

Fair and continued cold tonight and Wednesday. Lowest temperatures 19-22 west portion and 22-26 in the east.

Battle For Budapest Is Near Climax

Tanks Battle Way Into Suburbs Of City While Another Soviet Column Smashes Its Way Toward Austria; Paris Report Says Russians Already Inside Budapest.

By EDDY GILMORE Moscow, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Russian tanks battled into the northern suburbs of Budapest today, while another powerful Soviet column drove westward past the great bend of the Danube above the city toward Bratislava and Vienna, Russian dispatches said.

The main body of motorized Russian infantry driving down the Danube upon Budapest was declared within full view of the capital, anti-tank units ranged on ahead.

Hastily-reinforced German garrisons suffered high casualties in embittered, short-range fighting, and there were increasing bayonet clashes in the outer anti-tank zone, it was announced.

The Soviet communique announced total gains of three miles and capture of the towns of Versegynas and Szad, both eight and one-half miles northwest of the capital, by Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukraine army.

Other Red army troops edged in toward the capital from the east south and southwest. The Paris and Algiers radios said the Russians had penetrated Budapest, but this report appeared without any foundation.

Malinovsky's northern arm swept around the great bend north of Szob. In gains of up to seven miles the Russian front along the central Slovak border was extended to almost 30 miles. These advances put the Red army troops within 25 miles of Bratislava, the Slovak capital, and 116 miles from Vienna.

On this front the Russians captured Hont, three miles west of the rail junction of Drezelypatak, inkas and one-half miles southwest of Balassagyarmat, previously captured.

Front reports indicated that while the Budapest fighting was in its final stage there still would be much resistance.

The Germans are said to have thrown up virtually the same kind of anti-tank ring about Pest, the part of the city east of the Danube, as they did around Sevastopol. On the north it hinges on the big suburban town of Uj Pest and on the south on the town of Csepel on the island of the same name.

Picket Ward's Stores. Detroit, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A number of Mottgomery Ward & Co. strikers continued their picketing in a snowstorm at the firm's four Detroit area stores today.

Despite picket lines and a union claim that 1,500 of the company's strikers, all four stores have been operating.

Banker Receives \$1 For Year's Salary

W. H. Woolard, president of the Guaranty Bank and Trust company, yesterday received a check for \$1 from the U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., for his annual salary as chairman of the War Finance Committee for Region One, 16 northeastern North Carolina counties. The Greenville banker is one of the thousands of patriotic American business and professional men who are giving generously of their time and talent to the war effort.

At a meeting of bankers, farmers and businessmen here last night Bruce Sugg, president of the State Banking and Trust Company and mayor of Greenville, gave high praise to Mr. Woolard and said few of us realize how much of his time he gives to the war effort.

Surprised Lawton, Okla., Dec. 12.—(AP)—"What kind" queried the clerk when the man asked for cigars.

"What?" said the surprised customer. "You mean you got kinds?"

The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst Word from London that Germany reportedly is getting set to launch a counter-offensive in 1945 means—if the report is substantiated—that she has real hopes of standing off for a considerable period any wholesale Allied invasion of the Reich. Well, it must be admitted that the way the tides of fortune have been favoring the Hitlerites on some western front does provide some basis for their hope that they may be able to continue their delaying actions for a time. Foul weather, floods and mud—plus Allied transportation problems—have done for the Nazis what their military skill couldn't have done with the badly knocked-about war machine at their disposal. Naturally the longer the Germans are able to keep an all-out Allied offensive from maturing, the bet-

Judy Sees Again—Doctors Puzzled



Seven-year-old Judy Ann Koch of Cleveland, Ohio, plays with her dog and is happy that she is gradually regaining her sight. She almost lost her life and was blinded last September 11 when struck by an automobile while trying to rescue a neighbor's dog. On December 6 Judy suddenly was able to see again, although dimly. Doctors can find no scientific explanation of her recovery. (AP Wirephoto).

Thousands More Japs Wiped Out On Leyte

AIR ARMADAS BLAST NAZIS

German Rail And Oil Centers Pounded Again.

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Almost 1,800 U. S. heavy bombers from Britain battered three German railheads and the Leuna synthetic oil plant at Merseburg today, while flying formations from Italy rained fire on a huge German synthetic fuel plant.

The Eighth Air Force heavyweights, escorted by strong fighter formations, hit railyards at Hanau, Aschaffenburg and Darmstadt.

The U. S. 15th Air Force Fortresses from Italy bombed their oil target at Blechhammer in southern Silesia by instruments. It is the largest source of enemy synthetic oil production within range of the 15th Air Force, and last was hit Dec. 2.

The attack followed up a record assault by 4,000 bombers and fighters yesterday.

It was the nineteenth attack of the war on Merseburg's leading oil plant, the Leuna refinery. Eighteen of them have been made in daylight by American heavy bombers.

The bombing at Merseburg was by instrument due to heavy clouds. All the rail targets were in the open and were hit visually.

All the bombers and most of the fighters were seen.

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ter will be their chance of getting ready for a counter-blow in the new year. More young there are enough (irrespective of age) so that they can be flung into death's melting pot—for mere kids are dying for Hitler these days. Vital supplies like synthetic oil and gas-oline may be replenished somewhat, and we shouldn't assume that the Hitlerites contemplate a great drive with ground forces. As a matter of fact I don't believe they can have that in mind for it would be futile against the vastly superior armies opposing them. The reports received in London from many sources seem to concern the development of "secret" weapons—improved flying bombs and rocket bombs, and submarine equip-

Evacuate Tokyo

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said that evacuation of non-essential workers from Tokyo was proceeding, with a contingent of 80,000 planning to leave the city of 7,000,000 Sunday.

Plans to evacuate several districts had been announced previously by Tokyo.

"Measures for the evacuation of Tokyo are progressing according to plan," the Berlin radio asserted. "Twenty thousand persons will leave the capital on Tuesday, especially the old and infirm, as well as children and expectant mothers."

"No workers in war industry, transport and press may leave Tokyo, however, as special permits are required by the law. Neither will workers in the essential industries (gas, water and electricity, doctors, chemists and nurses). The Civil Defense forces must also stay."

The broadcast, quoting a Trosscean dispatch, said that American bombers had appeared over Tokyo again today, apparently from the Mariana bases, but had dropped no bombs. A second group of bombers was reported over the capital tonight, dropping incendiary bombs.

LEFTISTS MAY ASK FOR PEACE

Meanwhile Bloody Fighting In Greece Continues.

(By The Associated Press) London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The terms to end the civil strife in Greece were given to a representative of the KAM in Athens today, the British foreign office announced tonight.

Athens, Dec. 12.—Left-wing Elass forces sent shells crashing into Athens and continued their all-out attempt to break into the center of the city today.

An Athens broadcast said Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied commander in the Mediterranean, had arrived in Athens with Harold MacArthur, British minister resident in the Middle East.

RAF planes at dawn shot up Elass reinforcements moving on the capital from Anfolisia, five miles to the northwest.

Several shells fell near the center of Athens, some near British headquarters, and flames swept through numerous buildings. Fires in the market place threatened to get beyond control. Water supplies were cut off in large sections of the city.

The Elass, the militia of the Leftist Eam or National Liberation front, began last night the attempt to (Continued on Page Six)

Cigarettes May Go On Essential List

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The National Association of Tobacco Distributors disclosed today that it will ask an essential classification for the tobacco manufacturing and distributing industries to help ease the cigarette shortage.

The growing industry already has an essential rating, a spokesman said.

Joseph Koody, executive secretary, who will appear tomorrow before a Senate committee investigating the shortage, declared in a statement that cigarettes are scarce partly because of manpower shortages in manufacturing and distribution.

Koody said other causes of the shortage were "hoarding," which he attributed to conflicting statements from government agencies; depleted tobacco reserves; and the disruption of area allotments because of wartime population shifts.

Will Face Major Task Next General Assembly

By RALPH L. HOWLAND Raleigh, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The North Carolina Legislature, meeting for the second time in World War two, will convene its sessions January 3 with a new governor and the task of handling the largest surplus in the state's history.

Governor-elect R. R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, a veteran legislator, has campaigned for conservative handling of the fund, expected to approximate \$70,000,000 by the end of the current biennium, and recommended that the State's indebtedness of about \$52,000,000 be paid off as soon as possible.

Cherry said here only two weeks ago that while the taxpayers were entitled to expect some relief either in the form of credits or refunds during the "temporary" surplus period, the job of revising the State's general tax schedule should be left to peacetime assemblies. He indicated he favored no general tax reduction at this time.

Although Legislatures generally follow the new governor's wishes expressed in his first message to them, the 1945 assembly undoubtedly will have a multiplicity of contested issues, leaders believe.

The question of handling the huge surplus will be the paramount one, it generally is agreed, and

Americans Scoring Gains Along The Western Front

Americans Driving Into Reich's Vital Saar Area



Arrows on this map indicate American drives on the central sector of the Western Front (heavy line). U. S. Third Army fought its way into the maze of pillboxes of the West Wall northwest of Saarbrücken and was smashing the Saar capital's war factories with shells. North of Saarbrücken, other Third Army forces have driven into German defenses on the east bank of the Saar river in the Pachten-Dillingen area. To the south, fighting continued in the Forbach sector. The Seventh Army drove into Enchenberg, threatening the fortress town of Bitche. (AP Wirephoto).

First Army Tanks And Infantry Takes Six Towns In Drive To Roer River; Seventh Army Smashes Through Maginot Line; Patton Moves On Saarbrücken.

By EDWARD KENNEDY Paris, Dec. 12.—(AP)—American First Army infantry and tanks moved today within a half mile of Duren, Roer valley defense key, capturing six fortified villages on its approaches and reaching the flooded river on a 1,500-yard front opposite the dank Hurtgen forest.

The U. S. Seventh army in the center of the western front broke clear through the Maginot line and advanced more than six miles in eight hours, reaching Seltz, 15 miles southwest of the Rhine city of Karlsruhe. Seltz is four miles from the Palatinate border and a mile and a half west of the Rhine. A dozen French towns along the Rhine were captured.

The approach to the edge of the ruined brown city of 39,000, 20 miles southwest of Cologne, was at and around Mariaweller, which was virtually cleaned out.

These towns fell swiftly to Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' army.

Hoven, 11-2 miles northwest of Duren and 600 yards from the Roer. Fier, five miles northwest of Duren and four southeast of the central Roer bastion of Jülich, Fribels entered the village Dec. 6.

Merken, 31-2 miles northwest of Duren.

Merode, 31-2 miles southwest of Duren. Heavy fighting continued around the town, which finally was cleared.

Derichweiler, less than two miles west of Duren.

Below Gey and almost due east of the forest town of Hurtgen, the First Army established its first firm grip on the banks of the Roer for 1,000 yards south of the Obermauerbach reservoir. Supreme headquarters estimated officially that the bulk of the German 2d Paratrooper division had been driven behind the Roer.

Below Strass and Gey, the Germans mounted a number of counterattacks with considerable artillery fire. There still was fighting at the northern end of the First Army front at Schöpschen.

Battlefront dispatches said there was every expectation tonight that the Americans would be established along the west bank of the Roer in considerable force before dawn tomorrow, especially in the sector facing Duren.

The civil population of Duren has been evacuated. Recent fighting on the Duren front was likened by officers to the battles in the Normandy bridgehead in many respects.

Dispatches from the Duren front said the battle was similar to those in Normandy because it was the type which exacts a heavy toll from the enemy and chews up his divisions so that they have to be amalgamated into new units or lose their battle identity.

Prisoners of war told the same (Continued on page two)

Urges Confirmation Of New Under-Secretaries

STUDY PLAN TO CONTROL NAZIS

U. S. Proposal Presented To Allied Commission.

By JOHN A. PARRIS, JR. London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—U. S. proposals for control of Germany were said by a reliable informant today to call for "complete and ruthless" abolition of German war industries and the wiping out of the Reich's aviation enterprises.

Other German industries would be controlled so completely that the Reich could never again dominate European economy.

Ambassador John G. Winant was reported reliably to have presented the European Advisory Council two or more memoranda containing the American proposals as part of the Allies' plan to prevent Germany from ever again waging war.

Winant was believed to have discussed the date with President Roosevelt and the State Department during his recent visit to Washington.

The Americans were believed to have suggested that it should be made impossible for Germany's chemical industries to manufacture poison gas or similar weapons. The proposal specified, however, (Continued on page six)

Stettinius Outlines American Foreign Policy Before Legislators.

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Secretary Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., and his new State Department "team" filed rapidly in review before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today.

No serious challenges were voiced by committee members in questioning the first four nominees called to the witness stand. They were Joseph C. Grew, nominated to be undersecretary of state, and Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes, Nelson Rockefeller, and James C. Dunn, to be assistant secretaries.

Stettinius himself outlined to the legislators five objectives of American foreign policy, keyed by a pledge of postwar foreign trade expansion.

Asserting that the State Department must move speedily to put into effect a reorganization program, the secretary urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to approve the appointment of six members of his staff.

Testifying in the crowded Senate caucus room in hearings having a potentially heavy impact on world affairs, Stettinius said the State (Continued on page six)

BANKERS BACK FARM BUREAU

Important Meeting Here Last Night; Groups Confer.

By CHESTER WALSH A bankers meeting is always important, but when the bankers, farmers and businessmen of Pitt County sit around a table in fellowship and conference that's very important and something for the good of the community always results.

About 40 men representing the three groups at Proctor Hotel last night meeting at Proctor Hotel last night outlined plans for increasing the membership of the Pitt County Farm Bureau and securing more associate members (bankers, businessmen and farmers).

W. H. Woolard, president of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, who attended the recent national convention of the American Bankers' Association in Chicago, brought back some valuable advice from the nation's bankers for farmers, president. He lauded the Pitt County farmers for joining the (Continued on Page Six)

Report Nimitz Will Move Headquarters

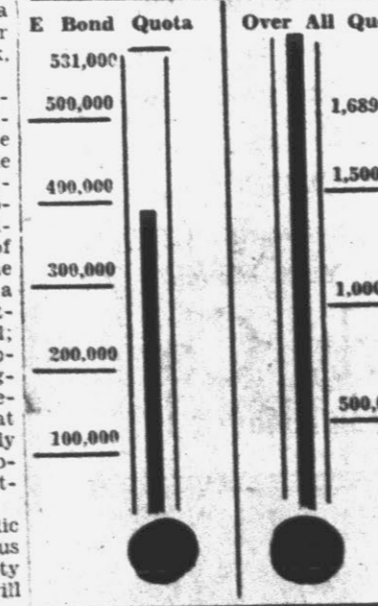
New York, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, U. S. Pacific fleet commander, will soon move his headquarters from Pearl Harbor to Guam, which will be the headquarters for the future offensive against Japan, the Australian radio reports today in a dispatch from Guam.

Higher Pay

Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—An increase in the President's salary from \$75,000 to \$100,000 yearly was urged today by Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.).

He also proposed in a bill that \$20,000 yearly be paid to the vice president, house speaker and cabinet members and \$15,000 yearly to congressmen.

Sixth War Loan Is Over The Top



Today On The Home Front

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH In the absence of James Marlow Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Does the tightening up of draft regulations mean that men 26 through 37 are going to be kept up again wondering whether they will be called to military service? Selective service and manpower officials give assurances this will not happen. They declare that so long as registrants in this age bracket are clearly in essential work they will not be affected. On the other hand, those who have switched to a peacetime job—and remain there—can just as surely expect classification in I-A. It has not been determined yet whether local boards will give registrants who have moved to non-essential jobs time to get back to work contributing to the war effort. It seems, however, that there will be some provision for this, since the Dec. 31.

Advertisement for Christmas seals featuring a cartoon character and the text 'YEP... I'LL BE WAITIN' FOR EM! Buy Christmas Seals'.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Edith Barnes is spending this week in Washington, N. C.

Charles Bailey Davenport who recently completed boot training at Salisbury, Md., is spending a nine day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Earl Forbes.

Engagement Announced. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. James announce the engagement of their daughter Margaret Louise

Sergeant Paul Daniel Rausch, United States Marine Corps Reserve. The wedding will take place in the near future.

Undergoes Operation. Miss Jarrell Whitehurst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Whitehurst of Stokes, is getting along nicely, following an operation for appendicitis in Pitt General Hospital.

Weather Forecast. Extended forecast covering period from 6:30 p. m. tonight until 8:30 p. m. Saturday, December 16. Generally fair through the period, continued cold Wednesday and Thursday with slowly rising temperatures Friday and Saturday.

New Conference. London, Dec. 12—(AP)—Without elaborating, a foreign office commentator said today that arrangements were being made for a new Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference. There are no plans for a meeting of the three countries' foreign ministers, he said.

Prison Camp Hit. London, Dec. 12—(AP)—The Tokyo radio said today some bombs dropped in an American Superfortress raid on the Mukden area of Manchuria December 7 fell on a prisoner of war camp, killing 16 Americans and British prisoners and fatally wounding 18 more. Twenty-three others were reported hurt. The broadcast was without Allied confirmation.

Christmas Program At Art Center. Mrs. J. H. Rose and her pupils in dramatics will give two Christmas plays in the auditorium at Sheppard Memorial Library Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. "How Christmas Came To Us," and "A Candle in the Window." Those taking part are Katherine VanNortwick, Jean Tucker, Ione Bradsher, Amos Leggett, Della Frances Perry, Virginia Perkins, Ann Page Woolard, Tommie Cox, Frances Sigmon, Peggy Martin, Marion Parnell, Sue Laster, Samuel Worthington, Muriel Shotwell and Lina Worthington. The public is invited.

Masonic Meeting. Special communication of Greenville Lodge No. 284 A. F. and A. M., Wednesday at 2 p. m., for the purpose of paying our last tribute of respect to our deceased brother, L. A. Barnes. All master masons requested to be present. N. G. Raynor, Master. J. B. Willard, Secy.

Christmas Play At College. "Eternal Life," a one-act Christmas play by Fred Eastman, will be presented Thursday evening, Dec. 14, at 8 p. m., in Austin Auditorium. This will be the inaugural production of the Wesley Foundation Players of the Methodist Student Center. There will be no admission charge. The public is cordially invited.

Directed by Jimmy Warren of Greenville, the cast of the play includes Charles Woods of Greenville; Kay Mann of Middleton; Mamie Chapman of the Methodist Student Center; and Miss Harper of Springfield. The cast also includes: Garris of Ayden; and Miss Blair of Greenville.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Urgent Call For Knitters. A letter to the Pitt County Chapter of American Red Cross from area headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., states that the need for woolen garments for our armed forces is critical and asks that we knit and ship garments as quickly as possible.

Out knitting chairman has been pleading for help since October 1. She told you that we had wool on hand and that our quota was for 1,800 garments. Three weeks ago we received another quota for 1,000 garments—but in spite of the calls for help we still have just a few women knitting.

Every day we read about our boys living and fighting in snow, sleet and mud. They need warm clothing NOW!

With the surgical dressings program closed, we feel that we can and should expect more women to knit. The knitting room is open every morning from 10 to 12. For convenience of women who cannot get to the knitting room the following women keep wool in their homes for distribution—Mesdames R. J. Slay, Student St.; J. H. Thomas, Maple St.; E. R. Conway, East Fifth St.; Jesse Moye, West Fifth St.; J. H. B. Moore, Chestnut St. Get some wool today and knit during the holidays. It is surprising how much can be done while listening to the radio and chatting with the family. Teachers and others with a Christmas vacation are urged to assist in meeting this immediate need. The knitting room will close Dec. 19 for the holiday season.

See Our Lamps. We have old and new ones. Some with shades. A line of old Sheffield silver and Mexican glass. All at the Pickwick Shop—(Adv.) 11-21

Social Calendar

TUESDAY
6:00 p. m.—Mrs. F. B. Haar and Mrs. Dink James will be hostesses to the Clio Club.
7:30 p. m.—Withla Council degree of Pochontas meets.

8:00 p. m.—The Fireside Club of the Eighth Street Christian Church meets at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knott Proctor.

8:00 p. m.—Mrs. Staunton Harvey will be hostess to the Inter Se Club.

WEDNESDAY
3:30 p. m.—The Third Street School P. T. A. meets in the school auditorium.

3:30 p. m.—Training School P. T. A. meets. Rev. Robert Bradshaw, guest speaker.

8:00 p. m.—Junior Woman's Club meets with Mrs. Ed Gibbs and Mrs. Emul Willis.

THURSDAY
8:00 p. m.—Third in a series of programs, sponsored by the Community Art Center, in Sheppard Memorial Library. Papers of Mrs. J. H. Rose will present the program.

FRIDAY
6:30 p. m.—The Kiwanis Club meets in the Rotary building.

Service League Sale. Home made cakes and Christmas cookies on sale at Ellington's Book Store Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. The League also has black walnut meals for sale at Ellington's.

Class Meeting Postponed. The Fidelity Class of Memorial Baptist Church will not meet tonight as announced, but will hold its monthly meeting Monday night, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Winstead.

Elks Lodge Meets Tonight. Greenville Lodge No. 1645, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be held at the Elks' home tonight at 8 o'clock. Several new members are to be initiated.

Women Asked Play Role Kris Kringle

Mrs. K. B. Pace, chairman of the Red Cross committee preparing "Christmas Cheer Boxes" for hospitalized servicemen at Camp Lejeune, Cherry Point and the Greenville Marine Air Station, today called for women to volunteer to assist in packing and wrapping the boxes Thursday morning. The work is being done at the surgical dressing station at the college.

The boxes must be completed Thursday morning. A truck from the Marine base will come for them Thursday afternoon. Money to purchase the contents of the Christmas boxes was donated by friends of the Marines.

It hardly seems possible, but the "Christmas Cheer Boxes" contain stationery, jar of jam, crackers, sweet cookies, peanuts, raisins, toilet soap, shaving cream, tooth paste, pencils and books of matches, etc. The Red Cross boxes will be distributed to the hospitalized servicemen Christmas morning.

The common Indian cobra is probably responsible for several thousand deaths annually.

Christmas Gifts. Visit Baker & Davis Gift Department before you make your selection. Baker & Davis Hdwe. Co. (Adv.) 8-61

The patriotic hymn "America" was composed by the Rev. Samuel F. Smith in 1832.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
December 12, 1904

The stub farm cultivated by convicts will make a profit of about \$65,000 this year.

The Greenville Reflector wants them to stop spelling it Xmas, as that does not mean anything. The Reflector is right. It destroys the sweetness of the word Christmas. But we suppose they do it because they Xchange presents.—Durham, Sun.

Train only two hours late last night. Not much cotton coming, but tobacco continues to roll in lively.

Short Movie Shown At Rotary Meeting

By WYATT BROWN
A movie short showing the awfulness of social diseases and proper procedure upon discovery was projected last night at the Rotary Club by Dr. N. Thomas Ennett. Preceding the picture he made an appeal to public-spirited citizens to cooperate in the program to discover and cure social diseases—submit to blood tests and urge others to do likewise.

Guests of the club were R. T. Wiggs and Larry Brown. Dr. John Newbern of Farmville was a visiting Rotarian. The program was in charge of Martin Swartz, chairman of the sergeant-at-arms committee.

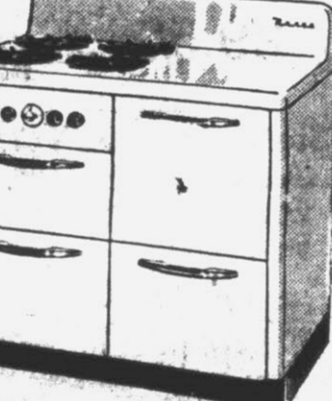
Herbert Waldrop announced that Pitt county was over the top in the Sixth War Loan Drive, in the overall quota, but lagging in the purchase of E bonds. He said he knew Pitt county would buy its quota of E bonds, but wanted to see Pitt make up for the \$200,000 in E bonds the county fell behind in the Fifth Drive. The Rotarians have a carefully organized plan to assist in the bond drive.

The native beverages of Normandy and Brittany are cider and apple brandy.

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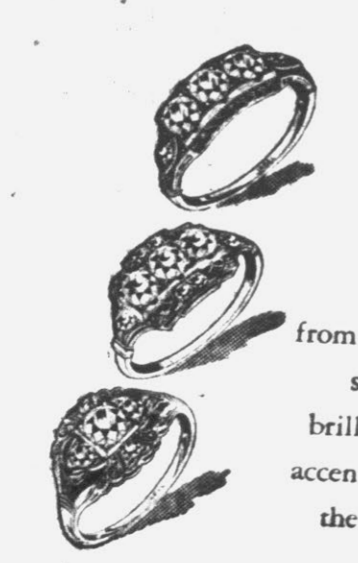
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Bury L. A. Barnes Tomorrow 3 O'clock

Funeral services for L. A. Barnes, 55, who died Monday morning at 9:30, will be held at the Winterville Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. E. C. Cole, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Frank Morris of Richmond, Va., a former pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 284 will conduct the service at the grave. The body will remain at Wilkerson's funeral home until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Americans ...

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stories of companies reduced as much as from 120 men to 15. They reported supporting weapons were short.

The Seventh army of Lt. Gen.

Alexander M. Patch, victor at Guadalcanal, jumped off at dawn after clearing the rail and supply center of Haguenau. The troops encountered little resistance. The few prisoners begged indicated the Germans finally were making the long predicted retreat to the Siegfried line redoubts. In their plunge through the Maginot line, the Americans were able to travel as fast as fleet trucks could carry them. The Germans simply did not have the personnel to man the old French fortifications, dispatches from the Seventh army front said. Many civilians were found living in the Maginot forts, secure from the war streaming past them.

(The Germans asserted that the army had opened a major offensive against the Siegfried line on a 40-mile front between Haguenau and captured Sarreguemines, using 15 infantry and several tank divisions—perhaps 250,000 men. The enemy said "at no place was the palatine frontier reached" although

great tank battles were reported around Woerth). Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army fought slowly ceper into the Siegfried line in the industrial Saarland at Dillingen and beyond Saarlautern, which virtually was cleared after nine days of violent combat. Patton's heavy artillery moved up just behind the infantry to shell the Saarland cities of Ziefbrucken and St. Ingbert.

Thousands More ...

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Great stores of equipment and supplies were captured.

Ormoc, which the 77th division Yanks entered Sunday, was an important base of reinforcement for Japanese fighting in the Ormoc corridor to the north where bloody engagements have continued for weeks despite torrential rains. With Ormoc taken, the hard-driving Americans turned more power to the task of clearing the

enemy from the mountainous north-west shoulder of Leyte Island. Terrain still was virtually impassable, but MacArthur reported his 32nd division was "slowly surging forward" against enemy positions in the rugged corridor, which runs from Ormoc to Carigata Bay on the north.

NBC correspondent George Thomas Folster said the 77th and Seventh divisions found the Japanese well entrenched when they entered Ormoc.)

Associated Press correspondent Al Dopking, who was with the Seventh division in its strenuous advance over 90 miles of swamps and mountains to reach the west coast of Leyte, wrote that the Japanese abandoned ammunition dumps and supplies as they retreated under the knockout attack launched Saturday.

Dopking said the Japanese in the trap between his division and the 77th were "some of the Japanese Imperial army's best—not garrison

troops encountered in central Philippine atolls. American bombers scored effective sweeps of the central Philippines and beyond, cratering air-drome runways and blasting harassed shipping. The most spectacular single strike was the 79-ton bombing of petroleum installations at Tarakan and Balikpapan on Borneo, flooding the area with flaming oil. A freighter was sunk offshore.

Premier Goldsboro Man Dead. Goldsboro, Dec. 12—(AP)—Graves J. Smith, 69, president of the Smith Hardware Co. of Goldsboro and past-president of the Carolina Hardware Association, died here last night at his home.

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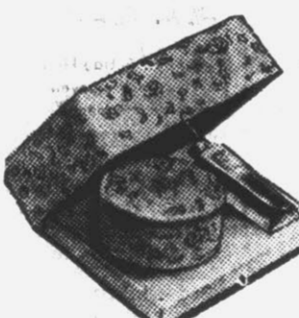


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Extended plans for the recently announced Seaboard Air Transport, whose application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity will come up before the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington for preliminary hearing on January 22nd, were revealed today.

Should the petition for the establishment of the new airline be favorably passed upon and a franchise granted, Sumter, S. C., Goldsboro, N. C., Greenville, N. C., and Norfolk, Va., would join Wilmington, Lumberton, Hamlet, Charlotte, Asheville, all in North Carolina, Florence and Columbia in South Carolina, and Knoxville, Tenn., as terminals or junctions of Seaboard Air Transport.

The addition of these four cities to the proposed routes would greatly enhance the importance of the proposed airline as a carrier of freight, mail and passengers to and from the South.

Seaboard Air Transport would be the only line establishing junctions east and west with National, American, Eastern, Penn Central and Delta Airlines. The proposed line is headed by Capt. Horace M. Barnes, who is now on duty with the Navy Air Ferry Command and who was formerly for many years connected with Southern aviation activities.



Out on West Fourth Street lives a white haired lady with twinkling eyes, busy hands, and a heart as big as the Army of the United States. If our soldiers are cold, it will be through no fault of Mrs. Julia F. Garris. She has made 210 sweaters for the Red Cross, 20 of them the difficult turtle neck variety—and she expects to continue to knit as long as there is any need.

"It is all I can do," she says, "and I want to help in any way that I can do."

But it is not all that Mrs. Garris has done—or, rather, not all that her family has done. She has a grandson who is a paratrooper, but at present is a prisoner of war in Germany. The first sweater she knit, naturally, was for that grandson. Her granddaughter is with the Red Cross in England and the husband of that granddaughter is in Italy. So Mrs. Garris is represented in the various fighting fields by her own flesh and blood, as well as by the many acts of loving kindness that her hands have fashioned into sweaters and warmed the hearts and bodies of our soldiers and sailors. Her efforts have been, and are, untiring. Two hundred and ten sweaters contain thousands of stitches and Mrs. Garris is 75 years old—but she has a joy in her work that surely will make itself felt in every corner of the globe, where our fighting men wear their sweaters and call her blessing.

Mae Mills and Robert Lee Mills, infants, the last two appearing by their next friend, James Mills; and J. H. Harrell, Administrator.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain order entered by J. F. Harrington, Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, in the above entitled proceeding on November 20, 1944, I will at the Court House in Greenville, North Carolina, on December 12, 1944, at 12:00 noon, offer for rent for the year 1945, to the highest bidder for cash the Amos Mills' homestead in Winterville Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Jesse Smith on the South; A. W. Ange and Prince Smith on the East; Rina Worthington on the North; and the old New Bern-Greenville Highway on the West; said tract of land containing approximately 55 acres in cultivation with a tobacco allotment of 15 acres. The successful bidder will be required to deposit ten percent awaiting confirmation by the Court.

This the 20th day of Nov., 1944. J. H. HARRELL, Administrator of Estate of Amos Mills. Nov. 21-11w-3wk.

Transferred
Fort Des Moines, Iowa.—Private Emma J. Hemby (colored), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hemby of 608 Tyson St., Greenville, N. C., a member of the Women's Army Corps, recently left the training center here for duty with the army at Laurinburg-Maxton, N. C.

Address of Brown Boys
The present addresses of the Brown boys are:
S. C. Ben Warren Brown, Div. 47, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.
Lt. (jg) Clyde M. Brown, Com. Fair, West Coast, San Diego, Calif.

On Furlough
Pfc. William H. Whichard is home on furlough after serving 48 months overseas duty with the armed forces. He is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Whichard of Stokes.

Japanese Invasion Money
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hardy of Ayden have received some Japanese invasion money used in the Philippines. It was sent by their daughter, Miss Ree Hardy of Richmond, Va., who received it from a soldier in the South Pacific.

More than 3,650,000 men and women now comprise the United States Navy.

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE
In the matter of Amos Mills, Jr., Vivian Mills Patrick, James Mills, individually, and Archie

21st day of December, 1944

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NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

On Guadalcanal—Cpl. Louis W. Perkins entered the army on March 31, 1943 and received his training at Ft. Belvoir, Va., later taking special training in sheet metal work at Camp Connelly, Ga. He has been doing this work since assignment to regular duty with the Engineer Corps, and is one of the best in his line of work.

Many of the boys on Guadalcanal spend their spare time making bracelets, necklaces, painting scenes on bamboo segments and on coconuts, and making shirts out of plastic screen. Cpl. Perkins spends some of his spare time in these crafts.

Pitt County Men in Italy
Pfc. William E. Sugg, machine-gunner, of Grifton, Route 2; Pvt. Charlie C. Taylor, ammo bearer, of Grimesland, and T-Sgt. Jamie L. Wilson, platoon sergeant of Winterville, Route 1, are fighting with the 3rd Infantry Regiment in the current Florence-Bologna offensive in Italy. The regiment is part of the 91st "Powder River" Division with Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army.

W. S. Moye, Jr. in Philippines
Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Moye have received word of the safe arrival of W. S. Moye, Jr. in the Philippines. Sgt. Moye has been overseas for six months, serving in New Guinea and Netherlands East Indies. His address is: Sgt. William S. Moye, Jr., 14068189, Hq. and Hq. Sqdn. 5th Air Force, APO 710, care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Winterville Visitors
Pvt. Linwood C. Dail of Winterville, has returned to Penn State College after spending a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dail of Winterville. Cpl. and Mrs. John W. Stox have returned to Fort Story, Va., after spending a week at their home in Winterville.

Awarded Air Medal
Tenth Air Force in Burma.—The award of the Air Medal "for meritorious achievement in heavy bombardment missions and allied operational flights" and promotion to technical sergeant of Stephen W. Johnston, 21, son of Mrs. F. V. Johnston of Greenville, N. C., has been announced by the commanding general of the Tenth Air Force.

A B-24 aerial engineer-gunner for the famous 7th bombardment group of the Tenth Air Force that operates against the Japs in the India-Burma theater, T-Sgt. Johnston is credited with 35 combat missions and 300 combat hours during his six months of service in this theater.

A graduate of Greenville High School, he was a student at East Carolina Teachers College before entering the armed forces about two years ago.

Promoted
15th AAF, Italy.—Sgt. James T. Lang, 20, of 304 Belcher street.

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That certain tract or parcel of land, containing 5 acres, more or less, lying on the northerly side of the Greenville-Farmville Paved Highway, just West of the City of Greenville, and beginning at the corner of the said Aurelia E. Tripp and Evans land on said highway, and running thence with the Evans line N. 39 degs. W. 290 feet; thence continuing the same course with the Evans line 567 feet to a ditch; thence S. 48 degs. W. with ditch 154 feet; thence S. 39 degs. E. 562 feet; thence S. 47-30 W. to the ditch; thence with the ditch southwardly to the path; thence S. 56-30 E. with the path or lane 126 feet to the northerly side of the said Greenville-Farmville Paved Highway; thence eastwardly with said Highway 427 feet to the beginning, according to Map thereof made by M. C. Lassiter, R. S., dated September 28, 1944.

The sale is subject to confirmation by the Court, and the proposed purchaser will be required to make a cash deposit of 10 per cent of his bid with the said commissioner at the time of the sale and pending confirmation by the Court.

This the 6th day of Dec., 1944. JOS. S. MOYE, Commissioner. Harding & Lee, Attys. Dec. 7-11w-2wk.

NOTICE
North Carolina
Pitt county
In the Superior Court
Frank W. Meade
Vs.
Ester Waters Meade

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County in his office in Greenville, North Carolina, not later than thirty (30) days from this date, or within twenty (20) days thereafter, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 17th day of November, 1944. J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk Superior Court Pitt County. J. B. James, Attorney Nov. 18-11w-4wk.

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North Carolina
Pitt County
In the Superior Court
Herman Ray Foust
Vs.
Nancy Foust

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for the purpose of securing an absolute divorce; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County in his office in Greenville, North Carolina, not later than thirty (30) days from this date, or within twenty (20) days thereafter, and answer or demur to the complaint filed in this action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 17th day of November, 1944. J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk Superior Court Pitt County. J. B. James, Attorney. Nov. 18-11w-4wk.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS
North Carolina—Pitt County
In the Superior Court
City of Greenville and Pitt County
-vs.-
Missie Moye; Annie Moye Sharp and husband, June Sharp; Lucy Moye, alias Lucy Moye Tucker and husband, whose name is unknown and who is designated herein under the name of John Tucker.

The defendants, Missie Moye, Annie Moye Sharp and husband, June Sharp, Lucy Moye, alias Lucy Moye Tucker and husband, whose name is unknown and who is designated herein as John Tucker, will hereby take notice that a civil action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Pitt County for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens held by the plaintiffs against the property of the defendants located on Douglas Avenue in the City of Greenville, and said defendants will further take notice that they are required to be and appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County at his office in the courthouse in Greenville, N. C., on the 5th day of January, 1945, or within twenty days thereafter, and either answer or demur to the complaint which has been filed in said office. The plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded.

Witness my hand this the 5th day of November, 1944. J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk Superior Court. Dec. 6-11w-4wk.

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4. Attend any Training Schools or encampments that may be deemed necessary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ENLISTMENT: SEE:

1. Capt. J. L. Jones, at Fire Department.
2. 1st Lt. W. H. Woolard, Jr., Dickinson Avenue Branch, Guaranty Bank & Trust Company.
3. 2nd Lt. R. B. Greene, Export Tobacco Company.
4. 1st Sgt. Godfrey P. Oakley, J. B. Oakley & Son's Office.
5. Or any member of the local unit of the State Guard.

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PROMISE OF A BETTER DAY
One of the simplest lessons of history—and one which the nations seem loath to learn—is that people retain to themselves just as much liberty as they are willing to strive after and protect.

Most people assume that when a nation has adopted a written constitution involving the principles of freedom, it has established freedom within its borders and can thereafter rest in the quiet complacency that all is well. The truth of the matter is, however, that selfish individuals and interests are constantly striving to take advantage of their fellows. In order to do this, they have to make themselves powerful in governmental positions, and to do so they strive to undermine basic liberties incorporated in all forms of free government.

The late Archbishop of Canterbury once wrote, "We are not fighting so much to preserve a Christian civilization, as for the opportunity to make one." The present war swept like a hurricane across a world which had grown complacent regarding liberty and which had assumed that democratic principles, once incorporated in a constitution, could be depended upon to stand. The present struggle is not so much for the principles of preserving a civilization we have. Rather, we are striving for the opportunity to make a better one.

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AMERICA IN WARTIME
By JACK STINNETT

Washington—The reorganization of the State Department which in less than a week saw Secretary Ed-ward R. Stettinius, Jr., succeed Cordell Hull as secretary and three new assistant secretaries appointed and the announcement that two more would be named, is the most drastic shakeup any department has undergone since President Roosevelt took office.

Some who are not wholly sympathetic to the administration immediately opined that behind it all was the fine hand of Harry Hopkins and the White House New Deal crowd. If that's true, the New Deal inner circle has gone as conservative as "the Chief." Archibald MacLeish, long head of the Library of Congress, is the only one of the new key men who has ever worn a New Deal hat. The rest are constitutional conservatives who were shaken up by the economic mess of the early 30's or the world mess that has more recently come along, and who have offered their services to the government.

There's no need to try to write a politics into the shakeup. Examine the records of the new men in the department, and the reorganization picture clarifies. Secretary Stettinius and new assistants Nelson A. Rockefeller and Will Clayton are all business men, big business men. Stettinius came to the government after successfully heading up the nation's greatest steel empire. Rockefeller worked his way to an important post in the oil and financial empire now held by the second and third Rockefeller generations. Will Clayton put together and headed the largest cotton company in the world. These men not only were big business men in this country but they are about as conversant with international trade and finance as any three men you could select.

That is the key to the reorganization. The events of the last 15 or 20 years have made it clear that a State Department dealing solely in diplomacy is inadequate to cope with world economics, which is becoming such an essential part of international diplomacy. The appointment of Joseph C. Grew to the undersecretaryship is something else again but hardly a false note. Grew is credited with

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knowing as much about the Pacific and the Orient as any other man in the government. The appointment of MacLeish is considered an effort to strengthen the division of the department that probably eventually will take over the cultural and public relations activities of Rockefeller's office of later-American affairs and the foreign division of OWI. It certainly is a more imposing array of talent than the state department has had in our lifetime.

The War Today . . .
(Continued From Page One)
Paced with radical new devices for underwater breathing. This leads to the thought that the projected motor-drive will revolve largely about these inventions. In other words it will be a long-range counter-offensive which they even hope to make effective in some degree against America.

The V-bombs are being used regularly against Britain and points on the continent—the vastly important Allied port of Antwerp, for instance. London announces that these bombs killed 716 people and seriously injured 1,511 in the United Kingdom during November. The Germans boast that improved bombs will be ready for use in the immediate future. In fact they claim that the V-3 can be sent against New York City before this year is out. That's a threat not to be ignored, though it's nothing to get panicky about.

There's no argument about the submarine activity in November say "improved" types of U-boats may at any time be thrown into the battle and retention of our present command of the sea will undoubtedly call for unremitting vigilance and hard fighting. The Nazis have carried their manufacture of bombs underground, so that it's hard to reach the factories with bombing. They also have developed a system of launching the bombs from portable platforms, which are here today and gone tomorrow, making it difficult for the Allied air navies to spot them. Of course the idea of a German counter-offensive is still largely a brain-child. Whether it comes off, and the extent of its success, de-

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Stand Song

by Owen Atkinson

Chapter 10
Jason saw now that he had come back to the palace grounds. The torches had all been put out; the palace seemed to brood quietly. Brown-skinned sentries paced slowly along the walls. They paid no attention to Jason. He came to the end of the wall and turned to follow the palace square and solid and frowning in the moonlight. In one room a light burned, throwing flickering shadows on the curtains. And then he heard a girl singing. It was the sad, haunting song of the harbor. And the voice? Why, it must be the Princess Liloa!

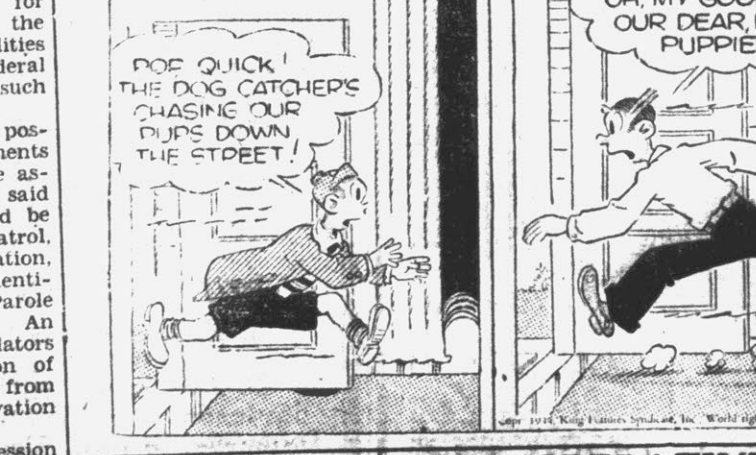
Chapter 11
Lights were springing up in the palace grounds; Jason caught a glimpse of a guard, crashing through the shrubbery, bearing aloft a flaming torch. From the balcony, Kiliani screamed to him in Hawaiian.

Chapter 12
Jason whistled softly. Silence. He whistled again, more insistently this time. There was a rustling noise from inside the room. The curtain parted and the Princess Liloa appeared. Jason could see the curious, puzzled expression on her lovely young face.

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him. Then, to Caleb's surprise, he saw four soldiers commanded by a chunky corporal come marching down the dock. From their uniforms he recognized them as members of the palace guard. He wondered what they were doing on the water-front at this time of day. The guards led a notoriously leisurely and comfortable life. The corporal led his men aboard the Vanity. He came to where Caleb stood, and pulled a folded parchment from his belt. "You command?" he asked. "Read!" The corporal thrust the paper at him. Caleb unfolded it and saw at a glance that it was an order confiscating the ship and stating that no officer or member of the crew was to be allowed ashore. "What does this mean?" Caleb demanded. "By the king's order," pronounced the corporal solemnly. "Where is my brother?" Caleb asked uneasily. "What has happened?" The corporal pointed dramatically across at the fort. "He stopped inside," he said. "He is a prisoner of the king." Caleb looked across at the ugly squat outline of the fort. "What has Captain Blake done that he should be in prison?" he asked slowly. "The corporal shrugged his shoulders. "He break the king's tabu. The king, he say he get rid of him after Princess Liloa's wedding. Stoning to death is the punishment."

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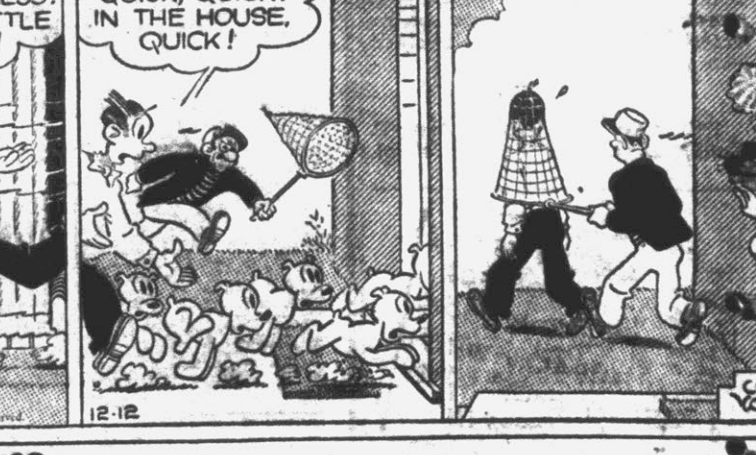
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- 1 International Pickup Truck
 - 2 Horses—2 Mules
 - 1 Two-horse Riding Cultivator
 - 1 Two-horse Wagon
 - 2 Disc Harrows
 - 6 Tobacco Trucks
 - 1 Tobacco Sprayer
 - 1 Mowing Machine
 - 1 Two-horse Plow
 - 4 Cotton Plows
 - 4 Turning Plows
 - 1 Walking Cultivator
 - 1 Transplanter
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Hog Market

Raleigh, Dec. 12—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets steady with tops of 14 at Clinton and Rocky Mount and 13.90 at Richmond.

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 12—(AP)—(NCDA)—Egg and poultry markets steady to firm.

Raleigh—U. S. grade AA large 56; broilers and roasters 28 1/2.

Washington—U. S. grade A large 57 to 58; poultry trading at standstill.

Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 12—(AP)—Wheat prices eased during late trade today, when demand paused and the market felt the effect of commission house selling around top prices. During the greater part of the day's trade the December contract in wheat remained strong and carried the other grains.

At the close wheat was 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, than yesterday's close. December \$1.69 1/2. Corn was 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, December \$1.15. Oats were 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, December 70 1/2. Rye was 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher, December \$1.12 1/2. Barley was unchanged to 1/4 higher.

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 12—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 40 cents a bale higher.

Noon prices were 10 to 25 cents a bale higher. December 21.79, March 21.91 and May 21.82.

Futures closed 40 cents a bale higher, to 20 cents lower.

	Open	Last	Prv. CCL
Dec.	21.77	21.80	21.74
March	21.92	21.93	21.87
May	21.84	21.84	21.77
July	21.55	21.53	21.51
Oct.	20.75	20.67	20.71

Middling spot 22.32, up 4.

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 12—(AP)—The stock market today suffered its first average reverse in nearly two weeks although late support substantially reduced many early declines running to a point or moer and a smattering of plus signs was in evidence near the close.

Customers started trimming accounts at the opening of the day by their eight successive rising sessions to 7-year peaks, with volume of better than a million shares in seven, called for a possible sizable technical correction if the list was to maintain its bullish upswing.

At the last trends wavered. Transfers for the full proceedings topped 1,000,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS

Alleghany	27 1/2
Am Chem and Dye	156
Allis Chal Mfg	39 1/2
Am Can	90
Am Car Fdy	40 1/2
Am Roll Mill	15 1/2
Am Smelt Ref	166 1/2
A T and T	67 1/2
Am Tob B	28 1/2
Anacosta	28 1/2
Arm III	6 1/2
A C L	48
Atl Ref	30 1/2
Aviat Corp	4 1/2
Baldwin	26 1/2
B and O	15
Barrisdal	4 1/2
Bendix Aviat	48 1/2
Beth Stl	63 1/2
Boeing Airpl	17 1/2
Borden	34
Budd Mfg	12 1/2
Burl Mills	18 1/2
Bar add Mach	14 1/2
Case J I	37 1/2
Caterpil Trac	37 1/2
Ches and O	49 1/2
Chrysler	90 1/2
Coml Credit	29 1/2
Coml Solv	16
oCnSol Edls	24 1/2
an on	38 1/2
Corn Prod	50 1/2
Curtiss Wright	68 1/2
Doug Airc	69
Dow Chem	123
Dupont	157 1/2
Eastman Kod	173 1/2
Firestone	57
Gen Elec	39 1/2
Gen Foods	40 1/2
Gen Mot	63 1/2
Goodrich	52 1/2
Goodyear	50 1/2
Int Harvest	81 1/2
Int Tel and Te	18 1/2
Johns Man	101 1/2
Kennecott	36 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	78 1/2
Loews	79 1/2
Lorillard	18 1/2
Mont Ward	16
Nash Kely	24 1/2
Nat Biscuit	33 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	33 1/2
Nat Dist	21 1/2
N Y Cent	36 1/2
No Am Aviat	8 1/2
Packard	54 1/2
Param Pic	29 1/2
Penney J C	108 1/2
Penn RR	31 1/2
Pepsi Cola	66 1/2
Phillips Pet	44 1/2
Pullman	48 1/2
Pure Oil	16 1/2
Radio	10 1/2
Rem Rand	27 1/2
Repub Stl	19 1/2
Reynolds B	32 1/2
Sears	102 1/2
Sou Ry	32 1/2
Std Brands	38 1/2
Std Oil N J	55 1/2
Stewart Warner	16 1/2
Swift	32 1/2
Tex Co	48 1/2
Union Carbide	79 1/2
United Air	29 1/2
United Corp	11 1/2
US Ind Chem	39 1/2
US Rubber	50 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	55 1/2
US Steel	59 1/2
Vanadium	29 1/2
Va Caro CChem	4 1/2
Warner Pict	13 1/2
Western Union A	45 1/2
West El and Mfg	116
Woolworth	22 1/2

Big Show Will Be

Under Tents 1945

Baltimore, Dec. 12—(AP)—A 1945 tour under canvas for the "greatest show on earth" was announced today with the disclosure that the last of 75,000 yards of canvas had been flame-proofed for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus.

Strike Stops War Work.

Raleigh, Dec. 12—(AP)—Governor Broughton today called upon all potential war workers in North Carolina to apply at once for war production jobs. He said he issued the appeal on request of the commanding general of the Fourth service command, whose message asserted that "serious shortages gravely impede the progress of our armies and are serving to prolong the war."

Strike Stops War Work.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 12—(AP)—Thousands of Reading war workers were stranded without transportation this morning when trolley and bus lines of the Reading Street Railway Company were paralyzed by failure of operators to report for work.

Thumbs Down.

Washington, Dec. 12—(AP)—The Senate refused today to add the St. Lawrence seaway project to the postwar rivers and harbors bill.

More Flying Bombs.

London, Dec. 12—(AP)—The Germans launched another barrage of flying bombs against southern England during the night and the government announced today that damage and casualties were caused.

Save Waste Paper for War!

A hundred pounds of newspaper will produce fifty cases for 75-mm. shells.

NAZIS ATTACK ALLIED LINES

German Air Force Again Active On Italian Front.

By SID FEDER

Rome, Dec. 12—(AP)—The German air force has returned to the Italian battle area, swooping down over the Fifth Army front, bombing and strafing troops and communication. Allied headquarters announced today.

As the Nazi airmen made these attacks yesterday the Lamone River rose to a depth of seven or eight feet, after a week of heavy rain slowing down Eighth Army operations in eastern Italy to patrols north of Ravenna and above Faenza.

The Germans reacted strongly to Fifth Army patrol thrusts south and southeast of Bologna and made several small scale counterattacks during the day.

German artillery was

WINTER PAYS REAL VISIT

Snow Over Foot Deep In Some Sections.

By The Associated Press
Winter laid an icy hand on North Carolina yesterday as snow fell in several sections of the state and temperatures tobogganed generally. The weather man promised clearing skies today, but said the sub-freezing temperatures would continue today.

A blanket of white covered western North Carolina last night with Asheville reporting five inches of snow, while the weather station atop Mt. Mitchell, near Asheville, reported a fall of 13 inches.

Snow flurries were reported in several sections of the Piedmont area.

Raleigh reported a light rain and

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TWIN CHEERLEADERS—Betty (left) and Bebe Binzel, twins from Bowling Green, Ky., lead cheers at U. of Kentucky.

temperature ranging from 24 to 30 degrees yesterday.

Warnings were issued in the mountainous sections that dangerous conditions would prevail on highways today. State highway workers were utilizing snow plows in the mountains to keep the roads open.

A landslide between Topton and Murphy blocked traffic for several hours yesterday afternoon, but the road was opened during the night. The cold wave came out of the

board and into the south. Falling temperatures came to the midwest region as it dug out of the snow 13 inches deep in some sections. The epicenter of the storm was in the eastern part of the country and with snow still falling, it was as much as 18 inches deep in some sections of western Pennsylvania. It headed into the New England area and storm warnings were hoisted along the Atlantic coast from the Virginia capes to Eastport, Maine. Damage was widespread. Traffic land and air, and utility operations were impaired; schools in some areas were closed, and the death toll, largely caused by hazardous driving conditions along streets and highways, mounted steadily. More than 30 fatalities directly attributed to storm conditions were reported.

Predicts More Unemployment

Cleveland, Dec. 12—(AP)—Twenty million Americans will swap jobs next year and the year after, as the nation slips from war to peacetime economy, Brig. Gen. Leonard P. Ayres, nationally-known economist, predicted today in his traditional year-end business forecast.

Ayres made these other predictions in his annual Cleveland Chamber of Commerce address:

"There will be more unemployment next year than this.

"Hourly straight-time wages of factory workers will probably continue (upward) in 1945.

"Labor disputes resulting in strikes are likely to be more numerous in 1945 than they have been this year.

"The number of business failures in 1945 will be definitely greater than those of 1944."

Although he carefully avoided any predictions as to the end of the war, Ayres asserted "both 1945 and 194 are destined to be years of transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy."

Marines Vs. Marines At Armory Tonight

Camp Lejeune basketball team will play the Greenville Air Station's VMD 354 quint at the Armory Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. This will be Lejeune's first appearance here and an exciting game is expected. The local Marine quint defeated VMD 913 of Cherry Point here last week, 33-31.

The Marine band from Cherry Point will play music for a dance to be held after the game. The Marine weekly basketball games and dances are popular and large crowds attend.

Grifton Wins Pair From Ayden High

Grifton High defeated Ayden in both ends of a basketball double-header played in Ayden Friday night. Grifton girls won 2-12 with Burney scoring 10 points and Bowen scoring 5 points for Ayden. The Grifton boys scored an 18-16 victory. The leading scorers were Smith of Grifton with 15 points and Kinlaw and Whitehurst for Ayden with 7 points each. Quick guards for Grifton yielded fine support for both teams.

City Judge Talks At Lions Meeting

J. W. H. Roberts, judge of City Recorder's Court, guest speaker at the Lions Club's weekly supper meeting in the high school cafeteria last night, discussed post-war problems as they affect the people here. He said there is a challenge to each individual to do some constructive thinking along these lines, and stressed the importance of making post-war plans now and preparing to make adjustments for a new order of things which is forthcoming.

The club will entertain Coach Snag Clark and the high school football team at the club's next meeting. Student talent will provide entertainment.

Barke Stencil and junior Lion Amos Leggett were guests of the club.

Nazi Defenses Not Crumbling

Beverly Hills, Calif., Dec. 12—(AP)—Gen. Henry H. Arnold says he hates to hear stories that German defenses are crumbling.

"I'd like to know where they're crumbling," the Army Air Force commanding general said at a press conference yesterday.

"We've attacked German factories, marshaling yards, canals, ball-bearing plants synthetic rubber and both natural and synthetic gasoline plants," he added. "We've kept their force down to such small numbers that for months at a time some of our formations saw no planes at all. Meanwhile thousands of our planes were in action."

"In spite of all this the Germans still keep on fighting and they're darned tough babies. I don't think the war in Germany will end until we actually get to Berlin."

Gypsy Rose Lee Has Baby
New York, Dec. 12—(AP)—Gypsy Rose Lee, former burlesque performer and author of "The G-String Murder," gave birth to a five and one-half pound son today, the same day her divorced husband was expected to remarry.

Used Sled For Ambulance
Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 12—(AP)—Mrs. George Faery of Ramsonville was drawn on a hand sleigh for nearly a mile today to Municipal Hospital where she gave birth to a girl. The baby and mother were reported doing well.

Death Sentences
Paris, Dec. 12—(AP)—Nine members of the French Gestapo were sentenced to death today for collusion with the Germans, and two 20-year-old defendants were given life at hard labor.

Engineer Killed In Train Wreck Today

Washington, Dec. 12—(AP)—Doctors and at least one ambulance were summoned today to the scene of a three-train collision just across the Potomac River in Virginia.

First meager reports said a Southern Railway passenger train hit wreckage left by an earlier collision of two freight trains.

The passenger train No. 32, was northbound to Washington.

The freight collision occurred on southbound tracks, railroad men said, tossing one or more cars onto the northbound track in the path of the passenger train. They said the scene as described to them would indicate the passenger train was traveling slowly at the time.

B. Beales, 57, engineer of the passenger train, died of injuries received in the collision, which occurred during a snow storm.

Leftists May . . .

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drive into the heart of Athens.

(A BBC broadcast said the Elias had increased the shelling of the city seeking "to force a decision before British reinforcements arrive.")

British troops installed in the post office and Epsom forces occupying the town hall fought a three-hour battle in the night. A tank intervened, and on the hall's upper stories and starting a fire. But this morning the Elias had recaptured the rest of the town hall and the adjacent streets.

Peace proposals were reported being drawn up by rebel leaders, however.

An impartial source described leaders of both the leftist political party, Eam, and its militia arm, the Elias, as "realizing now that the Elias eventually lose" the bloody conflict with British and regular Greek troops.

Declaring the left-wing leaders were now "relenting in their demands" that the government of Premier George Papandreou make way for another in which they would have control, this source said the Elias troops would withdraw from Athens and all the department of Attica in return for guarantees that none would be prosecuted.

Study Plan To . . .

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that civilian requirements of medicines and drugs would be allowed, the informant said.

It was reported additionally provided that the whole question of Allied control of industry should be settled jointly by the United States, Britain, Russia and France.

The American plan was said to grant latitude in Germany's future textile industries, since production would be for civilian consumers.

The feeling here was that the American proposal did not go nearly so far as the plan of Secretary Morgenthau, which would have virtually wiped out German industry and made the country dependent largely upon agriculture.

Britain was understood to have presented her plans covering German industry, foreign and domestic trade.

Neither Russia nor France has submitted views. France was believed waiting until Gen. De Gaulle finished digesting his talks with Premier Marshal Stalin, so as to harmonize French proposals with those of the Soviet Union.

The European Advisory Council was understood already to have started discussions on the American and British plans.

Air Armadas . . .

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Mustang - Thunderbolt - Lightning fighter escort were from the U. S. Eighth Air Force.

All three heavy bombardment air forces participated in yesterday's assault with 10,000 tons of bombs—climaxing a campaign which has crippled synthetic oil production in the Ruhr and severed main rail routes to German defenses in the west.

"Our job now is to keep hitting them and destroying repairs as fast as the Germans can make them," a staff officer said.

Bankers Back . . .

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Farm Bureau and having a voice in Washington equal to that of other industries and professions. He urged those present to encourage farmers to join the association for their own living protection in maintaining living prices for farm commodities.

The bank executive advised businessmen, banks and farmers to take out associate memberships in the Farm Bureau on payment of sums from \$10 to \$250 to help carry on the missionary work for farmers in Congress. He said \$3,000 from businessmen and others for associate memberships to help defray expenses of the Farm Bureau Federation should be easily raised in Pitt County. He appointed Mayor Bruce Sugg and Judson Blount to work with him in making allotments for the various townships of the county and to appoint soliciting committees.

Dr. M. T. Prizzelle of Ayden, president of the Pitt County Farm Bureau; B. Bruce Sugg, president of the State Banking and Trust Company; Judson Blount, director of the N. C. Merchants' Association; Joe S. Moxe, trust officer of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company; and John Proctor, tax expert, spoke convincingly of the importance of strengthening the Farm Bureau Federation to protect farmers' interests and maintain a fair standard of production and price

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levels. Proctor stressed the importance of farmers keeping books. The American Bankers' Association's five-point program for farmers, as outlined by Mr. Woolard, is as follows: (1) Help farmers keep debts at a safe level. (2) Encourage farmers to build and maintain financial reserves. (3) Work to prevent a farm land boom. (4) Help "back-to-the-landers" to avoid mistakes, and (5) Have adequate credit files in the banks.

J. Herbert Waldrop, vice-president and cashier of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company and Pitt County War Bond chairman, read a telegram from General Eisenhower urging the people at home to continue to buy War Bonds to finance the men doing the fighting.

The tanker said Pitt County has oversubscribed its overall War Bond quota of \$1,689,000 by nearly a million dollars and urged that the people continue to buy "E" War Bonds, the highest interest paying government bond and one of the best bond investments in the world, paying 2 1/2 per cent interest at maturity and which can be cashed in after 60 days. Mr. Waldrop reminded that the farmers of this county received \$7,000,000 more for their tobacco crop this year than ever before. He warned that farmers will need the War Bonds when peace comes for rehabilitation of their buildings and equipment and homes.

The county has not sold its \$531,000 quota of "E" bonds. Total sales to date is \$388,000 of "E" bonds. The drive ends December 16. After this date only "E," "B" and "G" War Bonds will be on sale.

Urges . . .

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Department has these five major objectives:

(1) The fullest possible support in the conduct of our foreign relations for our armed forces, so that the war may be won at the earliest possible moment.

(2) Effective steps to prevent Germany and Japan, after victory by the United Nations, from again acquiring the power to wage aggressive war.

(3) Establishment at the earliest possible moment of a United Nations organization capable of building and maintaining the peace—by force if necessary—for generations to come.

(4) Agreement on measures to promote a great expansion of our foreign trade and of productivity and trade throughout the world, so that we can maintain full employment in our own country and together with the other United Na-

tions—enter an era of constantly expanding production and consumption and of rising standards of living.

(5) Encouragement of all those conditions of international life favorable to the development by men and women everywhere of the institutions of a free and democratic way of life, in accordance with their own customs and desires.

Stettinius, whose appointment as secretary recently was confirmed by the Senate with only one adverse vote, said that the State Department's task of building a lasting peace "can be accomplished only in full cooperation with the Congress and with the participation, understanding and support of the American people."

Joseph C. Grew, named as under-secretary, and the other disputed nominees filed in at 10:35 a. m. behind Stettinius, who took the witness' seat.

Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) called the session to order at 10:38. He warned the audience not to applaud or show "any signs of disapproval."

Stettinius said that "with the wise guidance of Cordell Hull," his predecessor, he intended to "build up the strength" of the State Department.

"We need a State Department which can carry out in the interests of the United States a liberal and forward looking foreign policy with level-headed and business-like ef-

The Movies Today

PITT—"Irish Eyes Smiling," Monty Woolley, Dick Haymes, June Haver
STATE—"City of Missing Girls," with feature cast. . . .
"Irish Eyes Smiling," he read from a prepared statement.
Introducing the six nominees one by one, Stettinius said that operations of the Department will be re-grouped under them if they are confirmed.
Besides Grew, the others, all named assistant secretaries, are Nelson Rockefeller, Archibald MacLellan, W. L. Clayton, James C. Dunn and Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes.

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