

Cloudy tonight, occasional rain and not quite so cool in east portion. Tuesday, clearing and colder.

Superfortresses Smash At Jap Industries Again

More Than 200 Giants Pounded Aircraft Plants At Nagoya Sunday; Other Units Swept Over Hankow, In Japanese-Occupied China; Damage Heavy.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Japanese war machine felt the sledge blow today of up to 200 B-29 Superfortresses, unleashed from separate bases.

The giant craft struck a second time at Nagoya on the Nipponese mainland and at Hankow in Japanese-occupied China. The raiders hit both areas today, Japanese time; Sunday, by United States clocks.

Dispatches from Salpan, meanwhile, said photographic reconnaissance of the December 13 blow at Nagoya disclosed damage to the Matsudoki aircraft factory was greater than first reports indicated.

Four large assembling buildings and 22 smaller structures were destroyed or damaged badly.

Enemy broadcasts, placing the size of the Nagoya raiding force at about 200, claimed damage was slight and added that other B-29's flew over the Kinki area in south central Honshu without dropping bombs.

There were no claims of losses to the aerial giants.

Results of the latest strikes still are to be ascertained.

The attacks followed the stepped-up schedule which General H. H. Arnold, commanding general of the 20th Air Force, has put into effect against the Japanese.

About 20 B-29's communicated of raids on the Japanese by the Superfortresses have been released, a War Department spokesman said today.

Last Thursday important military targets in Japanese-dominated Thailand were bombed.

Transportation centers in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, and in Rangoon, capital of neighboring Burma, were hit.

The day before, Dec. 13, a major raid against the Nagoya area. Yesterday's attack was the second in five days on Japan's third largest city with a population of 1,323,084 in 1940.

In the previous Nagoya raid, returning flyers reported the big Matsudoki aircraft factory was left in flames. Examination of photographs revealed at least 47 direct hits on the factory.

Superfortresses from Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell's base in Salpan bombed the Nagoya area in yesterday's two-fister attack while a sizeable force from Major Gen. Curtis Le May's 20th bomber command struck Hankow targets.

Japanese broadcasts reported that "several formations" of B-29's "forced their way" over Japan after (Continued on page six)

Yanks Push Ahead In Philippine Drive

Chaplin At Trial



Charles Chaplin appeared fidgety and gazed upward in Superior court at Los Angeles at the trial of Joan Berry's suit to have him declared the father of her 14-month-old daughter Carol Ann. This picture was taken as he waited in court for the session to begin. (AP Wirephoto.)

Captured Airfields on Mindoro Being Whipped Into Shape.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Airfields were being whipped into shape today on the southern end of Mindoro island, now securely in American hands. Yank infantrymen were 11 miles from the beachhead they established at dawn Friday.

Only scant resistance was encountered, a spokesman reported. The Americans had command of strategic high ground and set up a wide defense six miles beyond the town of San Jose.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his Monday communication "our hold on the southern part of the island is now secure."

On Leyte island to the southeast the 7th American division outflanked Japan's prize Yamashita line at the southern section of the Ormoc corridor and drove seven miles north toward an ultimate junction with Yank forces pressing southward.

American and Australian construction engineers on Mindoro were busy rearing captured airfields for day and night fighter planes. These airfields are only 15 1/2 miles from Manila—a flight of less than a half hour.

Japan took serious note of the Mindoro invasion. Tokyo's influential newspaper Asahi warned in an editorial that an American victory there would give the yanks "full control of tomorrow's military situation." It cautioned against minimizing the "fighting spirit of American military leaders and the enemy's ability to maintain their lines of supply."

Tremendous carrier plane strikes against the Manila area gave strong support to the Mindoro advance.

Airman of Vice Adm. John S. McCain's carrier force off the Philippines in three days of continued strikes including Saturday raised to 435 their toll of enemy planes put out of action.

These, added to the 146 destroyed or damaged by fliers covering the Mindoro landings, make a four-day total of 681 planes.

Mal. Richard I. Bong of Poplar Wis., America's top ace, shot down his 39th enemy plane Friday in a fighter sweep over Negros island.

The flanking movement on Leyte entailed some of the bloodiest fighting of the Philippine campaign (Continued on page six)

THREE DIE IN DWELLING FIRE

Negro Children Burned To Death Here Yesterday.

By CHESTER WALSH Three Negro children were burned to death Sunday morning when a woman from whom the Grimes family rented a room, dragged her trunk from a rear room and escaped unhurt. William (Red) Edens, a neighbor attempted to rescue the children, who were in the front room.

Their father, George Grimes, employed on war work in Norfolk, Va., arrived here today.

Funeral services were held at the Ben Frank cemetery in the Bell Arsur section this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Phillips Brothers' Funeral Home (Roderick and Donovan), who had charge of the funeral, donated its equipment and services to the children.

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Celebrate Wright Brothers Flight

Kill Devil Hill, Dec. 18.—(AP)—To the accompaniment of the roar of motors of army and navy aircraft which put on a spectacular demonstration above the Wright Memorial, the 41st anniversary of the first airplane flight was observed here yesterday.

The ceremonies, which were simple, were attended by the greatest crowd to ever assemble for the annual event. Clear skies and sunny weather contrasted with the blizzard that cancelled the celebration a year ago.

Churches suspended their regular services and the congregations and their pastors attended.

Vice Adm. P. N. L. Bellinger, commander of the naval air forces in the Atlantic theater, who was to have been present was called away yesterday by official duties, and was represented at the event by Commodore H. M. Martin, chief of staff in the Atlantic theater.

After Commodore Martin's brief address, Capt. John T. Daniels, the only survivor of the trio of Coast Guardsmen who were with the Wright brothers forty years ago, placed a large wreath against the bronze doors of the monument in memory of all men who have given their lives in furthering the science of flight.

Jap Ships Sunk

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—American submarines have sunk 33 more Japanese ships, including a light cruiser, three destroyers and six escort vessels, in their latest forays in the Pacific, the navy reported today.

The Americans were members of an artillery observation battalion ambushed and trapped at a road fork by a powerful German armored column of Tiger tanks, whose heavy guns quickly shot up the two dozen American trucks and lightly armored vehicles.

There were no heavy weapons in the American column and the entire observation unit quickly had to surrender.

"We were just moving up to take over a position at the top of a hill and as we got to the road intersection they opened up on us," said Summers.

"They had at least 15 to 20 tanks. They disarmed us and then searched us for wristwatches and anything else they wanted.

"I guess we were lined up along that road for a full hour. They stood us all together in an open field. I thought something was wrong. As we were standing there one German soldier moving past in a tank column less than 50 yards

Poland—As Approved By Churchill



The shaded area on this map represents territory that would be left to Poland if border changes are made as proposed by Russia since December 15 by British Prime Minister Churchill. He said the Poles had no alternative but to meet the Russian demands for a frontier along the Curzon line.

Russians Scoring New Gains Around Budapest

Paris Radio Says Soviet Forces Have Entered Western Part of Hungarian Capital.

London, Dec. 18.—The Paris radio asserted today that Russian troops had smashed across the Danube from Pest into Buda, the western half of Budapest, Hungarian capital.

Violent fighting is now in progress in the streets of Buda, the broadcast said.

By EDDY GILMORE Moscow, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Soviet big guns firing from newly won positions within 5 1/2 miles of Budapest crashed an avalanche of steel against the inner defenses of the Hungarian capital today while Red army units reached the Slovak border at a new point 73 miles northeast of the city.

The scope of the Red army's Hungarian offensive was emphasized by the official Communist party newspaper, Pravda, which said that as many German divisions were engaged on the southern sector of the eastern front as against all the Allied forces in the west.

Pravda repeated figures purporting to show that 230 enemy divisions, 230 of them German, were tied up in the east as of December 1.

The Pravda article was directed against the U. S. Army and Navy Journal for questioning whether Russia had fulfilled the military duties of the Atlantic theater, who was to have been present was called away yesterday by official duties, and was represented at the event by Commodore H. M. Martin, chief of staff in the Atlantic theater.

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The Germans came back with furious counterblows by the Luft-

waffe, self-propelled guns and waves of infantry.

The Red army thrust to Slovakia, with the capture of 46 towns including Sosa, represented a gain of 15 miles northwest of Miskolc. It appeared almost certain that the Germans cannot much longer remain in Kassa, the biggest city they still hold in southeastern Slovakia, if it is rapidly being outflanked to the west in this drive.

As Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's second Ukraine army pushed relentlessly forward alongside units of Marshal Ivan Stepanov's fourth Ukraine army, the entire German salient in eastern Slovakia was in extreme danger.

Other Red army units in the drive northward from Hatvan along the approaches to central Slovakia yesterday took the big town and railway station of Pazo, 37 miles northeast of Budapest.

Meanwhile the continued pounding of Libau, Lithuanian Baltic port, together with renewed attacks on German communications in East Prussia was seen here as a possible forerunner to new land activity on the northern end of the eastern front.

The ground has become hard and the rivers frozen throughout the Baltic countries turning the terrain which had been mushy with early snows, into good tank land.

The presence of a large number of German transports at Libau gave rise to the speculation as to whether the Germans are being forced from the Baltic pocket where they have been hanging on tenaciously and at great cost.

Nazis Murder American Prisoners In Cold Blood

By HAL BOYLE An American Frontline Clearing Station, Belgium, Dec. 17.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Weeping with rage, a handful of doughboy survivors described today how a German tank ruthlessly poured machine gun fire into a group of about 150 Americans who had been disarmed and herded into a field in the opening hours of the present Nazi counteroffensive.

"We had to lie there and listen to German non-coms kill with pistols every one of our wounded men who groaned or tried to move," said T-5 William B. Summers, of Glenville, W. Va., who escaped by playing dead.

The Americans were members of an artillery observation battalion ambushed and trapped at a road fork by a powerful German armored column of Tiger tanks, whose heavy guns quickly shot up the two dozen American trucks and lightly armored vehicles.

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German Counterattacks Making Some Progress

Issues Statement On Polish Border Row

U. S. Has No Objection If Poland Agrees; British Praise Russo-French Pact.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The United States said today it would have no objection to establishment of new Polish frontiers "if a mutual agreement is reached by the United Nations directly concerned."

Secretary of State Stettinius laid down this basic policy in a statement handed out at his news conference.

The phrase "United Nations directly concerned" was not defined, but presumably would apply primarily to the Polish government-in-exile, the only Polish regime recognized by either this country or Great Britain. Or it might apply to a successor regime winning recognition.

Stettinius' three-point policy declaration was given out after he conferred separately with the British ambassador, the Earl of Halifax, and Richard K. Law, British minister of state here on a special mission.

The three points:

1. "This country stands unequivocally for a strong, free and independent Polish state with the untrammelled right of the Polish people to order their internal existence as they see fit."

2. "Despite consistent U. S. policy that boundary questions should be left to war's end, in the case of Poland this government would have no objection provided the United Nations directly concerned reach an agreement which would make an essential contribution to the prosecution of the war."

3. "The announced American aim to assist liberated countries, repair the devastation of war 'applies to Poland as well as the other United Nations.'"

The policy declaration followed Prime Minister Churchill's announcement to Commons last Friday that Britain had agreed that the eastern third of Poland should be turned over to Russia.

Stettinius said it had been the U. S. government's "consistent held policy that questions relating to boundaries should be kept in abeyance until the termination of hostilities."

He recalled, however, an earlier statement by former Secretary of State Hull that some questions might be settled in the meantime by "friendly conference and agreement."

Stettinius' statement implied that the United States would approve the changed Polish boundaries provided the Polish government accepted the Curzon line as its eastern border. Inferentially, it put the next step up to the Polish government in exile in London.

London, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The new (Continued on page six)

To Ask Expansion Of Social Security

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Social security payroll taxes will continue at one per cent next year.

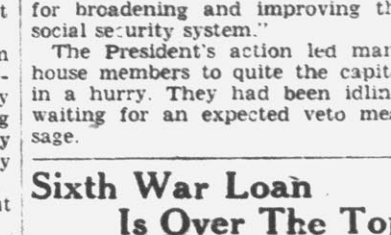
Taking congress by surprise, President Roosevelt Saturday sent the lawmakers a message saying he "reluctantly" had signed legislation blocking an automatic doubling of the rates scheduled to go into effect January 1.

At the same time, however, Mr. Roosevelt said he planned shortly to outline a "comprehensive plan for broadening and improving the social security system."

The President's action led many house members to quite the capitol in a hurry. They had been idling, waiting for an expected veto message.

Sixth War Loan Is Over The Top

E' Bond Quota Over All Quota



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So—there will be higher withholdings from some paychecks, lower from others.

The change in the rates, ordered by Congress, will make the withholding system more precise.

So far it has been based on a \$10 bracket formula. All people within that bracket—according to the number of their dependents—had the same amount of tax withheld from them. For example:

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Becomes Prexy.



Rear Admiral Norman M. Smith of Williston, S. C., (above) has been elected president of the University of South Carolina at Columbia, succeeding the late Dr. J. Rion McKissick. He is now stationed at Houston, Tex., in charge of the Navy's Area IV. Once retired, he was recalled after Pearl Harbor to give Seabees in the Pacific their training. (AP Photo.)

EXCLUSION ACT UPHELD

High Court Decision Handed Down Today.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Supreme Court today declared justified an order excluding Japanese from the west coast which the army applied in March 1942, and revoked only yesterday.

The court's 6-3 opinion by Justice Black on the issues of exclusion did not rule on the constitutional questions involved.

In another opinion, the justices ruled unanimously that an American woman of Japanese descent was entitled to unconditional release from a war relocation authority because she was conceded to be a loyal citizen.

The opinion holding exclusion justified was given in the case of Fred Toyosaburo Korematsu, who was removed from his California home to a war relocation authority center in Utah.

The court's majority opinion in his case held that the exclusion order should be affirmed "as of the time it was made and when the petitioner (Korematsu) violated it."

"In doing so," Black's opinion said, "we are not unmindful of the hardships imposed by it upon a large group of American citizens (Continued on Page Four)

Americans Strike Back At Advancing German Columns In Belgium And Luxembourg; Eisenhower Says Situation Is Not Such As To Cause Undue Alarm.

Courtesy H. Hodges' U. S. First army struck back at advancing German columns of infantry and armor in Belgium and Luxembourg today in a fierce battle which may prove to be one of the most decisive of the war.

The Allied command accepted the challenge of Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Gerd von Rundstedt, who was attempting his greatest counter-offensive against American troops in Europe.

But the situation at the front was reported extremely fluid and for this reason supreme headquarters decided upon a strict blackout on detailed information concerning the extent of the enemy advances and the counter moves of the Americans.

However, front line dispatches said Hodges had thrown armor against the German thrusts and that British Spitfires and Tempests came down from Holland to lend a hand to Allied air forces.

(Berlin said tonight the Germans had crossed the northern part of Luxembourg on a broad front and were nearing the Luxembourg-Belgium border. The Allied-controlled radio station at Eindhoven, Holland, went abruptly off the air without explanation.)

The northern tip of Luxembourg is at least eight miles across. A German penetration there would place the Nazis about 50 miles from Namur and in a position to threaten communication links between the First army and other Allied armies to the south.

(Fast German units and armored battle groups on the northern wing reached the Malmedy area, Berlin declared after battles were fought inside towns and villages and some U. S. tank forces were wiped out, the broadcast added.)

The German air force continued to support the German winter strike on the biggest scale since the Allied landings in Normandy.

A new type of V-weapon was used by the Germans along the 9th army front both by night and day.

More Nazi paratroopers were dropped behind American lines last night, but there may have numbered no more than 10. Six were caught.

Tabulations from 9th tactical air command headquarters said 129 German planes had been shot down in 24 hours—more than 20 per cent of the number of carefully husbanded aircraft put over the lines by the German air force.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commander of the Ninth U. S. Army (Continued on page five)

Pitt Murderer Paroled Today

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Six prisoners, including one convicted of second-degree murder, were paroled today by Governor Broughton. They included:

Sarah Ashford, Negro, sentenced in July, 1943, in Durham county, of manslaughter, to five to seven years; Booker T. Andrews, Negro, sentenced in December 1936 in Pitt county, of murder in the second degree, to 30 years.

Today On The Home Front

By JAMES MARLOW

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Smith made \$30 a week. Jones made \$35.50. Notwithstanding this difference in their salaries, the amount of tax withheld from each was \$1.

(This inequality, of course, was evened out in the final adjustments when the men filed their annual tax returns.)

But the new system figures the tax on a dollar-by-dollar basis up

The WAR TODAY

AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

The savage German counter-offensive along the U. S. First army front in the Rhineland bears the marks of being an effort to prevent an early American crossing of the Roer river at the key city of Duren, and so to postpone the dread day of reckoning with the Allies on the open plain of Cologne.

As a matter of fact there have been many signs recently that General Eisenhower himself was about ready to launch another major offensive, revolving about a thrust over the Roer. Nazi Field Marshal Von Rundstedt has struck shrewdly to throw the Allied line off balance and delay this drive.

The desperate mood of the Germans in what may be their last great offensive in the west is shown by a dispatch from Belgium reporting that the Nazis massacred 150 disarmed American prisoners in one sector, and that Nazi non-coms were shooting wounded doughboys on the battle-field. So the true spirit of Hitlerian barbarism is on the move again.

The fact that the Germans have been using more air power than they have employed in western Europe since D-day is highly significant of the importance they attach to the crisis that has been developing rapidly on the banks of the Roer, which shields the Cologne plain from the west. They long have been

so short of warplanes, oil and gasoline that the Luftwaffe is brought into play only in grave emergencies.

While actually there have been three battles proceeding along the water-logged, weather-plagued Allied front, the fierce conflict in the Aachen-Duren sector has remained the crucial one. This is, of course, the main gateway to the great Rhenish city of Cologne and so on into the Ruhr—heart of the Reich's war industries.

Duren, which stands mainly on the east bank of the Roer, is the anchor of the strong German defenses along that river. When this important rail and highway center falls to the Allies, it will mean that the German line has been turned and that they must make a quick retreat to positions nearer the Rhine, which is only about sixteen miles distant at this point.

The first American army under General Hodges, and the 9th under General Simpson on the north, have kept driving for the strategic Roer in the face of as tough winter going as could be imagined. It's been an exceptionally hard grind—and costly in casualties. However, by persistence which often has taxed the endurance of men who have lived and fought in mud and water, they finally reached the river bank along a considerable stretch and barring some upset, might have been expected to attempt a crossing (Continued on Page Four)

Advertisement for 'I'm Smart! Finished My Shopping' with a cartoon character and 'Buy Christmas Seals' text.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Leah A. Dupree of Belvoir community, is spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Barnhill on Stokes Route one.

Cpl. Mildred (Bill) Carr, W.A.C., stationed with the Third Air Force at Tampa, Fla., will arrive tomorrow to spend twelve days with her mother, Mrs. Alice Carr.

Staff Sgt. Darrin Waters returned to Camp Pickett, Va. last night. Sgt. Waters spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. A. M. Waters, and twin brother, Ensign Dow Waters, at 1215 Dickinson avenue.

J. P. Moss, Jr., student at King's Business College, Raleigh, has arrived to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Moss of Stokes.

Herbert Waldrop, Jr., a student at Darlington School for Boys, Rome, Ga., is spending the holidays at his home on East Tenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hodges left today for New Orleans to visit Capt. and Mrs. E. B. Aycock and children.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller of New Bern, visited their daughter, Mrs. Marshall F. Clark, over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller, Mrs. John Beaman and Mr. Freeman Miller of New Bern, attended the opening of the Greenville Funeral Home on Sunday.

Mrs. Marshall F. Clark who at present is in training in Nashville, Tenn., is spending three weeks here with her husband, Mr. Clark, who is manager of the Greenville Funeral Home.

Pvt. Frank H. Avery, who has been spending a six-day furlough with Mrs. Avery on Greenville, Route 3, has returned to Fort Bragg.

Christmas Pageant
A Christmas pageant, "The Star of Hope," will be presented under the sponsorship of the Christian Youth Council on Dec. 24 at 5 p. m. in the Methodist Church.

The young people of the various churches are participating in the choir, which is being directed by Miss Elizabeth Bridgers and Leon Fleming, Jr.

The dramatic direction is being done by Mrs. J. H. Rose, assisted by Miss Weaver and Miss Nannie Rowlett.

Fidells Class Meets Tonight.
The Fidells Class of Memorial Baptist Church will meet tonight at the home of Mrs. J. L. Winstead on Greene street.

Attend Christopher Funeral.
Those from out-of-town who attended the funeral of Mr. C. D. Christopher on Sunday, included: Mr. J. L. Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Christopher and son, Mr. Dan Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson and son, Miss Freshwater, Mr. and Mrs. Murray and daughter, Miss Margaret Christopher of Mebane; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tingle, Miss Louise Tingle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tingle and Barbara Ruth Tingle of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sumrell, Mr. and Mrs. David Sumrell of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. Resnald Sumrell of Elizabeth City; Miss Aileen Sumrell of Washington, D. C.; and Merion Sumrell, on furlough from the navy.

Third Street P. T. A. Meets.
The December meeting of the Third Street School P. T. A. was held at the school auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 13, with Mrs. Alton Dunning as president presiding. The home was attractively decorated for the occasion by several young artists in Mrs. D. M. Clark's seventh grade. There was a realistic Christmas scene in the background, showing old Santa in his sleigh rushing to a house full of tiny children peeping at him through the windowpanes. Flags of other countries which were made by school children were on display also.

A short business session preceded the reading of the story of Jesus' birth by Mrs. Vance Arnold. This was followed by a Christmas poem which was read by Mrs. Raleigh B. Lee. "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful" were sung. After visiting the rooms to see the art work which has been done in the school recently, members were directed to the hut where they were welcomed by Mrs. Alton Baker and Mrs. G. M. Lamb. Tea was poured by Mrs. Glenn Scott. Wafers, open-face sandwiches, candies and nuts were served by Mrs. F. R. Bowen, Mrs. H. B. Drum and Mrs. J. R. Starkey.

An open fire, Christmas greens, glowing candles and a colorful Nativity mural done by Miss Kate Polley's fifth graders provided an appropriate and cheerful setting for this last meeting of the year, 1944. Miss Elizabeth Norman's first grade won the attendance prize.—Reported.

"Ah! Now I Can Breathe Again!"
Wonderfully quick relief... VICKS VA-TRO-NOL

Social Calendar

MONDAY
6:30 p. m.—Rotary Club

7:00 p. m.—Lions' Club.

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m.—Chapter 149 of the Eastern Star meets.

8:30 p. m.—Christmas dance at USO Club. Formal.

THURSDAY
3:30 p. m.—Wesley Philathea Class of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church meets at the home of Mrs. Gladys Scoville for a Christmas party.

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

Birth Announcement.
Mr. and Mrs. James B. Tripp announce the birth of a son, James Bunyon, on Saturday, December 16, 1944, in Pitt General Hospital.

Mrs. Tripp is the former Miss Doris Dean Worthington of Winterville. Seaman Tripp is home on leave from duty in the Atlantic.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to express our appreciation for the many kindnesses shown during the recent illness and death of our husband and father, Mr. L. A. Barnes.

Mrs. L. A. Barnes and Family

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
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Notwithstanding the severity of the weather, quite a number of the Daughters assembled at the beautiful home of Mrs. E. G. Flanagan on Thursday evening last and were cordially received by the gracious hostess. Delicious hot negus was served in the entrance hall, while the lurid glow of the drawing room fires soon rendered the shivering guests entirely comfortable.

The president reported ten dollars given toward a portrait of the late Gen. Matt W. Ransom for the Confederate Museum at the Davis mansion in Richmond, in which the North Carolina room is taking rank with that of other states in affording objects of interest to tourists from all parts of the world.

Some holiday charities were dispensed to the needy veterans and their descendants, after which delightful refreshments were served.

Christian Science Service.
"Is the Universe, Including Man, Subject of Atomic Force?" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science churches and societies on Sunday, Dec. 17.

The golden text was from John 1:1, 3. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made."

Among the citations which com-

prised the lesson-sermon were the following from the Bible: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange God among you; therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God." (Isa. 43:10, 12).

The lesson-sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The spiritual universe, including man, is a compound idea, reflecting the divine substance of Spirit. The divine Principle and idea constitute spiritual harmony— heaven and eternity. Divine Science, the Word of God, saith to the darkness upon the face of error, 'God is All-in-All,' and the light of ever-present Love illumines the universe."

Sister Local Women Died Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck.—Mrs. L. M. Pittman of Scotland Neck died suddenly Friday evening in a Rocky Mount hospital where she had been undergoing treatment for two months. Mrs. Pittman, who was 74 years old, was formerly Lella Shields, daughter of the late James G. and Margaret Whitmore Shields of Scotland Neck. Her husband died several years ago.

She is survived by two sons, Frank S. Pittman of Enfield and James L. Pittman of Scotland Neck; two daughters, Rosina Pittman of Roanoke Rapids and Florence Pittman of Wilson; a brother, Charles J. Shields of Scotland Neck, and four sisters, Mrs. A. C. Livermon and Su-

tree and a profusion of evergreens. The tables were lovely with red and green of the Yuletide season predominating. Lighted tapers basked with holly and other Christmas greens formed the centerpiece of each table.

Venus In Eclipse With Moon Tonight

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Wesley S. Krogdahl, professor of astronomy at the University of South Carolina, said today if clear weather prevailed in the southern and southwestern states tonight many would be able to see the moon pass between the earth and Planet Venus.

Krogdahl said the eclipse of Venus—occultation in astronomical jargon—would occur about 9 p. m. eastern war time and would continue until the moon set.

The occultation of Venus, the brilliant "evening star," will be visible to observers from Texas north and east to the Carolinas.

Jack M. Collins Honored.
One of the delightful events of the holiday season was given by Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tucker at their home on Evans street, when they entertained for Jack Collins, CSK, (T) USN, at an informal dinner given in his honor last night.

Places were set in the dining room for the family and the guests were seated in the living room. The Christmas motif was effectively carried out with a lovely Christmas

tree and a profusion of evergreens. The tables were lovely with red and green of the Yuletide season predominating. Lighted tapers basked with holly and other Christmas greens formed the centerpiece of each table.

Chief Collins returned recently from two years active duty in the South Pacific, which included Australia and New Guinea.

The family and friends enjoying this reunion were: Chief and Mrs. Jack Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Venters, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collins, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Little, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Hunsucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edwards, Mrs. Marjorie Phillips, Mrs. Robert Elks, Mrs. E. A. Rumley, Mrs. Rosa Baker, Miss Helen Dixon, Mrs. Roy Gaddy, Miss Jane Tucker.

Robert St. John Here Tonight.
Robert St. John, noted correspondent, will speak tonight at 8:30 in Austin Auditorium on "The World At War." This is the second major feature in the winter program of the ETC Entertainment Committee.

St. John watched the Nazi tide roll over central Europe and the Balkans. He has lived under Nazi occupation and escaped dramatically from Greece.

His report on "The World At War" presents a graphic picture of what war is really like, gives his views on the progress of the conflict, and urges upon America the necessity for all-out effort. Anecdotes from his own experiences in 17 countries illustrate and illuminate the discussion.

Fireside Club Meets.
The Fireside Club of the Eighth Street Christian Church met Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Knott Proctor, with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Corbett, Mrs. John Adams and Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, assisting hosts.

The home was beautifully decorated, carrying out the Christmas motif.

Mrs. J. R. Carrington, co-president, called the meeting to order, and Mrs. Ruth Harris read as the devotional the Christmas story in Luke.

The program for the evening featured recordings of Dickens Christmas Carol, which were greatly en-

joyed by everyone.
Mrs. T. I. Wagner, former co-president of the club, was gladly welcomed back.

A card was signed by all present, to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Egan, founders of the Fireside Club.

Games and contests, led by Mrs. R. E. Corbett, followed. The prize for naming the most Christmas songs was won by Mrs. Ficklen Arthur.

At the conclusion of the evening the hosts and hostesses served tempting refreshments.—Reported.

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By EARL L. DOUGLAS

PHYSICIAN FOR THE DAY

WILLIAM BOOTH, THE GREAT SOUL WHO started the Salvation Army, looked on the dreary horror of Whitechapel, a slum of London, and fell in love with the great crowds of people who seemed to be outside the pale of all Christian churches. These people were coarsened and debased by a vile environment and by the vices of habits. When Booth came among them to help them, they found cruel sport in assaulting him and his associates and persecuting them in every way. They met his kindness with derision, insult, and violence.

Nevertheless, Booth loved them. He believed that Christianity consisted in love and nothing else. He was confident that he could win them and millions of others out of their wayward lives by loving them. He said: "We are moral scavengers, netting the very sewers. We want what we can get, but we want most of all the lowest of the low."

This great man had the capacity to see moral potentiality beneath the grime of evil. He believed in his fellow men, but above all, he believed in the divine power of Jesus Christ to save men from their worst selves. His serene demonstrations in the most spectacular of the Church of the power of the gospel to heal the sick of soul. He was physician to the spirits of men.

AMERICA IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—With no fanfare, James F. Byrnes emerged in the last two weeks as the most important man in our home front government. Congress has confidence in Byrnes. It's no secret that when Secretary of State Cordell Hull's resignation was announced, some influential members of Congress went into a huddle and dashed for the White House to plead that Byrnes be named to the post. Before they could get there, the President beat them to the draw by naming Stettinius.

The rumor that Harry Hopkins was behind it even got public pronouncement on the floor of the Senate. Coming on top of the Bidle-Littell row in the Department of Justice, and the Harley-Heller appointments to the Surplus Property Disposal Board (matters in which "Little President" Byrnes ordinarily would have had an important say) gave rise to the misunderstanding that Byrnes was being by-passed.

Such was far from the case. For Byrnes already was busy setting up his new office War Mobilization and Reconversion that he had no time to play liaison to Congress and general trouble-shooter. Until now, Byrnes has been almost a one-man right hand to the President on the home front. His offices were small, his assistants few and virtually anonymous. Byrnes himself, in spite of his authority kept in the background.



long as it's needed for prosecution of the war; William Haber, who will do the same for manpower; Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who as deputy director for War Programs, will have charge of seeing that the armed forces get all they need; and Fred Seales, Jr., who will be responsible for keeping munitions output at the required level. There will be a couple of more members of the "little cabinet," one an overall reconversion planner.

There's no longer any reason for Congress to think that its "favorite son" has been sidetracked by New Dealers, conservatives or anybody.

The War Today ...

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Meanwhile, military observers have noted that the British and Canadian armies on the Allied northern wing were in position to launch a great flanking movement against the Germans as soon as Eisenhower had his men across the Rhine at Duren in force. At the same time on the southern Allied front the American Seventh Army in the Alsace sector, and Patton's Third at the gateway to the important Saar industrial region, have been persistently advancing.

Thus the Germans have been under heavy pressure along most of their 450 mile front, with the certainty that Eisenhower was about set to launch a big offensive. So Von Rundstedt has countered to throw the Allies off balance, and he apparently is going all out in his effort to create a situation which will delay the Allied advance through the winter.

But he's fighting for more than delay, because Eisenhower has created a huge trap along the western Rhinefront. The Nazi commander will be lucky if he doesn't lose the bulk of his armies in it. His present drive is calculated to lessen that danger.

Today On The ...

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the tables under the new system because it is easier.
But remember: Another factor making a change in the amount of your tax is the change in the amount of exemptions a person can claim. This was pointed out at the start of this story.
Formerly, exemptions were \$500 if you were single, \$1,200 for a married couple, plus \$350 for each dependent.

Now the exemptions are a flat \$500 for each person. Some will benefit from this, some will lose. For example:
A married couple which formerly could claim \$1,200 exemption, now gets only \$1,000.
A married couple with one child—which formerly could claim \$1,200 as a married couple and \$350 for a dependent, or a total exemption of \$1,550—now gets only \$1,500.
But a married couple with two children—formerly the total exemption was \$1,900—now gets \$2,000.

And there are other exemption changes. Until now you could not claim exemption for any dependent over 18 unless he or she was physically or mentally incapable of self-support.
Now you can claim exemption for a dependent over 18—that is a big help to parents with children at college—provided that dependent is closely related to you by blood, marriage or legal adoption.

And in this case the over 18 dependent has to be just that—mentally dependent. He or she doesn't have to be physically or mentally helpless.
You may have forgotten it but before December 1 you had to fill out a small questionnaire for your boss showing the number of your dependents.
That was to help the boss in figuring out your tax under the new set-up after January 1.

The Virgin islands were acquired by the United States by purchase from Denmark.

Nazis Murder ...

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it got many that time."
Three hours after the slaughter less than 20 survivors had made their way to the American lines.

Jack Belden, of Time Magazine, and I rode back to this clearing station with the first survivors picked up by our reconnaissance jeeps.

Exclusion ...

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But hardships are part of war, and war is an aggregation of hardships.
"All citizens alike, both in and out of uniform, feel the impact of war in greater or lesser measure.

"Citizenship has its responsibilities as well as its privileges and in time of war the burden is always heavier. Compulsory exclusion of large groups of citizens from their homes except under circumstances of direst emergency and peril, is inconsistent with our basic governmental institutions. But when under conditions of modern warfare our shores are threatened by hostile forces, the power to protect must be commensurate with the threatened danger."

The unanimous decision by Justice Douglas involved Miss Mitsuye Endo.

In the decision by Justice Douglas the court declined, however, to rule on the questions of military law involved in the case.

The Douglas decision explained that "we do not mean to imply that detention in connection with no phase of the (Japanese) evacuation program would be lawful."
In reaching its conclusion, the court said it did not "come to the underlying constitutional issues which have been argued. For we conclude that, whatever power the war relocation authority may have to detain other classes of citizens, it has no authority to subject citizens who are concededly loyal to its leave procedure."

Contract Club

Grifton, Dec. 18.—Mrs. T. J. Williams was hostess to members of her contract club on Thursday night at her home here. On arrival a delectable supper in two courses was served, after which cards were played at three tables.
Seasonal decorations were in evidence throughout the home. After several interesting progressions high scores were held by Mrs. Jack Tucker and Mrs. Vance Wall. Other players were Mrs. Jack Chapman, Mrs. Alton Chapman, Mrs. H. P. Quinley, Mrs. R. A. Nelson, Mrs. A. D. Wall, Miss Louise Mewborn, Mrs. Ivan Bissette, Mrs. Dorman McCotter, Mrs. Robert McCotter and Miss Marie Chapman.

Stokes H. D. Club Meets

The Home Demonstration Club of Stokes celebrated their December meeting with the annual Christmas Party.
The home of Mrs. A. L. Woolard was beautifully decorated, carrying out the Christmas motif.
All members joined in singing Christmas carols. Christmas games were enjoyed. Mrs. Gurganus won first prize for tearing a reindeer out of a piece of paper.
The room was full of glee when presents were exchanged.
Refreshments carrying out the Christmas spirit were served. After a delightful afternoon, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. A. Conleton in January.—Reported.

Grifton P. T. A. Meets.
Grifton, Dec. 18.—The Grifton Parent-Teachers Association held its December meeting on Tuesday night in the community building. Mrs. R. E. Wiston presided in the absence of the president.
After the routine business

Christmas pageant was presented by Miss Susan Alice Waller's eighth grade.
Attendance cakes went to the seventh and eighth grades. Mrs. H. C. Oglesby and Miss Waller, teachers.

Grifton Book Club.
Grifton, Dec. 18.—The Grifton Book Club held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Bert Johnson. The home was decorated with holly and berries suggestive of the approaching holiday season.
Current events were heard at roll call and the program speaker was Mrs. H. C. Oglesby, who talked on Prospects of Transportation.
Miss Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Sam Cox, served delicious hot tea, sandwiches and salted nuts.

NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

Visit English Firm
Jack Kilgo, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kilgo of this city, who was injured in France some time ago, is recuperating in a hospital in England and was with a group of convalescent soldiers who recently visited Warwick and Richardson, Ltd., Newark on Trent, Nottingham, England, which stands at the junction of two of the oldest English roads, the old Roman Rosse Way, and the great North Road.

Transferred To Florida
Chief Specialist (A) Charles D. Cobb, USN, who has been stationed at Charleston, S. C., has been transferred to the recreation center of the Naval Air Base at Banana River, Fla. He recently spent a short furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kinchen W. Cobb. The naval officer's wife and son, Charles David Cobb, Jr., are spending the holidays in Washington, D. C., with Mrs. Cobb's parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Tobias.

In Moore General Hospital
Pvt. Joseph W. Tripp, 1308 Reed street, has been admitted to Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, for treatment. He served in the Southwest Pacific theater of operations with the Signal Corps.

Training For Pilot
Gulfport Army Air Field, Miss.—First Lt. Otis L. Yeargan, husband of Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Yeargan, 702 Evans St., Greenville, N. C., has reported at this base for training as a pilot on a B-17 Flying Fortress. Lt. Yeargan entered the service at Fort Bragg in October, 1941. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Yeargan, Sr., 2024 Jersey Ave., Durham.

Transferred
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Harris of near Greenville have received word that their son, H. B. Harris, Jr., S-1c, has been transferred from Brooklyn, N. Y., to San Francisco, Calif.

Greenville High School News

By JULIAN WHITE

T.B. Seals
Approximately \$60 was taken in from the sale of the Tubercular Christmas Seals. Mrs. McNair's room led the entire school in this undertaking with a total of \$7. Miss Lamm's and Mrs. Mirns' rooms contributed \$5 each, and approximately \$4 was collected from seven other rooms.
"I think this a very fine record for our school and it is typical of Greenville High School students in supporting a worthy cause," stated Mr. Dowd.

Football Team
The Lions' Club of Greenville is honoring the football team with a supper tonight at 7 o'clock in the high school cafeteria.

Holidays
School will close at 12:30 Wednesday for the Christmas holidays and will open again January 1.

To Decorate Trees
Junior Red Cross members in our school are planning to decorate two Christmas trees for the marines at the local airfield. All students are urged to bring any Christmas lights or decorations which they will lend for this purpose.

RESOLUTION
Passed by the Board of Directors of the Home Building & Loan Association, of Greenville, North Carolina, December 7, 1944, on the death of Mr. Charles W. Harvey.
With sincere sorrow the Board of Directors of the Home Building & Loan Association of Greenville, record the death of one of its most earnest and loyal members, Mr. Charles W. Harvey.
For fifteen years Mr. Harvey was an active member of the Board and stood ever ready to advance the usefulness of the Association. Mr. Harvey was an outstanding citizen of the community in which he lived and a man of sterling character, which was reflected in his gentlemanly demeanor at all times, and in his unselfishness and kindness. In his business relations he was inflexibly straightforward and commanded the respect of all who knew him. In his death the members of this Board have lost a friend and the Association a valuable Director.
BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Association, and that a copy be transmitted to the family of Mr. Harvey, that we may extend to them an expression of our sincere sympathy.
J. B. JAMES,
B. S. WARREN,
W. W. LEE, Committee.

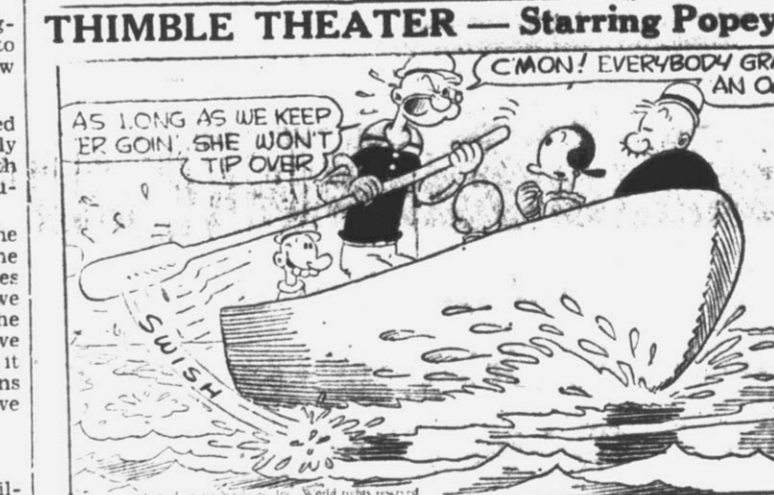
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1. Rowan tree
5. Favorite
8. Metalliferous
12. Ipecac plant
13. Old musical note
14. Philippine knife
15. And ten: suffix
16. Intelligent
18. Land measure
19. Stir up
21. Negative language
22. Sheet of glass
24. Anger
25. Paid public notice
26. Fish relish
28. Pouch
30. Female sheep
31. Animal's neck covering
33. Speed contest
26. Former spelling of titan
28. Chronographic artist
40. Seal covering
41. Back
42. Officeholders
43. Salamander
46. Copy
48. Automobile
50. Knock
52. Fail to keep
53. Symbol for silver
54. Signifies
56. Artificial language
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Solution Of Saturday's Puzzle
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3. Female sandpiper
4. Tropical fruit
5. Persian fairy
6. Buoyant cheer
7. Turkey tribesman
8. Woodwind instrument
9. King of thurs
10. African
11. Individual performance
12. Inhabitants of: suffix
13. Microbes
14. Artist's workshop
15. Locust trees
16. The Greek B
17. Recreational contest
18. Aider: Scotch
19. Kind of silver
20. Collecting to a point
21. Sprite
22. Old-womanish
23. Narrow two poles
24. Waste allowance
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27. Kind of rock
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29. Platform
30. Narrow fabric
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32. Complement of a built
33. Philippine native

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No. 3—Furver-Moore Farm, near Gardner's Cross Roads on road to Griffon, 108 acres, 58 cleared—5 acres tobacco, 8-room home, combination barn-stable-packhouse building, one frame tobacco barn, plenty of wood. Heavy type soil. \$6,500.00 with terms.
No. 4—Edwards-Rogers Farm, 150 acres, about 45 cleared, 7.8 acres tobacco, located between Stokeswood and Gardner's Cross Cross Roads. 5-room dwelling, two good frame tobacco barns, 2-story metal roof packhouse, stables, good wood value. Power one mile. \$7,500.00 with terms.
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No. 6—James Farm, 4 miles north Greenville on new Pactolus highway, 118 acres, 48.4 crop land, 11.3 acres tobacco, 4-room house, 3-story metal roof packhouse, 2 tobacco barns, barn and stable buildings. Price \$7,500.00 with terms.
No. 7—Clark Farm, 8 miles north Greenville, 92.1-2 acres, 55 cleared under fence, 5-room bungalow, 2 tobacco barns, tenant house, 10 acres tobacco. Price \$10,000.00 with terms.
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Hog Market
Raleigh, Dec. 18—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets steady to slightly higher with tops at 14.00 at Clinton and Rocky Mount and 13.90 at Richmond.

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 18—(AP)—(NCDA)—Eggs and poultry markets steady. Raleigh—U. S. grade AA large 54 hens, all weights, 25.
Washington—U. S. grade A large 57 to 58.

Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 18—(AP)—A steady undertone developed in grain markets in late trading today when wheat regained some of its early losses and most of the remainder of the futures list turned fractionally higher.
At the close wheat was 1/4 higher to 1/2 lower than Saturday's finish, December \$1.68 1/2. Corn was up 1/4 to 1/2, December \$1.14. Oats were off 1/4 to up 1/2, December 70. Rye was unchanged to 1/2 higher, December \$1.11 1/2. Barley was up 1/4 to 1/2, December \$1.13 1/2.

STOCKS — M
New York, Dec. 18—(AP)—Stocks generally were hobbled by further light selling in today's market although scattered favorites managed to register modest progress and little real weakness was in evidence. Trends began to waver after a moderately steady start and, at the worst, declines of fractions to more than a point were widespread. Transfers were around 1,000,000 shares.

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 18—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 15 cents a bale lower.
 Noon prices were unchanged to 10 cents a bale higher. March 21.90, May 21.84, July 21.47.
 Futures closed 10 cents a bale lower to 25 cents higher.
 Open Last Piv Cl
 March 21.87 21.80 21.90
 May 21.82 21.82 21.84
 July 21.43 21.45 21.46
 Oct. 20.53 20.58 20.53
 Dec. 20.47 20.45 20.40
 Middling spot 22.29, up 2.

N. Y. Stock Market

FINAL STOCKS

Allegheny	37
All Chem and Dye	155
Allis Chalm Mfg	39 1/2
Am Can	90
Am Cel	90
Am Cel Pk	15 1/2
Am Mol Mills	15 1/2
Am Smet and Ref	40 1/2
A T and T	164 1/2
Am Tob B	66
Anacosta	28 1/2
A C L	50 1/2
Alt Ref	30 1/2
Aviat Corp	5
Baldwin	26 1/2
B and O	10 1/2
Barnsdall	10 1/2
Bendix Aviat	47
Beth St	64 1/2
Boeing Airpl	17 1/2
Borden	33 1/2
Burl Mfg	10 1/2
Burl Mills	39 1/2
Bur Add Mach	14 1/2
Case J I	36 1/2
Caterpill Trac	48 1/2
Chem and O	48 1/2
Chrysler	91 1/2
Coml Credit	38 1/2
Coml Solv	15 1/2
Consol Edis	24 1/2
Cont Can	37 1/2
Cor Prod	59 1/2
Curtiss Wright	5 1/2
Doug Air	68 1/2
Dupon Chem	120 1/2
Dupon	15 1/2
Eastman Kod	176
Firestone	56 1/2
Gen Elec	39 1/2
Gen Foods	41 1/2
Gen Mot	64
Goodrich	53 1/2
Goodyear	50 1/2
Int Harvest	81
Int Tel and Tel	17 1/2
Johans Man	10 1/2
Kennecott	36 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	78 1/2
Loews	77 1/2
Lorillard	18 1/2
Nat Bis	24 1/2
Packard	5 1/2
Param Plc	29 1/2
Pennny J C	109 1/2
Fenn RR	32 1/2
Coca Cola	44
Phillips Pet	66
Pullman	48 1/2
Pure Oil	18 1/2
Radio	10 1/2
Repub Stl	19 1/2
Reynolds B	31 1/2
Sears	105 1/2
Sou Ry	33 1/2
Sid Brands	28 1/2
Std Oil N J	55 1/2
Stewart Warner	16
Swift	32 1/2
Tex Co	48 1/2
Union Carbide	79 1/2
United Air	29 1/2
United Corp	1 1/2
United Drug	16 1/2
US Ind Chem	39 1/2
US Rubber	51 1/2
US Smet and Ref	55

US steel 59 1/2
Vanadium 21
Warner Pict 13 1/2
Western Union A 44 1/2
West El and Mfg 115 1/2
Woolworth 41 1/2

German ...

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on Hodges' left flank, praisd the work of the Allied tactical airman, declaring that despite the great number of planes used by the Germans they are "not able to bother us a great deal."

Throwing hundreds of carefully conserved planes, hundreds of tanks, many divisions and even paratroopers into a surprising winter counter-offensive the Germans achieved a penetration of several miles in the American line re-invaded Belgium in the Monschau area 16 miles south of Aachen, and re-entered Luxembourg at two other points.
Today the Germans were pushing their advances along an 80-mile front from the Manschau area to the southern tip of the Luxembourg border with new and more violent attacks.

Allied military authorities directing the battle said it had been decided not to make public specific information as to the exact places where the German columns were smashing through and how far they had advanced.

But First Army headquarters dispatches said the Germans had gained several miles and American troops were locked in battle. The penetration apparently had been at least four miles in one area 10 miles east of Malmedy, a Belgian town just north of the Luxembourg border.

This was a push by a strong German armored column supported overnight by artillery and bombing and strafing warplanes on a seven mile front.

Elsewhere along the 80-mile front the Germans were delivering stiff punches aimed at seeking soft spots and there were indications the supreme German effort would mount in intensity before it subsided.

On many other army fronts there were signs of impending German blows.
U. S. Third Army dispatches said the heaviest enemy rail movement ever seen behind the Third Army front had been observed yesterday.

Reports from the British Second Army front to the north said German fliers in the greatest strength since D-Day had appeared in the skies along the Aachen sector, along with many reconnaissance aircraft over the British front.

A 10-mile long German column was blasted by Allied fighter bombers in the Neunkirchen area, 10 miles northeast of Saarbrücken.
In the Alsace plain German counterattacks rolled over three villages in the Colmar and Slesiat areas.
But at Gen. Eisenhower's supreme headquarters it was said the Allied command is taking measures to deal with the situation and that there was no cause for undue alarm.

Von Rundstedt undoubtedly has thrown a large part of his strategic reserve into this supreme effort, it was said, with the most likely purpose of derailing the Allied winter offensive and holding the Americans on the Roer river and the fringe of the Saar basin until spring.
It is possible, it was stated, that this may prove to be the final German effort to turn the tables.
By some it was compared to the great German counteroffensive in the spring of 1918.

Students Stand By Co-ed From Cuba
Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 18—(AP)—A student strike was threatened today at Louisiana State University unless a pretty 18-year-old co-ed who wrote a leaflet on sex and campus kissing is reinstated.
The girl, Gloria Jeanne Heller, daughter of a Havana, Cuba, hotel manager, resigned last week at the request, she said, of President W. B. Hatcher. A co-ed with a college, she continued to "stick around."
The Student Council, exhorted by campus leaders that a general student strike was threatened, adopted a resolution last night protesting the manner in which Miss Heller was "ordered" to leave the university.

The resolution termed the action of President Hatcher "a violation of the Student Council code and therefore invalid" and the council informed Hatcher a strike was imminent unless "prompt action" is taken. Hatcher told Lloyd Wheat, Student Council president, that he would meet with the council tomorrow to discuss the "situation."

Pigs and chickens were introduced in the South Sea islands by emigrants from Asia.

High Prices Are Result of Control

Chairman J. V. Taylor, chairman of the Pitt County Agricultural Conservation program, today issued the following statement about tobacco which is interesting not only to farmers but to others in the tobacco growing sections:

In justice to the tobacco farmers in this section who have been subjected to a smear campaign by certain groups, using various tactics to have the public believe there is a shortage of tobacco which has been caused by acreage control, we offer the following facts for your just consideration:

(1) The production of tobacco in North Carolina for five years before we had a farmer's program was 3,266,415 acres with a total yield of 2,330,195,499 pounds.

(2) In the last five years with the program there were 2,696,129 acres planted in tobacco with a production of 2,064,147,347 pounds. This is producing 333,951,848 pounds on 570,286 less acres, or an increase of approximately 40 per cent in the yield per acre.

In this particular area, Forsyth and adjoining counties, the increase in yield per acre has been greater. These figures were taken from North Carolina Crop Reporting Service which is recognized as being one of the best in the country.

(3) If we had increased the acreage with the previous low yields, farmers would have had to planted 40 per cent more pounds, which of course could not have been done with the labor and equipment available. Neither would we have had time to produce other more essential food and feed crops; neither the land on which we would have had to use under the low yield (or old method) would not have been available for the more essential war crops, and the soil-building program which have been so important to the yields of all crops would not have been permissible.

(4) Farmers have been taught since childhood to produce. We have in the past produced more than the market could use. We are still anxious to produce and will produce all that the market will pay a fair price for, and at the same time take care of our factory, "The Soil," and our labor, "The Family," for future needs.

(5) Approximately 70 per cent of the blue-graded tobacco of the United States is produced in North Carolina.

(6) Farmers as a group are patriotic and like to do the right thing. We and our families have worked hard and long hours producing the second largest tobacco crop in the history and a record production of many other products, all under many handicaps. Have other groups done as much?

Former Newsman Wins Navy Medal

Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 18—(AP)—Lt. (jg) Richard V. McPhail, a former Raleigh newspaper man, formerly of Gastonia and Hamlet has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for distinguished heroism during the assault on Normandy, June 6, the Navy Department announced today.
Lt. McPhail was commended by Admiral Stark for "distinguishing himself by heroism while commanding officer of U. S. Coast Guard cutter 16 engaged in rescue operations during the assault on the coast of France."
McPhail brought his rescue craft

alongside a sinking landing craft which was loaded with ammunition and burning, to effect the rescue of incapacitated survivors. He left the side of the craft, but unhesitatingly put about and again came alongside when informed that another man with two broken legs was still aboard. The rescue was effected though McPhail was aware that the vessel might explode at any minute.

The presentation was made in a ceremony at Williamsburg by Commander N. S. Fulford, USCG, commanding officer at the Coast Guard amphibious training detachment, Camp LeJeune, where Lt. McPhail is now assigned. Commander Fulford is a native of Washington, N. C., and former resident of Greenville, N. C., and is a veteran of six invasions in the Mediterranean and Pacific aboard an attack transport.

Commander Fulford said that during the action—packed days of the Normandy invasion Lt. McPhail's craft rescued 126 Allied soldiers and sailors from the English Channel.

Dr. Herring Speaks On Latin America

Dr. Hubert Herring, noted author who was brought to the ECTC campus by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, spoke on Latin America at the regular Sunday night vesper service which was held in cooperation with the International Relations Club at 4:30 p. m. in Austin Auditorium.

Dr. Herring gave three steps in our relations with 20 sovereign nations in Latin America. In the first place, all way through the 19th century we hardly knew that Latin America existed. Then, at the close of the century, there followed a period of police based on the theory that if our neighbors failed to behave themselves, it was our duty to go in and civilize and christianize them. Then, when we realized that it was too expensive to make people pay their debts, that our reforms were not sticking, and that we were not making friends and influencing people, the doctrine of the good neighbor was brought in.

He said President Roosevelt has done much to impress the people that our intentions toward them are well-meant. After Pearl Harbor, a great spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm occurred concerning Latin America. By this time the peoples of Latin America had gotten used to the Marines, but they were impressed by the loans, battleships, appropriations, etc. which were sent to them. Dr. Herring said we were not only out for trade and return of loans, but we realized that Latin America is necessary to our security in this world war. We wanted to be

friends with her because of her strategic value.
Dr. Herring listed three things which we have done to bring about closer relations with Latin America. First, we have improved our diplomacy; second, there has been a closer economic and social cooperation between Latin America and the United States; and third, there has been a cultural inter change.
The greatest problem now is, "Can we keep up our good relations?" He said it is difficult for two worlds which are so different to understand each other.

Cases Tried Today In Recorder's Court

In Police Court today Judge Roberts disposed of the following cases:
Theodore (Pete) Wooten, colored, was given 90 days on the roads for violation of a court order. He had been forbidden to visit the premises of Aman or Eva Byrd, colored. Commitment is to issue on January 2 unless Wooten is in one of the armed services.
Drunks: Marion Forbes, colored, \$15; Eddie L. Loftin, colored, costs; Beatrice Taft and Ephram Harris, colored, each 30 days in jail or pay costs; George Johnson, colored, judgment suspended on payment of costs; James E. Hardy, same penalty; Rossie N. Little, colored, costs; John W. Overton, colored, costs; H. L. Askey, \$15, costs deducted.
Driving drunk: Joseph Ebron, colored, \$50 and costs and lose license a year.

Reckless driving: John A. Wesley, colored, not guilty.
Assault with deadly weapon: Joseph Ebron, colored, charged with threatening Harry Baraky, cafe operator, with an ice pick, was given 60 days in jail, sentence suspended on payment of \$25, costs deducted. Robert Williams, called and failed, capias issued.

Colored News

Important Meeting
All members of Mount Herman Lodge No. 35 are asked to attend an important business meeting to-night at 8 o'clock. This will be the last meeting of the year. W. J. Hester is secretary.

Governor's Son Commissioned
Raleigh, Dec. 18—(AP)—Joseph Meville Broughton, Jr., son of Gov. and Mrs. Broughton, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve after his graduation from officers candidates school at Quantico, Va. Young Broughton is a graduate of Wake Forest college.

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(Press Section, Public Relations Office, Sixth Naval District, Charleston, S. C.)

Lieutenant John David Bridgers, USNR, pilot of Bombing Squadron Fifteen, of the Navy's famed Air Group Fifteen, is now on leave after a tour of duty ranging from the Central to the far Western Pacific, during which time he participated in 48 combat sorties, won the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and a Gold Star, in lieu of a second Air Medal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Bridgers of 100 East Ninth Street, Greenville.

From May 19 to November 14, Lieut. Bridgers participated in the action of Air Group Fifteen at Mar-

cus, Wake, Saipan, Pagan, Rota, Bonin, Guam, Tinian, Palau, Mindanao, Visayas, Luzon, Nansei Shoto, Formosa, and Leyte. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross for leading an attack on Orote Field, Guam, in June. He received the Air Medal for a series of meritorious acts at Mindanao. The Gold Star was awarded Lieut. Bridgers for an attack led in the Visayan area. During Fleet Action on October 24 and 25, he hit a 15,000-ton enemy vessel of the Chitose Class.

Bombing Squadron Fifteen was commanded by Commander James H. Mini, USN, of Vallejo and Coronado, California. Flying Curtiss Helldivers, the squadron achieved remarkable success in the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea on October 24 and 25. Of 60 heavy bombs dropped on enemy warships, 40 scored direct hits on their targets. Ten of the hits were on a new Yamato class battleship on October 24; on October 25, the squadron contributed to the sinking of a large Shokaku class aircraft carrier with eight bomb hits and scored eight more hits on a converted battleship with a slight deck.

Air Group Fifteen is commanded by Commander David S. McCampbell, USN, of Los Angeles, California. It was based aboard the carrier ESSEX. In achieving new carrier group records, Air Group Fifteen flew more than 1,000 individual sorties, which required more than 20,000 hours of combat flying. The pilots and aircrews expended approximately 1,500 tons of bombs, 1,700 rockets, 50 torpedoes and more than 1,700,000 rounds of machine gun ammunition.

After its leave period, the air group will resume combat operations.

Lt. Bridgers arrived at Seattle, Washington, 10 days ago and is expected to reach this city this week. Lt. (jg) Warren Parrish, formerly of this city, also a member of Bomb-

June Rose Flies To Avon In 28 Minutes

June H. Rose, assistant state director of Civilian Defense, flew from Greenville to Avon, on the upper Hatteras banks, Friday to confer with regional Red Cross and Dare county authorities on providing relief for many victims of the September hurricane. Nearly all of the houses there were moved from their foundations. The Red Cross will use emergency measures to provide relief. State prisoners are now being used in rehabilitation work there. Rose, who made the trip by air in about 28 minutes, said unusual conditions prevail at Avon and the people will be given relief.

Red Cross Plans For Year's Work

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18—American Red Cross operations at home and abroad will reach their wartime peak in 1945. Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, said today in announcing that the minimum goal for the Red Cross War Fund to be raised in March 1945 had been fixed at \$180,000,000.

The Central Committee set the goal following careful review of budget estimates for American Red Cross work in the United States and overseas for the year beginning March 1, 1945, O'Connor said. He added that Colby M. Chester, chairman of the Executive Committee of General Foods Corporation, will be chairman of the 1945 campaign.

"Our new budgets represent an appreciable increase in the services we will render in Europe, in the Pacific and at home, but we have been able to keep the total 1945 goal slightly under the one for 1944 because of oversubscription of our earlier campaigns and certain economies in this year's operations."

"After personally inspecting our operations in England and on the Continent, and after conferring with Generals Eisenhower, Bradley, Patton and Clark, I foresee an increase rather than a decrease in the need for American Red Cross services on the Continent from now and for some time after the European fighting is over. Likewise, it is obvious the American Red Cross must expand its Pacific and Far Eastern operations during the coming year."

"It is our intention that Red Cross stay with our troops until all of them are returned home and continue to serve them through their adjustment back to civilian life. For this reason we must ask the American public to consider our goal of \$180,000,000 as an absolute minimum."

Veterans' Benefits
Raleigh, Dec. 18—(AP)—Pensions and other benefits for war veterans and their families to the aggregate of \$12,500 were secured during November by the Veterans' Service di-

"MASTER RACE" OPENS AT PITT TUESDAY



American officer offers words of advice to Usa Massen in scene from dramatic production "The Master Race" opening Tuesday at the P.H.H.

vision of the State Department of Labor, Commissioner Forrest H. Shuford has announced.

He said the division handled 1,194 cases, arranged hospitalization for 23 veterans and obtained pensions for 83 others.

Production Credit Group Economizing

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 18—(AP)—Julian H. Scarborough and S. C. Lattimore, president and vice president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia which serves the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida held corresponding offices today in the Production Credit Corporation succeeding seven ranking officials of the Production Credit unit who resigned to "effect economies in operations."

General Agent Harry L. Brown of the Farm Credit Administration who announced the changes said it would "not in any way change the status of the independence of the 93 production credit associations in the four states."

Issues Statement . . .

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French-Russian alliance pledging mutual economic and military assistance for at least 20 years, terms of which were announced in Paris yesterday, was warmly praised today by the British press.

"Such agreements should produce others which will bind the foundations of security," the Daily Mail said.

The text of the treaty, as released in Paris, had the following points:
1. Each country will continue the fight against Germany until a victory is won, giving mutual assistance within the means at its disposal.

2. Neither will enter into separate negotiations with Germany nor conclude without mutual agreement any armistice or peace treaty either with the Hitler government or any other government set up in Germany with the aim of prolonging

miles from Valencia, headquarters of General Suzuki, commander of the 35th Japanese army. At the north end of the bloody corridor the Yank First cavalry division made a two-mile advance to cut the Yamashita line between Mt. Catabaran and Valencia, and the 32nd division in the same general area captured large quantities of enemy equipment, including tanks, artillery pieces, mortars and machineguns.

Japanese air activity was negligible except for a raid on Morotal island, southeast of the Philippines by a single plane.

American aircraft, however, gave Japanese shipping airdromes and fuel installations a thorough pasting. Three freighters were set afire off Mindoro and a fourth was damaged. Two more were set ablaze off Masbate in the Visayan group.

Three Die . . .

(Continued From Page One) dren's parents.

The fire started from an overheated stove, firemen said. Police and neighbors gave valuable assistance to the firemen.

Coroner Griffin H. Rouse will hold an inquest at the City Hall Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

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Superforts . . .

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1 p. m., today (Japanese time). The Japanese broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications center, said "Japanese fighters and anti-aircraft units are now giving a hot reception to the enemy raiders."

This indicated that the Superfortresses were still on the wing over Nippon at the time of the broadcast.

FCC monitors said reception was poor, but that they believed the Japanese station said Nagoya was the target.

Nagoya has the largest concentration of airplane and aircraft parts plants in Japan, and is a highly inflammable city.

Yanks Pushing . . .

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General MacArthur listed 2,012 new Japanese dead to add to the 37,154 already counted on Leyte. In addition, many thousands are estimated killed behind the enemy lines.

The 77th division was only two

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Already there's a threatened shortage of nitrogen, due to sharply increased war needs. Unless you help smash the bottle-neck by taking your nitrate as soon as it is offered, the shortage will become acute. Thousands of tons will pile up at U.S. ports or on the docks in Chile. The only place Chilean Nitrate does you any good is on your crops. Get yours now... while you can.

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