

WEATHER

Partly cloudy to cloudy and mild tonight and Wednesday.

THE DAILY REFLECTOR

TRUTH IN PREFERENCE TO FICTION

GREENVILLE, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 7, 1943

TODAY'S NEWS TODAY Final Markets

ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEGRAMS AND FEATURES

Price: 5c

VOL. 113 No. 307

FULL LEASED WIRE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U. S. Fifth Army Storms Through Nazi Defenses To Gain New Positions

Dominating Heights Overlooking Road To Rome Taken In Fierce Fighting; British Eighth Army Repulses Nazi Counterattacks and Pushes Across Moro River

By WES GALLAGHER Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Fifth army infantry has crashed through Nazi defense in bitter assaults to capture the most dominating positions in a 25-square-mile area overlooking the road to Rome, it was announced today, while British tanks rammed across the Moro river.

A headquarters officer, describing the battle in the vital Monte Camino and Monte Magliore area on the western sector, declared "we now hold the most important features in that area roughly five miles long and five miles wide."

On the Adriatic side of the German Tenth army line, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's tanks and infantry drove across the Moro river, 10 miles above the Sangro, in a tank battle fought in a fog. Four German Mark IV tanks were wrecked.

The new U. S. 15th air force, struck heavily at the Germans' Eweis and Kalamaki airfields near Athens, with Flying Fortresses and Liberators knocking down 10 Nazi planes in a violent air battle.

American troops wading flooded areas, with water up to their necks at many places, marked the second anniversary of Pearl Harbor with bloody fighting.

Field Marshal Gen. Albert Kesselring, realizing the prime importance of the 1,500-foot and 2,800-foot peaks dominating the road to Rome running through Cassino, threw the full weight of his divisions into desperate counterattacks.

U. S. troops captured a mountain point six miles west of Mignano overlooking the swollen Garigliano river and further inland planned a mile west of Filiignano taking 40 prisoners in a localized assault.

South of the American positions on the ridges of Mount Magliore British forces were driven off a ridge by a furious Nazi assault, but in a nearby sector seized a German stronghold.

The Eighth army punch across the Moro river met less difficulty than anticipated, but the tank action was one of the few fought in mountainous Italy. It occurred at San Leonardo, two and a half miles northwest of San Vito, and two miles inland.

North of the Moro, the Germans threw in two counterattacks that were beaten off.

The fighting on the Adriatic flank now runs to a point four miles northeast of Orsogna, and then south to Casoli.

Heavy rains swept the Eighth army front.

Both the Germans and the Allies are having difficulty bringing up (Continued on Page Two)

Weather Forecast

Forecast from 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 7, to 7:30 p. m. Sunday, December 12.

Temperatures above normal beginning of period. Cooler with showers middle of period. Rising trend near end of period.

Says Farm People Can Help Preserve Peace

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Farm people of the world can "do more to preserve peace than could any other group," Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told the organization's annual convention today.

In an address prepared for delivery at the opening session, O'Neal asserted, "I have great confidence in the common sense of farm people and I believe that if farm people can have a voice in working out some of the international problems, the world will be better off."

"I hope to see the day when representatives of farm people, elected by the people and not appointed by the government will get together at regular intervals to consider their mutual problems and to work them out."

"To be quite frank, I believe that the farm people of the world, working in this way, could do more to preserve world peace than could any other group or agency."

NEW AIR BLOWS IN THE PACIFIC

Attacks May Presage Invasion Of Jap Strongholds

Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two years after Japanese planes touched off the Pacific war at Pearl Harbor, America's expanding air force is raining heavy offensive blows which hint at early invasion of the Marshalls and New Britain, two vital links in the enemy's chain of outer defenses for Japan and the Philippines.

Tersely, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that strong aircraft carrier task forces smashed hard Saturday at the Marshalls—the same type of attack which immediately preceded the successful, albeit bitterly-waged, conquest of the Gilberts only two weeks ago.

Enemy air and shipping bases in the Marshalls 2,000 miles southwest of Hawaii and about 300 miles northeast of the Gilberts, form stepping stones on what Navy Secretary Frank Knox has termed "the more direct route to Japan."

Nearly 2,000 miles to the southwest of this action, New Britain Island, whose capture would burst open the sea lanes to the Philippines, was blasted Saturday night and Sunday from the fortress of Rabaul on the east to the air base of Cape Gloucester on the west, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

Within two weeks, his planes have exploded 1,000 tons of bombs on New Britain, a position on which Japan has hinged her Solomon and New Guinea defenses. The bulk of that tonnage has fallen on supplies and installations at the western end which is separated at the closest point by only 70 miles of water from MacArthur's ground forces on New Guinea's Huon peninsula.

Keyed to these offensive thrusts was the disclosure in Washington that 20,000 U. S. firms have been given the go sign to turn out more invasion craft, such as self-propelled barges, tank-landing vessels and amphibious "ducks."

At the same time, Japan's ability to supply and reinforce invasion-meared areas has been further impaired by new American submarine success. The navy reported in Washington that 11 more enemy cargo ships had been sunk, bringing to 516 the grand total of Japanese vessels destroyed in two years of war.

The necessity for radio silence, in order to protect the movements of task forces, limited Admiral Nimitz' announcements on the latest Marshalls attack one which followed a series of raids on bases there by army land-based Liberators.

Tokyo radio, whose widespread (Continued on Page Two)

Germans Putting Out Peace Feelers

London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A Reuters dispatch from Zurich carried "reliable circles in Bern today as saying that a group of deposed German army officers of high rank had recently made peace overtures to the Allies."

The officers, it was said, were acting in close collaboration with a number of leading German industrialists.

"The dispatch recalled other reports from various sources, including London, that certain elements within Germany—convinced that defeat is inevitable—had made tentative approaches to the Allies with the hope of obtaining less drastic peace terms than might be expected later. Such reports never have been confirmed, however."

Super Battleship Launched Today

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The \$90,000,000 super battleship Wisconsin, her bow towering higher than sin, her bow tapering higher than sin, was launched today at the Philadelphia navy yard today, hailed by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Ralph A. Bard as "an answer" to Japan's Pearl Harbor attack on the second anniversary of the aggression.

King George III London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—King George VI has been stricken with an attack of influenza and will be confined to his rooms for several days, Buckingham Palace announced today.

250,000 Dead Bern, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Gazette de Lausanne, in a dispatch from Basel on the German border, asserted today that recent Allied bombing of Berlin had resulted in the deaths of 250,000 persons. The number of injured cannot be estimated it was said.

(Previous unconfirmed reports relayed through Sweden put the Berlin death toll at 25,000. Germany never has given any official figure.)

World Battlefronts Two Years After Pearl Harbor



The beginning of the third year of United States participation in the war finds Allied forces holding the initiative on all major battlefronts. Black areas on the map are Axis-held. Broken lines indicate farthest enemy advances in Russia, North Africa and the Pacific. Black arrows show current Allied drives, plane symbol indicates aerial offensive from Britain against Germany. White arrows represent potential Allied moves in western Europe and the Pacific. (AP Wirephoto).

DRAFTEES GO TO FORT BRAGG

Large Contingent Of White Men Reported Today

One of the largest contingents of white draftees, said for induction from this county left this morning for Fort Bragg. The lists included 72 men from local Board No. 1 and 92 from Board No. 2, as follows:

Board No. 1 - Transfers: Leslie Elbert Smith, Henry D. Bowers, James Thomas Uzzle; Volunteers: William Lyman Joyner, Jr., Floyd Coatsen Nichols, Herbert Robinson, Jr., Floyd Allen Nobles, Herbert Theodore Bailey, Joseph David Fleming, Fred Hamlet White, Alex. Lloyd, Glen Olsen Newton, Thurman N. Jones, George Washington Jefferson, Ralph Lee Tucker, Charles Ray Harrington, Lyman Move Mills, Walter Hayes Gaylor, Bruce Otto Baker, Joseph Donald Squires, George Marshall Walters, William D. Andrews, Laverne Alcie Green, Joseph David Andrews, Woodrow Wilson Welton, Marvin Leroy Weston, Warren Lafayette Merritt, Claude Padgett, Herman Battle Webb, Milton James Lassiter, Coy Avery, James Willie Lassiter, Leland Hayes, William Carlton Johnson, Benjamin Franklin Dixon, Jr., Julius Cameron, Marvin Owens, James McGowan Johnston, William Davis Barber, Leonard Taylor, Clarence Brown Wheeler, John Earl Vanderberg, Elbert William Move, William Lester Mayhugh, Ambrose Russell Moore, Mayhugh Cayton, Larry Willis, Jesse Woodruff, Carroll Jesse Jacob Joyner, Hubert Delton Baker, Hubert Ross, Julian Thomas Sperry, Leslie Elsha Coburn, John Irvin Morgan, Jr., George Benson Parker, Roland Farley, Bruce Allen Hagans, Beverly Tucker Joyner, Henry Vernon Barnhill, James Eddie Beaman, Alphonso Council, Jarvis Taylor Oscar Carlton Vatz, Willie Hubert Tripp, James Edsel Keeter, Charles William Rogers, Hugh Milton James, Ledyard Elree Ross, Walter Thurgood, Jr., George Collis Wilson, (Continued on Page Two)

America's Second Year Finds Allies On March

Anniversary Of Pearl Harbor Witnesses Allies On The Offensive On All Fronts

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Belief that the war against Germany will be won in the third year of American participation, which begins on this second anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, was buttressed today by the high command accord reached at Teheran.

But the military and naval officials who hold this belief foresee at least two more years of fighting before Japan can be forced into an unconditional surrender decided upon at the Pacific war conference in Cairo.

Studying the effects of the Cairo meeting and the European war conference at Teheran, announced yesterday, strategists here summed up 1943 as the last year of preparation on the home and fighting fronts. They predicted the 12 months now beginning will see the launching of both Germany and Japan.

As a result of these milestone meetings the Allied groups ranged against both foes have perfected the overall pattern of their victory strategies, determining the time and nature of the final three-pronged assault on Germany as well as the power of Britain, America and China against Japan.

Washington experts emphasize that this is an epochal accomplishment. Despite the long series of conferences between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and an increasingly free exchange of information with Russia and China, no such specific agreements on war plans and post-war objectives had ever before been achieved among the Allies.

Speculation is that the military actions to implement the Teheran decisions may start in the Balkans.

DOES NOT FEAR FLU EPIDEMIC

Official Says Increase In Disease Not Alarming

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A rising rate of influenza cases in various parts of the country was described by a U. S. Public Health Service spokesman today as a "normal seasonal increase."

After studying the latest figures available, those for the week ending Nov. 27, he pointed out that the number of cases during the same period in 1941 was five times greater, yet no serious epidemic occurred then.

"There is no evidence now that we are coming into anything like what we had in 1918," he asserted. "The world-wide epidemic of that year caused more than 20,000,000 deaths."

Commenting on London reports that influenza claimed 376 lives in large cities in Britain during the week ending Nov. 27, the spokesman said "There is no reason to suppose there is any world-wide significance in the British wave, described as the worst since 1937 which caused 2,000 deaths weekly at its peak."

Health authorities suggest that persons suffering from colds, grippe or flu remain at home in order to prevent spreading the illness, especially since there are fewer doctors and nurses available to civilians now.

Surgeon General Thomas Parran of the U. S. Public Health Service, discussing eastern Slovenia, said recently that "local shortages of doctors, dentists, nurses and hospital beds for the civilian services remain the outstanding health problem in wartime."

"The maldistribution of medical and hospital facilities," he said, "will continue to grow more acute. Reports to the Public Health Service and Procurement and Assignment Service show that 23 communities already face the winter with dangerously depleted medical facilities."

The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

The first Allied move, now that the Teheran conference is out of the way, will be to implement the announced agreement for concerted action against Hitler from east, west and south.

What is the most expeditious way of administering the coup de grace? There probably are numerous ways Hitler could be defeated if we are prepared to drag the war out. It likely could be done by air, provided the Red land forces could keep the German armies engaged in a fierce and bloody combat over the long period of delay increases the risk of China being knocked out—a very real threat, despite their amazing bravery in the face of adversity which would have beaten many nations long ago.

The signs are that the western Allies now are going full speed ahead in preparing for an early invasion of the continent. For a quick kill it must be achieved before spring, because the spring rains and mud are almost sure to bog the Red armies down for a considerable period in the eastern front when the invasion of the west is undertaken.

The time is right for action. Hitler's own supreme military machine is deteriorating fast. The Allies now have a great numerical superiority in troops. Indeed, while exact figures aren't available, it's certain that the Soviet alone can muster many more fighting men than can the Reich. And both Russia and the Anglo-American Allies have a great superiority in the air.

with the greatest possible speed and speed is essential if we are to save lives and conserve resources.

It is essential for another thing, too, and that is to get this European upheaval over so that we can tackle the Japs. Every moment of respite we allow the little men of Nippon gives them just so much more chance to dig-in and get established in conquered territories.

Every moment of delay increases the risk of China being knocked out—a very real threat, despite their amazing bravery in the face of adversity which would have beaten many nations long ago.

The signs are that the western Allies now are going full speed ahead in preparing for an early invasion of the continent. For a quick kill it must be achieved before spring, because the spring rains and mud are almost sure to bog the Red armies down for a considerable period in the eastern front when the invasion of the west is undertaken.

The time is right for action. Hitler's own supreme military machine is deteriorating fast. The Allies now have a great numerical superiority in troops. Indeed, while exact figures aren't available, it's certain that the Soviet alone can muster many more fighting men than can the Reich. And both Russia and the Anglo-American Allies have a great superiority in the air.

Turkey's Future Course In War Against Germany Subject Of Conference

NEW GAINS BY SOVIET FORCES

Red Armies Open New Drives Against Germans

London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Driving across the bleak central Ukraine southwest of Kremenchug in an offensive apparently aimed at clearing the great Dnieper bend, Red army troops under Gen. Rodion M. Il'inskiy have severed the German vital railway line between Smela and Znamenska to threaten the important stronghold of Kirovograd, 23 miles further west, a Russian communique said today.

A powerful Soviet artillery and air barrage crumbled German defenses in front of the infantry and tank advance, which stormed into the town of Asibulevo astride the 50-mile long Znamenska-Smela rail division, 14 miles northwest of Znamenska.

Twenty other towns, including Alexandria and Dikova, east of Znamenska, were overrun and 17 tanks destroyed in the Red army squeeze, the Soviet bulletin said. The drive was staged at the height of a howling blizzard through heavily drifted snow.

"Our troops captured a great amount of equipment and ammunition, and prisoners were taken," the communique said.

Captures of Tsiubulovo and Olimpiadovka, southwest of Znamenska, placed Russian columns only 23 miles from Kirovograd and apparently sealed the fate of Znamenska, where Soviet advance units were reported entering the town's outskirts.

Other Soviet troops were less than six miles from Smela after an attack which had by-passed the Dnieper river city of Berdyuzh, the juncture of these forces which those advancing on Kirovograd apparently was regarded as imminent.

The developing Red army offensive, which has already split large German forces guarding their lateral rail and supply lines, now threatens the security of all enemy positions in the lower Ukraine front, including the stoutly defended mangrove center of Krivoriog, 60 miles below Znamenska.

The Russian war bulletin reported continued heavy German attacks in the Chernyakhov sector of the Kiev bulge, all of which it said, were repulsed with approximately 1,000 enemy dead being counted on the (Continued on Page Two)

Roosevelt, Churchill And Turkish President Have Been Discussing Matter At Meeting In Cairo; Berlin Radio Says Talks Completed And Inonu Back In Ankara

By JUDSON O'QUINN London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A conference between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and President Ismet Inonu of Turkey has been in progress in North Africa, it was learned today, and the results will concern Turkey's future position in relation to the Allies' war against the Axis.

The participation of Inonu in conferences with Roosevelt and Churchill apparently was based on the never-implemented British-Turkish pact of 1929 which pledged Turkey to aid Britain in the event of aggression leading to war in the Mediterranean.

The diplomatic correspondent of the British Press Association wrote, "Churchill and Roosevelt are to conference with President Ismet Inonu of Turkey and their deliberations may be in due course have almost as important an effect upon the course and conduct of the war as the great inter-Allied talks which already have taken place in Cairo and Teheran."

The Berlin radio said that the conference had been completed in Cairo and that Inonu had returned to Ankara, where the Turkish cabinet would meet in special session.

Other Swedish correspondents said "the Allies are exerting heavy pressure to force Turkey to join the war."

(A Budapest broadcast heard by U. S. government monitors said Bulgarian Premier Dobre Bozilov had conferred with the Turkish minister to Sofia after a meeting of the Bulgarian cabinet last night. It declared that "well-informed political circles in Sofia connect this cabinet meeting with the Turkish-Anglo-Soviet conference.")

Franz Von Papen, the German ambassador, talked for nearly an hour yesterday with Turkish Premier Ismet Inonu. Reuters reported today in a dispatch from Ankara.

There has been no Allied confirmation of such a conference. Cairo dispatches yesterday stated that the whereabouts of President Roosevelt had not been disclosed since he attended the three-power party in Tehran, although he had attended one British-American military parley in Cairo subsequent to the Tehran meeting.

Reports reaching Budapest from (Continued on Page Two)

Banks In Need Of More Pennies

There is still an acute shortage of pennies and persons who have them on hand are urged to turn them in to the banks or put them into circulation by spending them at the stores.

With the Christmas shopping season now on, the need for making change is greater than usual and many merchants are finding it difficult to keep enough pennies on hand. The cooperation of the people in this matter will do much to relieve the situation.

Fire At Jacksonville Jacksonville, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Fire early today partially destroyed the railway express office here and caused damage to the building and contents estimated unofficially at \$25,000. It was not determined how the fire started.

Guerrilla Victory London, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Yugoslav partisans have pounded out a decisive victory over German forces in southwestern Slovenia, killing more than 200 officers and men, including the German commander of one enemy column, a communique of the Yugoslav Liberation Army said today.

Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Today's information from Zurich said that Benito Mussolini now is virtually paralyzed and his condition worsening steadily as the result of an outbreak of an old disease contracted in his youth.

Senate To Seek Early Adoption Of Tax Bill

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Senate Finance Committee went into executive session today in a hurry-up effort to get the new \$2,140,000,000 added revenues bill on the lawbooks before Christmas.

There were indications that the measure—modest when compared with the \$10,500,000,000 revenue increase asked by the treasury—would get a substantial working over in the closed sessions.

But members said the net result probably wouldn't change the outlook much so far as the average taxpayer is concerned.

"There is a sentiment on every possibility to explore every possibility to get more revenue," said Senator Walsh (D-Mass.), acting chairman, "but it seems unlikely that any more can be found. We will go over the house bill page-by-page."

The treasury insisted the public could stand to pay five times as much new taxes as the house bill calls for. But the house, in voting its revenue measure three weeks ago, took the position further taxes would upset the nation's economic structure.

Walsh said he believed it "extremely likely" that the senate would follow the house's decision to abolish the victory tax and take its

Stores Remain Open Nights December 1

Retail stores will begin to remain open evenings on Friday, December 17, when Santa Claus will begin to make his annual visitations at the stores and on the streets.

Fireworks are forbidden by law. Very few, if any, Christmas trees will be shipped in as a result of an order by the Office of Defense Transportation.

Turkeys are plentiful and meat points are allowed this month rationed meats.

15 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT. Buy Christmas Seals

BATION DEADLINE Food: ABC, Dec. 20; DEF, Jan. 1; GHI, Jan. 1; JKL, Jan. 1; MNO, Jan. 1; PQR, Jan. 1; STU, Jan. 1; VWX, Jan. 1; YZ, Jan. 1.

The Daily Reflector

Every Afternoon Except Sunday Established 1882 DAVID J. WHICHARD, Jr. Owner and Publisher DIAL 3356

Entered at the Post Office at Greenville, N. C., as second class mail matter.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES (Payable in Advance) One Week .15 One Month .50 Three Months \$1.50 Six Months \$3.00 One Year \$6.00

MEMBER ASSOCIATED PRESS The Associated Press is exclusively entitled to use for publication of all news dispatches credited to it or not otherwise credited to this paper and also the local news publisher herein. All rights of publication of special dispatches herein are also reserved.

NATIONAL ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES Thomas F. Clark Co., Inc., New York, Chicago, Atlanta

Strength FOR THE DAY By EARL L. DOUGLAS

THE MCGUFFEY READERS

Everyone knows the influence the McGuffey Readers had on a whole generation of boys and girls now grown to maturity and beyond. There is no moral force in modern life which can compare with the influence these readers exerted over the minds of boys and girls a few generations ago.

The story is told that when McGuffey was a youngster he was by no means a paragon of virtue. One day he heard a venerable minister praying for boys and girls. In fact young McGuffey for some reason or other happened to be in the churchmen's yard, and through an open window could hear the old gentleman's solemn voice as he prayed earnestly that the boys and girls of that generation would grow up a credit to God and their country. It greatly impressed the mischievous young McGuffey. He was suddenly awakened to the realization that older people are not a ways ogres and that there was one man at least who was actually concerned lest bad boys grow up to be bad men.

Great things hang on small details. The venerable clergyman, praying that boys and girls be strengthened in the living of a good life, did not know that right outside his window God had placed a small boy who knew by experience the things which were upon the minister's heart. God was later to use that boy for the answering of the old man's prayer.

WASHINGTON IN WARTIME By JACK STINNETT

Washington—Uncle Sam isn't half so far along in making post-war plans for his employes as most of the big industrialists although he employs far more than any of them (about 3,100,000).

Some steps have been taken, just recently when it became apparent that the government could not honestly argue legislation for raising or decreasing wages to take steps it had not already taken itself.

If the Budget Bureau hasn't asked every agency, it soon will demand from them all an outline of their plans for reconversion to peacetime.

All the White House, "assistant president" James F. Byrnes has an organization at work coordinating the conversion plan into an over-all policy. Some weeks ago, Byrnes said that every agency should assign at least one competent person to working out a program for conversion. This, in some instances, might consist of liquidation or a change of duties.

A few days later the President publicly requested Byrnes to establish a coordinating unit. It is understood herein now that Edward M. Baruch will have considerable to do about this when he files his overall report on conversion and demobilization. But as far as most agencies are concerned, the question of liquidation is still up in the air and some forces are still behind the scenes. The Budget Bureau is in the picture. So is the War Relocation Commission and various agencies within it. The Veterans Administration would like to speak for veterans returning to government jobs. Selective Service feels that it is the logical agency to reverse the order of the draft.

More important than any of these so far as government employes are concerned is the Civil Service Commission. It is reported to be making an over-all study of income and retiring, as well as how to lighten unemployment for the tens of thousands of temporary and emergency federal workers.

These so-called "temporaries" and war service employes will have to be the first to go. Some will have accumulated leave which will carry them for a few weeks while they are searching for new jobs, but in most instances it will be no more than enough to pay the fare home.

Identical Foreign Policy



It should be pointed out that this isn't at all inconsistent with facts outlined in the previous article; that there may be very little net decline in government civilian employment for years after peace comes. There will be a tremendous turnover, as veterans return and temporary war workers seek to get out or are forced out without ratings for reinstatement in other agencies.

All in all, it's a messy state of affairs and isn't making the war workers any happier or contributing to government efficiency in the war effort.

New Air Blows

(Continued From Page One) claims of sinkings frequently are issued for the purpose of obtaining information on Allied naval dispersal. It said a carrier and cruiser were sunk, a carrier and another warship damaged and 20 planes were shot down out of 100 attacking the Marshalls. It conceded damage to facilities in the Marshalls.

General MacArthur's bombers struck their biggest blow 155 tons of explosives, at Cape Gloucester but also hammered barges and ships along both the north and south coast and set fire to a 6,000-ton vessel at Rabaul.

His potential invasion springboard on New Guinea's Huon peninsula was expanded by Australians pushing with the aid of tanks and planes along the coast north of Finschhafen.

In the northern Solomons, American invasion forces on Bougainville sent out patrols which were unable to contact the back-tracking Japanese. Planes roamed the island from end to end in 200 sorties, dropping more than 2,000 bombs, and encountering only one enemy plane which kept at a safe distance.

Bougainville is Japan's last big island base in the northern Solomons barring a frontal attack on Rabaul.

Crossword Puzzle with grid and clues. Clues include: 1. Wheelless vehicle, 2. Human race, 3. Rubber tree, 4. The herb tree, 5. Genus of the cow, 6. Absorbent, 7. Full, 8. Sport, 9. State of transport, 10. Wage, 11. Bol on the eye, 12. Oil of use, 13. For nerves, 14. Blubber, 15. Without, 16. Without, 17. Without, 18. Without, 19. Without, 20. Without, 21. Without, 22. Without, 23. Without, 24. Without, 25. Without, 26. Without, 27. Without, 28. Without, 29. Without, 30. Without, 31. Without, 32. Without, 33. Without, 34. Without, 35. Without, 36. Without, 37. Without, 38. Without, 39. Without, 40. Without, 41. Without, 42. Without, 43. Without, 44. Without, 45. Without, 46. Without, 47. Without, 48. Without, 49. Without, 50. Without, 51. Without, 52. Without, 53. Without, 54. Without, 55. Without, 56. Without, 57. Without, 58. Without, 59. Without, 60. Without, 61. Without, 62. Without, 63. Without, 64. Without, 65. Without, 66. Without, 67. Without, 68. Without, 69. Without, 70. Without, 71. Without, 72. Without, 73. Without, 74. Without, 75. Without, 76. Without, 77. Without, 78. Without, 79. Without, 80. Without, 81. Without, 82. Without, 83. Without, 84. Without, 85. Without, 86. Without, 87. Without, 88. Without, 89. Without, 90. Without, 91. Without, 92. Without, 93. Without, 94. Without, 95. Without, 96. Without, 97. Without, 98. Without, 99. Without, 100. Without.

Complete Plans Annual Meeting

Robert A. Darr, secretary-treasurer of the Greenville Production Credit Association, announced today that plans have been completed for the annual stockholders meeting which will be held Wednesday, December 8. The meeting will be held in two sections this year to conserve travel. All members and other farmers are cordially invited to attend whichever meeting is most convenient.

Indications point to good attendance at both meetings and an interesting program has been arranged. Mr. J. F. Diggs, official of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, S. C., will address the meeting.

New Gains By

(Continued from Page One) battlefield. Red army troops forged ahead northwest of Gomel, the communists said, and captured several more towns on the road to Zhlobin and Rosachev, rail centers important to the German defense system in White Russia. There was stubborn hand-to-hand fighting as the enemy sought to stay the advance, and hundreds of German soldiers were killed, the bulletin added.

Turkey's Future

(Continued from Page One) Sofia, however, indicated that the Nazis, preparing to meet any change in Turkey's status, were moving troops through Bulgaria in the direction of the Turkish border. Three motorized German divisions were said to have passed through the Bulgarian capital in recent days.

Such troop movements in Bulgaria might be incidental, however, to reports of mounting tension within that country. Taking a Turkish-British-American conference for granted, George Schroeder, political correspondent of the German overseas news agency, asserted that the "Wilhelmstrasse does not think it fit to consider the

Buildings For Sale

Greenville, N. C., December 6, 1943. Bids will be received by the Airport Committee of the County of Pitt and the City of Greenville until 12 p. m., Friday, December 10th, 1943, in the Pitt County Court House at the office of the County Auditor, for the following buildings located on the Airport property adjacent to the DeLoe Road. One Tenant House, Two Tobacco Barns, One Pack House, One Stable and Barn. Terms of sale to be cash, and purchaser will be required to remove buildings from site by December 17th, 1943. City and County reserve the right to reject any or all bids. J. N. WILLIAMS, Chairman, Pitt County Airport Committee. J. A. COLLINS, Chairman, City of Greenville Airport Committee.

County Recorder's Court Proceedings

In County Recorder's Court today Judge Dink James disposed of the following cases: Driving without driver's license—Linwood Harris and Junior Stokes, both guilty to pay costs and not drive until they get licenses. Speeding—Layton Hanning, \$25 and forfeit license five days; Ralph L. Siegel, Frank Jordan and Otto E. Hunter, the last named charged guilty, costs and each to lose license five days. Assault with deadly weapon—Arthur L. Budd Payton four months in jail, suspended on payment of \$50 and costs and he is not to enter the premises of Harvey Tripp and to be of good behavior two years. Violating parole—Robert T. Godfrey, parole revoked after being paroled of Larry in New Bern and he is to serve three months on the roads.

Latham Infant Dies

Bethel, Dec. 7—Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Latham of Stokes were held Friday afternoon at 5:30 at the graveside in Bethel cemetery. Rev. J. G. Phillips, pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Thomas H. Brown, pastor of the Stokes Methodist Church. The infant was both Thomas and Dec. 2 in Pitt General Hospital, not lived only a day. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, William, Carson Latham and Walter Bryan Latham, his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Carlton of Bethel, and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. C. B. Latham of Bethel.

DAN DUNN - SECRET OPERATIVE 48



U. S. Fifth Army

(Continued From Page One) supplies all along the front across Italy. Due to weather, aerial activity over Italy was slight, but American Invader planes hit the approaches to a bridge southeast of Rome, and Warhawks attacked a bridge southeast of Cassino. Two Allied planes were lost in all operations.

Enjoy a Fountain Pepsi-Cola Today!



Bigger and Better at Fountains too! Franchised Bottler: Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, Greenville, N. C.

BLONDIE - By Chic Young



Sub-Normal!



THIMBLE THEATRE - Starring Popeye



"Slow Growth."



DAN DUNN - SECRET OPERATIVE 48



SECRET OPERATIVE 48



WANTS

Rates 1 1/2c per word, minimum charge 35c for 25 words, one insertion; six insertions, \$1.85; one month, \$7.00. Indented lines, known as classified display, or larger than regular size type, double price.

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

DIAL 3813

Frank
CITY PLUMBING CO.
Cor. 3rd and Cotanche Streets

J.B. Oakley & Son
COMPLETE INSURANCE SERVICE
Prestor Hotel Bldg. Dial 3728

BARRED ROCK ANT WHITE
Rock baby chicks, \$10.00 per 100, mail postage extra. Each Tuesday, place your orders early. Roebuck & Hatchery, Stokes, N. C. Dec 30-31

Ernest Willard INSURANCE
ANY KIND - ANYWHERE
123 East Fifth Street

A FRUIT CAKE FOR CHRISTMAS
makes a nice gift. Try one of our home-baked cakes. People's Bakery

FOR DECORATIVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS—see us.
J.P. Collins & Son
703 Dickinson Ave. Dial 4010

FOR SALE—LARGE CIRCULATING
Heatrola in good condition. Dial 2372. S. F. Thornton, 307 Paris Ave. 4-3t

A REAL HOME PRICED RIGHT—
Ready to move into. Three bedrooms, large living room and dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, screened porch, finished basement, and heating plant. 1414 Chestnut Street. Only \$5,200.00. Terms if desired. General Insurance Agency, Dial 2401. 1-tf

WANTED—CHILD'S USED TOY
automobile. Call 4423. 6-3t

WANTED—ALL PEOPLE SUFFERING
from kidney trouble or backache to try "Kiddo"—97c. Money-back guarantee, at Warren Drug Co., Greenville; Sauls Drug Store, Ayden.

NO CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FOR RECAPING TRUCK TIRES
SUTTON TIRE RE-TREADING COMPANY
Wade St. Dial 3834

SPECIAL OFFER—WITH EACH
purchase of 100 baby chicks—we'll give you absolutely free 50 chicks. This offer good as long as chicks last this week. Dail's Hatchery, Ayden, N. C., Phone 3271. 23-1f

OYSTER BAR OPENS FRIDAY
at Respass Barbecue Place. Select oysters served as you like 'em. Prompt service and always a welcome at Respass' Place. Come to see us. 1-6t

INCOME TAX SERVICE
J. Nat Harrison
522 East Ninth Street
Phone 3001 Greenville

FOR SALE—THREE SOWS WITH
eight pigs each and 23 shoats, averaging 75 pounds. Good breed. Levy Buck, 3 miles from Greenville on Farmville highway. 29-6t

WANTED—MEDIUM SIZED TRI-
cycle. Also have for sale one child's stroller, pre-war Mrs. Joseph Dudley. Dial 3591. 6-3t

LOST—YELLOW PERSIAN CAT
Reward if returned, or for information leading to recovery. Call Jean Hilton, 3348, 425 W. 4th St. 6-3t

FOR SALE—1940 PONTIAC TWO-
door coach. Car and tires in excellent condition. Radio. For information call Reflector. 4-6t

FOR RADIO BATTERIES AND
wire fencing come to Sears Catalog Shopping Service. Sears Roebuck & Co., 321 Evans Street, Dial 2141. 6-3t

FOR SALE—BELKNAP MAN'S BI-
cyclo, like new. Inquire, J. B. Barnhill, Greenville, Route 5, Highway 33. 7-3t

FOR SALE—750 CORDS OF GUM
wood on the stump, near highway. You do the cutting, only pay me \$1.00 per cord. W. C. Whitehurst, Bethel, N. C. 3-6t

FOR SALE—NICE HOMES, SMALL
or large, city or suburban. Also some farms. Cash or terms. We buy or sell. If it's real estate see us. J. Hicks Corey Agency, Dial 2615, Greenville, N. C. Aug. 20-Tue-Fri-4 wk

KINSTON PECAN MARKET NOW
open. Bring your pecans to Eagle Warehouse, Kinston, and receive highest cash prices. Open daily, 9:00 to 5:00 p. m. Kinston leads in price. Miller & Newman buyers, at Eagle Warehouse, Kinston. 1-7t

FOR SALE—TWO DESIRABLE
building lots on East 5th Extension. Corner lot, \$850—adjoining lot, \$750—both lots for \$1,500. Also other choice lots priced right. Buy now for building after the war. Tripp, 312 Evans St., Dial 2401. 1-1f

CASH FOR CORN—WOODROW
Worthington will buy your corn or shell it, also grind your feeds, of all kinds—hay, beans, corn, etc. Woodrow Worthington, Corn and Hammer Mill, east of city limits of Winterville, N. C. Residence phone 3624-6. 3-tf

FOR RENT—COMPACT 5-ROOM
apartment, completely furnished, steam heated, close in. Couple adults only. Call 2894. 29-1f

SEE KEEL SUPPLY CO FOR
your International Fertilizers needs, at Keel's Warehouse, Dial 4046. 10-1f

SEE KEEL SUPPLY CO FOR
your Robertson's Fertilizers needs at Keel's Warehouse, Dial 4046. 1-1f

WANTED TO RENT OR LEASE
for cash money or 1-3 of crop—one five or six horse farm, or three two horse farms. Have own team and equipment, able to finance self. Preferable near Greenville. Answer "Farm," care P. O. Box 408, Greenville. 4-6t

WE HAVE NEW SEED GARDEN
union sets and cabbage plants. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware, 4-1f

SEE KEEL SUPPLY CO FOR
your Priddy Fertilizers needs, at Keel's Warehouse, Dial 4046. 10-1f

LOST—RAT TERRIER, WHITE
with three black spots on back. Bob tail. Black spot around each eye and ear. Answers to name of "Spot." Reward \$10. No questions asked. Dial 2815. 7-3t

NOTICE RETAIL WINE DEALERS
—Just received big shipment of grape wine. Stock up now while supply is plentiful. Perkins Distributing Co., 121 West Fourth St. 10-eod-1mo

SUBSCRIPTIONS TAKEN TO ALL
magazines—give me your renewals. Get your Christmas orders in by Dec 10. Mrs. A. J. Moore, authorized representative, phone 3355. \$5.00. Realistic permanent. Complete line of Bereza cosmetics for Christmas shoppers. Emma Smith at Josephine's Beauty Shop, Winterville, N. C. Phone 3625-0. 6-3t

WE HAVE IN STOCK ONE
built-in 4-burner and one 3-burner oil cook stove.
J.P. Collins & Son
703 Dickinson Ave. Dial 4010

WANTED—A FIVE ROOM DWELL-
ing or a five-room apartment in good location. Will pay 12 months rent in advance. Call 3728. J. B. Oakley & Son. 6-8t

FOR SALE—THREE BROOD SOWS
full blood Duroc Jerseys with from 8 to 9 pigs each. Have had vaccination—lifetime treatment. T. L. Little, Ayden, Route 3. 3-1f

WANTED—MAN OR
woman, with grocery experience to manage local store. Apply Birdseye Flour Mills Store, 807 Dickinson Avenue, Greenville. 2-6t

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

Wanted
Want to employ a man who can do all the book work in a medium sized bank.
Call 2824.

WANTED—RAILROAD BRAKE-
man. Experience not necessary. Apply Trainmaster, A. C. L. Railroad, Tarboro, N. C. 6-3t

WEEK-END FARM SPECIAL—
act quick—offer only good through Monday. One small farm for only \$4,000.00; 41-2 miles from town; 62 acres in all—31 acres cleared; 47 acres tobacco 1943 allotment. One tenant house, one tobacco barn, double stables, small extra building. General Insurance Agency, Dial 2401. Jake Hadley, A. B. Stallworth. 1-1f

SPECIAL THIS WEEK—SHAM-
poo, finger wave and manicure, \$1.00. Also free facial with each \$5.00. Realistic permanent. Complete line of Bereza cosmetics for Christmas shoppers. Emma Smith at Josephine's Beauty Shop, Winterville, N. C. Phone 3625-0. 6-3t

WE HAVE IN STOCK ONE
built-in 4-burner and one 3-burner oil cook stove.
J.P. Collins & Son
703 Dickinson Ave. Dial 4010

WANTED TO RENT—FIVE OR
six room house near school. Will pay rent in advance. Call 3713 between 7 a. m. and 6 p. m. or 2949 at night. Ollen McGowan. 6-3t

WM. SIZE, GREENVILLE'S CUS-
tom Tailor, says—Circumstances require me to move my "tailoring equipment" to my home—107 Jarvis St. where I welcome my old friends and customers as also new ones. Much better working conveniences and plenty parking space on my own property. For "practical tailoring" come to see me. Resp. Wm. J. Size, P. S.—Only six blocks from P. O., across street from big water tank. 6-6t

WANTED SHELLED PECANS
Bring all you have, any size. We pay highest cash price. Mrs. Morton's Cake Shop, 314 Evans St. Dec. 7-Tue-Fri-1f

FOR SALE—ONE SOW AND FIVE
pigs three days old; one sow and six pigs two weeks old; one 1941 Ford Deluxe 2-door sedan, with heater, radio, Jatha Dall, Harrington Farm, 3-1-2 miles Greenville RFD 5. 6-3t

Hog Market
Raleigh, Dec. 7.—(AP)—(NCDA) Hog markets steady with tops of 13.85 at Richmond and 13.55 at Rocky Mount.

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, Dec. 7.—(AP)—(NCDA) Egg and poultry markets steady to firm.
Raleigh—U. S. Grade A large 51; hens, all weights, 23 to 25; Washington—U. S. Grade A large 50; broilers and fryers 28.1-2 to 30.

Grain Market
Chicago, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Much of the bullish enthusiasm created by higher corn maximums was out of the grain market today and prices showed a slight tendency to ease. Losses, however, were confined to minor fractions at the worst and near the final bell some new buying entered all pits.
December wheat closed 1.68 1/2; oats 81 1/2-3/4; rye 1.18 1/2; barley 1.22

New York Cotton
New York, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 20 to 40 cents a bale higher.
Noon values were 50 to 75 cents a bale higher, December 19.40, March 19.43 and May 19.23.
Futures closed 45 cents to \$1.25 a bale higher.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Stocks advanced broadly near the close today and industrial and rail leaders posted final gains ranging from fractions to around 2 points.
Dealings expanded on the late upturn, approximating 800,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Dec.	19.35	19.55	19.30
March	19.33	19.41	19.28
July	19.18	19.23	19.11
Oct.	18.97	19.03	18.91
Nov.	18.77	18.82	18.73
Middling spot 20.28, up 13.			

Al Chem and Dye 147 1/2
Allegheny 2 1/2
Allis Chal Mfg 35 1/2
Am Can 80 1/2

Am Car Fdy	33 1/2
Am Roll Mill	12 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	38
A T and T	156 1/2
Am Tob B	56 1/2
Anaconda	24 1/2
Arm III	4 1/2
A C L	26 1/2
All Ref	25 1/2
Baldwin Corp	31 1/2
B and O	18 1/2
Barnsdall	16 1/2
Bendix Aviat	34
Beth StJ	56
Boeing Airpl	13
Chrysler	76 1/2
Coca Cola	112
Coml Credit	37 1/2
Coml Solv	13 1/2
Cont Can	33 1/2
Curtiss Wright	5 1/2
Doug Air	47
Dupont	104 1/2
Eastman Kod	153 1/2
Firestone	38 1/2
Gen Foods	51 1/2
Gen Mot	50 1/2
Goodyear	36 1/2
Int Harvest	69
Int Tel and Tel	12 1/2
Johns Man	86 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	64
Loews	56 1/2
Lorillard	16 1/2
Mont Ward	45 1/2
Nash Kely	10 1/2
Nat Bis	20 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	28 1/2
N Y ent	15 1/2
Packard	3 1/2
Param Pix	24 1/2
Penny J C	97 1/2
Perm RR	25 1/2
Pepsi Col	51 1/2
Pullman	37 1/2
Pure Oil	15 1/2
Radio	9 1/2
Rep StJ	17
Reynolds B	27 1/2
Seab A L	1 1/2
Sou Ry	19 1/2
Std Brands	29 1/2
Std Oil N J	54 1/2
Stewart Warner	11
Tex Co	47 1/2
Unit Drug	78
US Rub	14 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	52
US Steel	51 1/2
Vanadium	17 1/2
Vick Chem	41 1/2
Va Caro Chem	3 1/2
Warner Pic	11 1/2
Western Union A	44 1/2
West El and Mfg	93 1/2

COLORED NEWS
Funeral of Alonzo Respass.
Alonzo Respass, colored, son of the late Philmore Respass of Belhaven, died Sunday at the home of his son-in-law, Emmett Degraffenreid, 713 Roosevelt avenue, New York. Funeral services will be held in Winterville Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Surviving are a daughter,

PITT
TODAY-WED.
GEORGE RAFT
meets screen's No. 1 menace
Sidney Greenstreet
in
"BACKGROUND TO DANGER"
with Peter Lorre

Unforgettable Glory
Wednesday
Thursday
The first story of America's Commando undersea raiders!
TYRONE POWER
CRASH DIVE
in Stirring TECHNICOLOR!
Also
LATEST WAR NEWS
with
Anne BAXTER - Dana ANDREWS
James GLEASON - Gena May WHITTY

Tadlock Mutual Insurance Agency
Save With Safety... Buy Mutual Insurance
FIRE, AUTOMOBILE, AND TORNADO
Dividend Paying Policies
320 Evans St. Greenville, N. C. Dial 3224

More than ever—Make this, a.....
Furniture Christmas
The Practical Gift That the Entire Family Will Appreciate and Enjoy.



- Let's Keep Up the Homes We're Fighting For
- Easy Chairs
 - Pull-up Chairs
 - Victorian Chairs
 - Gooseneck Rockers
 - Platform Rockers
 - Dining Room Suites
 - Living Room Suites
 - Mahogany Bedroom Furniture
 - Drop-leaf Tables
 - Victorian Sofas
 - Lawson Sofas
 - Duncan Phyfe Sofas
 - Governor Winthrop Desks
 - Simmons Mattresses
 - Governor Winthrop Secretaries
 - Gold Seal Congoleum Rugs
 - Simmons Box Springs
 - Beautiful Pictures
 - Attractive Mirrors

MANY MORE ITEMS
Taft Furniture Company
"Visit Our Mahogany House"

CHAIRS
We Have a Beautiful Collection of ODD CHAIRS
What would make a more appreciative gift?

Occasional Chairs \$8.95
Occasional Rockers \$8.95
Colonial Rockers
Gooseneck Rockers

Pull-up Chairs, with steel spring construction \$14.95
Platform Rockers, with steel spring construction
Windsor Rockers
Windsor Chairs
Large Assortment of Desk Chairs
Wing Chairs
Barrel-back Chairs with steel spring construction

HOME FURNITURE STORE
GOOD FURNITURE at RIGHT PRICES
"Pitt County's Most Popular Furniture Store"
Corner Eighth St. and Dickinson Ave. Dial 2879

FALSE TEETH HELD FIRMLY BY
Comfort Cushion
NOW WEAR YOUR PLATES EVERY DAY—
HELD COMFORTABLY SNUG THIS WAY

It's so easy to wear your plates regularly—all day—when held firmly in place by this "comfort-cushion" a dentist's formula.

1. Dr. Wernet's plate powder forms soothing "comfort-cushion" between plate and gums—let's you enjoy solid foods, avoid embarrassment of loose plates. Helps prevent sore gums.
All drugists—30¢. Money back if not delighted.

Dr. Wernet's Powder
RECOMMENDED BY MORE DENTISTS THAN ANY OTHER!

IN THE SERVICE
helping to preserve our American way of life. But that means they're not here as they used to be, and with them away, service this Christmas may be slower, and sometimes even disappointing. Get out your catalog. You can do your Christmas shopping now!

For Best Service... Order Gifts Now!
MERRY CHRISTMAS
Catalog Shopping Service
SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.
321 EVANS ST. GREENVILLE, N. C. PHONE 2141