"Now doesn't that just go to show you, Hefty, you've got to be on pretty solid ground as far as your facts go before you make an out-and-out prediction. Why, back in the days just before repeal quite a few folk around the country made pretty powerful predictions about how automobile accidents were going to jump up if we got legal liquor back."
"About the only thing along that line you're ever safe in predicting, Henry, is this. No community or county or nation, for that matter, ever became or ever will become dry just because it voted that way. All that the votin' decides is whether you have legal or bootleg liquor. We had nearly 14 years of experience on that, didn't we?"

BIG LEAGUES IN A MUDDLE

Lack Of Transportation Causes Confusion In Training Plans

Washington, Dec. 30—(AP)—Major league baseball, through Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis, pledged its full cooperation today in curtailing travel incident to the 1943 season.

And that, Landis commented, is a very small contribution to the war effort on our part.

Landis presented his ideas for curtailing travel to Joseph B. Eastman, defense transportation director, who said he "heartily approved" of them.

Both declined, however, to discuss specific details.

The commissioner said he would call major league owners together for the near future for final action on the transportation problem, but that the exact place or time of the meeting had not been decided upon remarking that transportation entered into that too.

Landis declined to comment when asked whether travel curtailment might involve the drafting of new major league schedules with a view to fewer trips between cities. "I don't care to go into that," he said firmly.

By HAROLD CLAASEN
New York, Dec. 30—(AP)—Facts still were as scarce as grade AA butter today in the confusion surrounding the major league training season but developments are expected shortly.

Commissioner K. M. Landis was discovered in Washington and, although the office of ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman said the baseball leader had no appointment, it is unlikely that Landis made the trip from his Chicago home to deliver holiday greetings.

At about the same time yesterday that Landis was found in Washington, the two Chicago clubs announced they would do their spring conditioning in French Lick, Ind., less than 300 miles from their home parks. The day before, the Boston Red Sox chose Tufts University as their training site.

Even though Landis may not see Eastman and gain an official decision of the ODT's recent request that clubs curtail spring training travel, a majority of baseball leaders expected him to obtain enough information to eliminate most of the confusion.

The consensus was that if Landis received any inkling of what the ODT desired he would call a joint meeting of major league owners to relay the information and make any needed revisions in the schedule.

While there was confusion concerning the training sites, there was absolutely none in the march of players into the service.

Charles (Red) Ruffing, right-handed pitcher for the New York Yankees, was classified 1-B by a Los Angeles board and inducted immediately for limited service. It meant the virtual end of a 19-year major league career for the former Illinois coal miner who chalked up 200 league and seven world series victories in his stay in the big time.

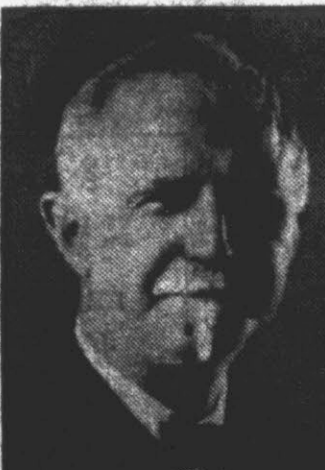
Terry Moore, fleet centerfielder for the world champion St. Louis Cardinals, announced he would leave shortly for Panama to become a civilian director of athletics in an army camp. He added he hoped to have a commission in the same field by mid-summer.

Alf Anderson, Pittsburgh infielder, was classified 3-A by his Savannah, Ga., board and informed Pirate officials he would not be available for baseball next season.

Les Burch, St. Louis first baseman of Montreal who was being counted upon as Dolph Camilli's replacement.

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What About 1943?
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Babson will say—
"1943 will see more changes in civilian life than any year since the Revolutionary War. Wise are those who are first to prepare for these changes."

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Blue Back Gains In Defeat



Robert Brundage, Blue back from Pennsylvania, picks up ten yards in the fifth annual Blue-Gray game at Montgomery, Ala., in which the southerners outclassed the northerners 24 to 6. Coming up fast to make the tackle is Joe Mula (39) Gray back from Virginia Military Institute. Sixteen thousand saw the game.

GA. IS FAVORITE IN BOWL GAME

Experts Believe Bull Dogs Have Edge Over Bruins

Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 30—(AP)—Expert opinion seems agreed there is really sound logic behind those 3-1 odds that Georgia beats UCLA in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day.

There is no yardstick of comparison. The Bruins and Bulldogs met no common foes. Georgia, a team of veterans that won 20 of its last 22 games, established numerous yardage and scoring records in 1942. By many it is regarded as the greatest passing outfit in the history of southern football.

Dixie newspapermen with the team here are unanimous in their belief Georgia rates a decided edge. They take into consideration, too, that the Pacific coast champion always gives a good account of itself even to the point of winning the last five Rose Bowl games.

But nearly everywhere this was an "off" season in football. Many players whose presence in the lineup would have been the difference between victory and defeat answered the call for the biggest scrap of all time. Upsets were the rule rather than the exception. Most observers agreed the two best teams in the nation were Ohio State and Georgia.

Jeff Cravath, University of Southern California coach, takes the floor for the instant. Jeff's team scored two touchdowns against Ohio State one against UCLA says Jeff.

"This game figures to be Georgia all the way. If Babe Horrell can come up with a winner he deserves to be called the miracle coach of the year. I am not trying to sell for him. I know his material pretty well, but I also have seen Georgia work. There is no question but that Wally Butts has the better material and the records show he has made the most of it. Sure, I'd like to see UCLA win, but I pick Georgia, unhesitatingly."

Butts, confronted with this flattery, had this to say: "I wish I had Cravath's confidence. I only hope he is 100 per cent right."

To Deduct . . .

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First, the withholding tax, in part at least, represents an approximation which will be averaged out over a year's time.

Some government departments, it was learned, plan to make such a pay split for the benefit of their employees.

The Treasury itself, however, will not do so. Secretary Morgenthau issued a directive Dec. 21 to administrative officers of the department saying:

"The deduction will be made on the gross amount of salaries and wages paid on and after Jan. 1, 1943, without regard to the fact that part of the salaries or wages may have been earned in December."

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is sending out to business men over the nation a letter stating that beginning Jan. 1, 1943, every employer is required to withhold, collect and pay upon all wages of every employe except agricultural labor, domestic service, casual labor and

men, wrote Brooklyn officials he already had been inducted. Camilli declared recently he found it too difficult to transport his family from California to New York for the summer and had decided to give up major league baseball.

Sports Roundup

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR. Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 30—(AP)—A new administration setup for the Navy's pre-flight schools goes into effect Jan. 1, but nearly as we can make out, it won't mean any less sports activity . . . Instead of each school coming under their respective naval districts, they'll all be under the jurisdiction of the air primary training command . . . Similarly, the more advanced schools will come under the air operational training command . . . The big chance, which was scheduled anyway, will be that the teams will have to do most of their playing close to home instead of making those long trips, whose main purpose was to stimulate recruiting.

Also, due mainly to limited facilities, there'll be more attention than ever to intra-mural competition and less to "varsity" teams.

Gay With An Idea
Writing to Bob Dunbar of the Boston Herald, G. D. Bourcy of Arlington, Mass., suggests that baseball should adopt football's "free substitution" rule if it has to rely upon old-timers and teen-age kids to keep the game going. . . . Thus a manager could use a vet when he was needed and let him rest for an inning or two when his legs begin to weaken. . . . Might even recall Babe Ruth to do the hitting and hire a couple of lively high school boys to run for him. . . . The possibilities, in fact, seem limitless— which, probably is what's wrong with the idea.

One-Minute Sports Page
Sgt. Joe Louis, in town on a furlough from Fort Riley, Kas. didn't know until he called on Mike Javonds that Mike is in Miami. . . . Asked whether he preferred to be called "Champ" or "Sarge," Louis replied: "Just call me Joe." . . . Coach Frank Kearney, whose Rhode Island state basketball teams run up those huge scores, says: "I've been called 105 names so far—the nicest was 'unsound.'" . . . Jimmy Johnson,

Peaky are expected at the North Carolina Navy Pre-flight school in February, which should give the cloudbusters quite a basketball team if officers are allowed to play. Budd Hassett and Pete Appleton are among the athletes permanently stationed at Chapel Hill.

No Extra Gasoline . . .

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Association of American railroads and these six railway presidents: J. W. Williamson of the Pennsylvania, F. E. Williamson of the New York Central, Ernest E. Norris of the Southern, J. L. Beven of the Illinois Central, A. M. Kurn of the St. Louis and San Francisco, and L. W. Baldwin of the Missouri Pacific.

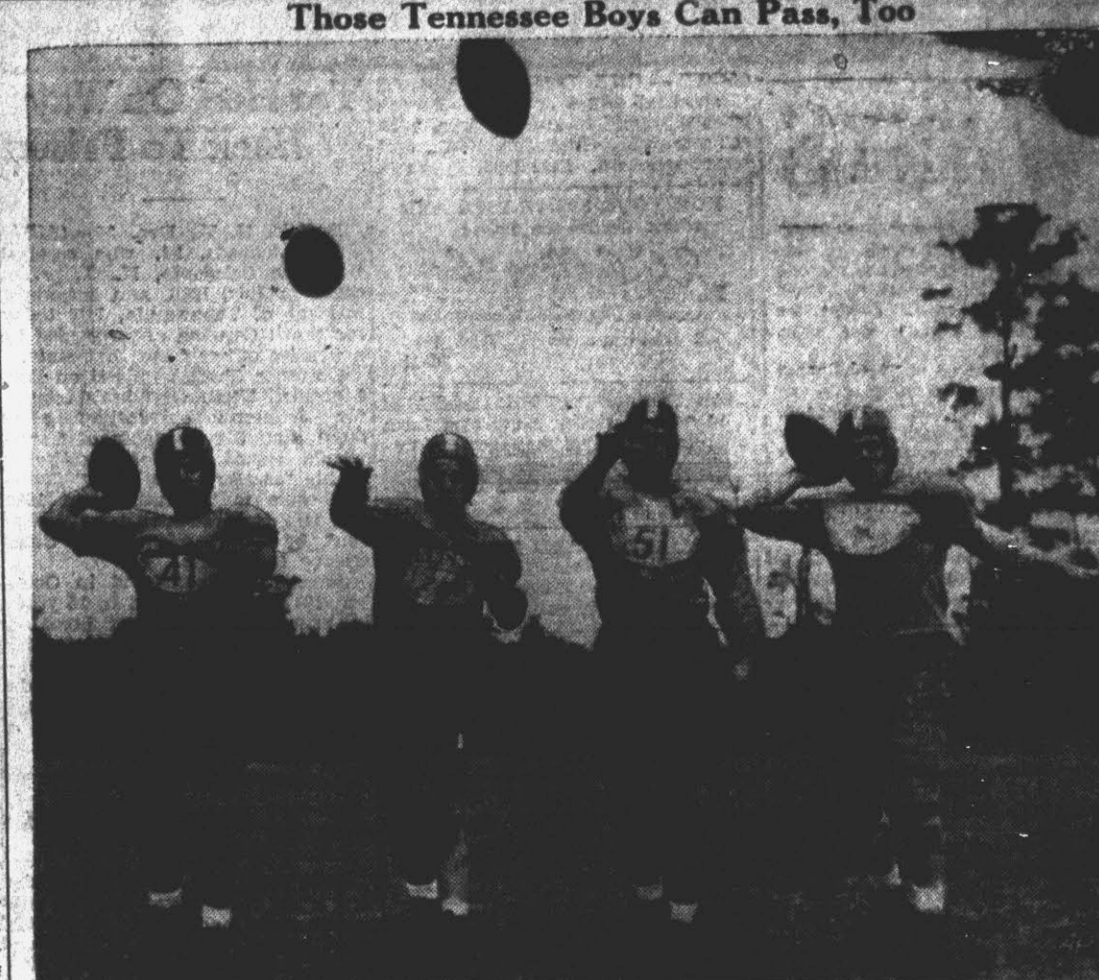
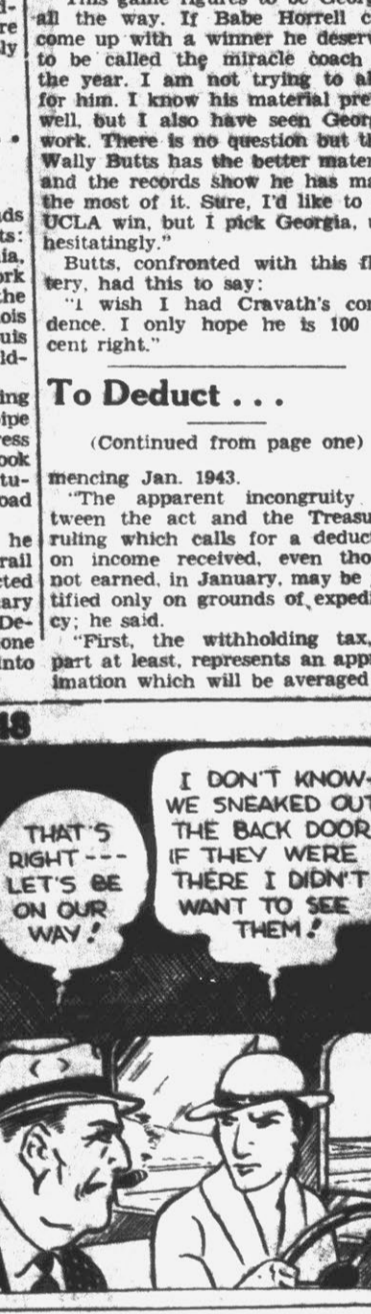
After reviewing what was being done with sea-going tankers, pipe lines and barges, Byrnes told a press conference that "we have to look for relief from the immediate situation to the railroads and railroad tank cars."

The most encouraging thing, he said, was a statement of the six rail executives that, barring unexpected and unusual cold weather, January deliveries will be increased over December. Apparently, however, none of the increase will be funneled into civilian channels.

DAN DUNN - SECRET OPERATIVE 48



THIMBLE THEATRE - Starring Popeye




If there's anything Tennessee football players are afraid of, it's the passing ability of Tulsa, their Sugar Bowl opponent in the New Year's Day game at New Orleans. So the Tennesseans are doing a lot of practice in passing at their training camp at Edgewater Park, Miss. Left to right: Bobby Cifers, Lawrence Zontini, Walter Slater, and R. A. Long, all backs.

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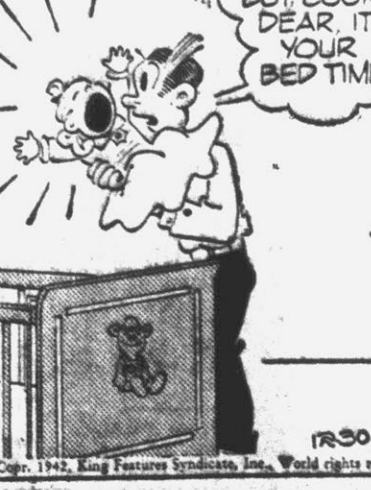
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SIX ROOM HOUSE FOR RENT - corner West Fourth and Vance streets. Convenient to schools, nice neighborhood. Garage. \$30.00 rent. W. G. Ward, 300 W. Third St. Phone 3398. 28-41

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SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY - Hot-dog Rolls, Cinnamon Buns and Vitamin B-1 Bread. People's Bakery.

WE HAVE A BIG ASSORTMENT of Living Room Furniture with springs. Make your selection early. 23-154

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

WANTED-CROP ON HALVES - have plenty of help. Frank Talley, Greenville, R. 4, Box 52. 29-31

FOR SALE-ONE 1938 CHEVROLET pick-up truck. Good rubber. H. V. Latham, Belhaven, N. C. 29-181

WE HOPE TO GIVE YOU even better service in 1943 - Happy New Year to all. Quinn-Miller & Stroud. 29-21

LOST-GAS RATION BOOK NO. 909680 belonging to Clarence Little, Greenville, R. 1. This is an A book. Finder return to Pitt County Ration Board on West Fourth St. 29-21

FOR RENT-BLUEBIRD FILLING Station. Possession January 15. See A. M. Moseley. 24-eod-101

FOR RENT-TO WHITE OR COLORED family, a two-horse crop on shares. Good tobacco, cotton and peanut allotments. G. D. Manning, at Mrs. J. C. Galloway's farm, 31-2 miles from Shireland. 30-31

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. 28-31

FOR YOUR STOVE PIPE AND other needs - see us. 23-154

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WANTED - NEAT APPEARING boy who is not in school or one who is only taking a few classes. Do not phone. Apply Pitt Theatre, Thursday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock.

FOR SALE-SIX ROOM BUNGALOW. Convenient West Greenville School. About \$900 cash. Balance \$20 monthly. L. J. Smith, Real Estate-Insurance.

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STRAYED-ONE SPOTTED POLAND-China boar, weight 160 to 175 lbs. Slightly crippled. If seen, please shut him up and notify Charlie Harris of near Belvoir.

BARRED ROCK AND WHITE Rock baby chicks, \$8.00 per 100. By mail, postage extra. Each Tuesday. Place your orders early. Roebuck's Hatchery, Stokes, N. C. Dec. 30-31 mo.

WANTED - 90 CORDS TOBACCO wood, delivered to farm, one mile city limits of Greenville. Write "J," care Reflector. 30-41

Hog Market Raleigh, Dec. 30 (AP) - Hog markets 15 cents lower with top of 13.85 at Richmond and 13.60 at Rocky Mount.

Poultry and Eggs Raleigh, Dec. 30 (AP) - Egg and poultry markets steady. Raleigh-U. S. extras large (clean white) 47; colored hens 20 to 22. Washington-U. S. extras large 50 to 53; colored fowls 27 to 28.

Grain Market Chicago, Dec. 30 (AP) - Wheat trade confusion following announcement of the new flour price ceiling was reflected today in nervous cereal price fluctuations above and below previous closing levels, during which 5-year peak quotations were posted at cents stage.

New York Cotton New York, Dec. 30 (AP) - Cotton futures opened 20-40 cents a bale higher. Late forenoon values were 25-35 cents a bale higher. Mch. 19.29, May 19.19 and July 19.12.

Jan. 19.15, 19.17, 19.14, 19.29, 19.26, 19.24, 19.18, 19.16, 19.12, 19.11, 19.10, 19.07, 19.07, 19.01, 18.99, 19.06, 19.03, 19.00

Middling spot 20.94, up 2.

Tar Heel On Way Back To Prison

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 30 (AP) - Julian Johnson, 24, who escaped from the Colorado, N. C., prison camp in July, 1933, and became a resident of Tonawanda, left today for North Carolina accompanied by a fugitive officer from that state.

Governor Charles Poletti on Dec. 9 granted North Carolina's request for Johnson's extradition after more than 500 residents of Tonawanda signed petitions testifying to his excellent character.

Johnson came to Tonawanda in 1933 and was described as a "model citizen" by Tonawanda Police Chief George C. Marohn. Johnson was convicted in October, 1937, and sentenced to 15 years in prison on charges of breaking the seal of a box car and stealing five cases of cigarettes. He was arrested last October in Tonawanda where he lived with his wife and four-year-old son, and operated a gasoline station.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 30 (AP) - Rails and a few "blue chips" tried to pull stocks into higher ground today more leaders managing to maintain better than an even balance despite a continuation of year-end adjustments.

Prices stiffened somewhat in late dealings. Turnover was about 1,100,000 shares.

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Al Chem and Dye, Allegheny, Alis Chal Mig, Am Can, Am Car Fdy, Am Roll Mill, Am Smelt and Ref, Am Sug Ref, Am Tab B, Amcorda, A C L, A U Ref, Aviat Corp, B and O, Bendix Aviat, Beth Stl, Boeing Alpr, Borden, Budd Mfg, Bur. Add Mach, Calumet and Hee, Case J I, Caterpil Trac, Cham P and F, Ches and O, Chrysler, Coca Cola, Conlith and Sou, Consol Edis, Cont Can, Corn Prod, Curtiss, Davison Chem, Doug Airc, Dow Chem, Dupont, Eastman Kod, Elec Auto Lt, Gen Elec, Gen Foods, Gen Met, Goodyear, Int Harvest, Int Tel and Tel, Johns Man, Libby of GI, Ligg and Myers B, Loewis, Lorillard, Louis and Nash, Mack Truck, Mont Ward, Nash Kevl, Nat Biscuit, Nat Cash Reg, Nat Dairy Prod, Nat Dist, Nat Lead, No Am Aviat, Otis Elev, Packard, Param Pix, Penn RR J, Penn RR Y, Pepsi Cola, Pullman, Pure Oil, Radio, Rep Stl, Reynolds B, Seb JA, Sou Ry, Sperry, Std Brands, Std Oil N J, Studebaker, Tex Co, Tex Gulf Prod, Timken Det Ax, Uni Carb, Unit Aire, Unit Drug, US Pipe, US Rub, US Smelt and Ref, US Steel, Vick Chem, Warner Pic, Western Union, West Elec and Mig, Woolworth.

BREAK NEARS WITH FINLAND

Information Offices in U. S. And Finland Closed

Washington, Dec. 30 (AP) - Finland today complied with a State Department order closing the Finnish information offices in this country, and the American legation in Helsinki ceased its efforts to distribute information in Finland.

State Department officials declined to speculate on the possibility of a break in relations between the two countries. The American minister to Finland, Arthur Schoenfeldt, already has been recalled to Washington "for consultation."

At the State Department, it was explained that the order on the information office arose out of restrictions placed by the Finnish government on the distribution of Office of War Information material in Finland. When the Helsinki government declined to lift these restrictions the State Department ordered the Finnish information center in New York to cease its publicity activities and issued similar instructions to the American legation in Helsinki.

More than a year ago, before the outbreak of the war, the United States and Finland had been friendly relations. Secretary of State Hull warned the Helsinki government that if Finland desired to retain American friendship, she must cease her military operations against Russia.

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Truck And Car In Collision Damaged

A truck driven by S. T. Hicks of the Hicks Plumbing Company, and a car driven by W. C. Spencer of Black Jack collided at the intersection of Ninth and Cotanche streets yesterday afternoon. Both cars were damaged. The drivers, beyond a shaking up, were not hurt. Spencer was going south on Cotanche street, Hicks was traveling east on Ninth street.

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PEAK FLOODS IN MANY SECTIONS

Many War Plants Are Forced To Close In Pittsburgh Area

By The Associated Press

Onsuring peak floods swept into the Pittsburgh industrial area today, forcing several war plants to close, inundating homes, stores and streets and curtailing rail and motor transportation.

From the confluence of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers at Pittsburgh to form the Ohio river, the floodstream poured toward Ohio and West Virginia and as far south as Louisville, Ky. The Ohio river was expected to reach flood stage by New Year's Day.

The Kentucky river had climbed to 25 feet, a rise of 11.8 feet since yesterday, and six feet short of crest. In southern Alabama rivers reached flood stage, but U. S. weather bureau observers said damage probably would be limited to inundation of low-lying farms along the Tennessee river. Overflowing streams in western North Carolina blocked some highways.

Throughout most of New York, streams went beyond their banks and southern lowland residents were warned to evacuate. Many highways were blocked.

In Pittsburgh proper, waters rising six inches an hour flooded low-lying streets at the edge of the "golden triangle" business section, devastated by the big St. Patrick's (Cq) day flood of 1936. Firemen and Civilian Defense workers assisted families marooned in nearby communities. Red Cross relief committees evacuated families and began setting up mass feeding units.

The Ohio river stage at Pittsburgh, 32.4 at noon (Eastern War Time), was the highest for December in 100 years. A crest of at least 36 feet—eleven above low flood stage—was predicted.

Curtailment of operations in industrial plants near the rivers left hundreds of workers idle. The newly-constructed American Bridge company's yard at Leetsdale, near Pittsburgh, closed when Ohio river water reached the floor level. Another big plant closing was the Labelle Works of Crucible Steel Company in Pittsburgh.

Some other factories feverishly moved vital materials and equipment out of the reach of the floodwaters.

Six open hearth furnaces at a Jones and Laughlin Steel Corp. plant were not in use because of water in the pits. Pumps poured water out of basements of the giant Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company plant in east Pittsburgh.

High water shut off power to the Dravo Corp. yards at Pittsburgh. Five Pittsburgh Coal Company mines closed.

Fire Destroys Sixteen Stores Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 30 (AP) - At least one man perished and 10 stores were destroyed in a fire early today which swept the four-story Empire hotel block with an estimated loss of \$1,000,000.

Twenty of 100 residents of the 97 year old hotel were unaccounted for, police and fire officials said after a check of hotel records. At least a half dozen patrons were rescued from windows. Several were injured or overcome by smoke.

Heavy Fighting ... (Continued from page one)

its position. This force is driving toward the coast at Axis-held Sousse.

British patrols operating against Marshal Rommel's troops west of Wadi El Chebir, a Libyan gulch itself 180 miles east of Tripoli, destroyed some enemy vehicles yesterday, a Cairo communique said.

Naval torpedo aircraft were declared to have sunk a southbound Axis merchant vessel off Pantellaria island while bombers successfully attacked dock areas of Tunis and Bizerte the same night.

The Italian high command said Italian aerial detachments inflicted heavy losses on enemy columns in the coastal region of Libya, the route of the British Eighth army's westward advance.

The Italian communique, broadcast from Rome, said that Axis squadrons also were active against Allied communications and concentrations in Tunisia. Axis troops were declared to have destroyed nine tanks and taken some prisoners.

The German radio announced U. S. troops had taken Gafsa, 200 miles southwest of Tunis, and only 80 miles from Gabes on the eastern Tunisian coast. A delayed dispatch from southern Tunisia reported American troops had raided Maknassy, about halfway between Gafsa and the coast, capturing some Italians and killing and wounding others.

Field Marshal Edwin Rommel must use this coastal road if he intends to keep on retreating through Tripoli for an overland juncture with Axis troops in Tunisia. The British eighth army pursuing him now is less than 180 miles from Tripoli.

Meanwhile it appeared the Allied withdrawal from a hill six miles northeast of Medjez-El-Bab on the front near Tunis, announced yesterday, was a discretionary tactic. The Allies had taken most of the ridge, but the Germans held the top heights, possibly making the Allied positions dangerous.

In other African developments, the Morocco radio reported that another U. S. mission had arrived at Dakar in French West Africa, accompanied by technicians to work out with local French authorities plans for "utilization of airfields by American planes."

Reuters, meantime, reported that French army headquarters had announced the appointment of general Alphonse Juin as commander in Chief of French troops in North Africa, apparently to serve as field commander under Gen. Henri Giraud, new French high commissioner. Juin was former military aide to Gen. Auguste Nogues, governor-general of Morocco.

Formation of pioneer companies and labor troops from among native Arabs and Berbers, recruited and trained by the British, also was disclosed. These troops were praised by Allied officers for their work in keeping supply lines moving, unloading ships, building military roads and new airports.

Drinking Not ...

opinion of a prejudiced witness, or be true for only a certain area where problems are less pressing than in other areas. But weight of evidence is important. In this survey the weight of evidence collected from many sources and in all sections tips the scales inescapably - this American army may not be the best in the history of armies but it is certainly the best behaved."

The young investigators made first hand observations of conditions and obtained evidence from commanding officers, provost marshals, chaplains, community leaders, mayors, U. S. O. directors, newspaper editors and others.

This was cited as a random example: Camp Crowder is a signal corps replacement training center near Joplin, Mo. About \$1,000,000 was paid out to troops there on October 31 pay day. That night the number of soldiers arrested in Joplin for drunkenness was 16, representing much less than one arrest for every 1,000 soldiers at Crowder.

On the same payday at Biloxi Miss., 14 soldiers were arrested, five for drunkenness. Kessler Field, a large center of air activity, is near Biloxi. While the troop population is somewhat smaller than at Crowder, OWI said the figures at both places "plainly show that army pay nights is rarely the klonklike brawl and blow-out that rumor makes it."

Coffee, milk, malted milk and bottled soft drinks are the best selling beverages around army camps the investigators found. At Fort Lewis, Wash., more than 400,000 bottles of one popular soft drink are consumed in a month at post dances.

Experienced commanding officers all over the country agree that considerably more than half of the troops under their command are stronger than beer by choice, and that many even abstain from beer.

The report said, "Chaplains with one exception, concurred in the opinion."

Other highlights of the report: 1. There is drinking in the army; there will continue to be drinking in the army. The approach of the military authorities to the problem is not prohibition but control.

2. There seems to be a definite correlation between adequate recreational facilities and soldier sobriety.

3. To a considerable extent the conduct of troops reflects the morals of the communities in which they find themselves.

4. Many communities have cooperated fully with army authorities.

5. Civilian agencies are cooperating "reasonably well" with army authorities, but "they could do better." In dry states and states with local option, the military "faces the problem of bootleg liquor."

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enced members of the British diplomatic service. In the September, 1938, Munich crisis he was criticized and defended alike for the role he played in

Prime Minister Chamberlain's peace policy toward Germany. On August 23, 1939, just before the war began, Henderson flew to Salzburg from London with a communication from Chamberlain to Hitler, and went back by air August 26 with a report of that conference that also failed to prevent war.

Henderson's dispatches describing the last days before Germany attacked Poland were published September 21, 1939.

"Of Hitler, Henderson wrote that he 'was excitable and uncompromising. He made no long speeches but his language was violent and exaggerated both as regards England and Poland.'

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