

Rain and colder with some freezing rain or snow in west portion tonight. Wednesday cloudy and colder. Lowest temperature tonight 26-32.

German Trapped Inside Budapest

Eight To 10 Nazi Divisions Encircled As Soviets Smash To Western Edge Of City In 15 Mile Drive; Two Airports Still Held By The Enemy.

By EDDY GILMORE Moscow, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Eight to 10 divisions of German and Hungarian troops were reported trapped in Budapest today—cut off from escape except by air or possibly one road usable only by night—as the Red Army drove to the western city limits in a 15-mile advance.

The encirclement of the Hungarian capital was virtually completed and front dispatches said Soviet guns had begun a systematic shelling of two airports still held by the enemy, while Stormoviks and medevacs were flying incessant sorties over the strife-torn capital.

The greatest panic was reported from inside the city in full view of Russian units that yesterday drove to the lofty hills of Budakesz, adjoining the city limits of Buda, western half of the Danube-straddling capital.

The Germans were reported to have grabbed all available automobiles and buses and put them under strict military command, ordering the Hungarian drivers to stand by with blankets and all the warm clothing possible.

The last narrow escape corridor that appeared still open to them on the basis of frontline dispatches extended 19 miles northwest from the capital to Esztergom, on the southern bank of the big Danube bend.

The ring around the capital was completed in all other directions—at distances ranging from less than two miles on the west to about nine miles on the east.

Today's communique also disclosed a continuing Red Army surge westward in southern Czechoslovakia along the Iron River in the vicinity of Leva in a drive along the routes to Vienna and Bratislava, now less than 98 miles and 65 miles distant, respectively.

But the war bulletin emphasized the squeeze on Budapest, declaring that in the last five days of fighting west and southwest of the capital the Russians had slain 14,000 German and Hungarian soldiers, captured 5,468 and destroyed or seized vast quantities of war material, including 101 self-propelled guns yesterday.

Cold Wave Is Heading South Atlanta, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The south, which for the most part has a balmy Christmas, braced itself today to receive the fringe of a forecast cold wave, sweeping eastward from the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Fifteen to 20 degree weather was predicted for Kentucky and Tennessee today. Snow was forecast for parts of the middle Atlantic states. Cloudy and mostly cooler weather was predicted for the remainder of the south, with showers and thunderstorms also on the menu for Alabama.

Shirt-sleeve weather prevailed in parts of the south Christmas.

The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

The Germans have got their second wind and again are on the drive—an event for which the column yesterday warned readers to be prepared—but such news has filtered through the censorship dimly out to this writing indicates that the Allied forces have been holding the enemy to small gains in most sectors or stopping them altogether.

General Eisenhower seems to have the situation well in hand, and we can have confidence in the outcome. It should be marked that despite the great weight of the German counter-thrust, our troops have suffered no debacle. On the contrary we've steadily increased our grip.

The fighting is fierce, and we must be prepared for heavy casualties. We shall break the back of this German offensive in due course. Of that there's no doubt. But the cost in lives is going to be hard to take.

The Hitlerites of course are suffering just as heavily. It's a bloody business they've started in their desperate, last-ditch effort to stampede the Allies into making a compromise peace. That this is their hope is further confirmed in the statement made by German officers that their offensive calls for arrival in Paris January 17, after which perhaps "Roosevelt will talk peace

JAPS FAIL TO DELAY YANKS

Forrestal Says Pacific Campaign On Schedule.

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Navy Secretary Forrestal said today Japanese air attacks have failed to disrupt American plans for continued heavy offensive.

Acknowledging that naval forces in the Philippines area have suffered some damage, he said announcements are delayed because "we do not wish the Japanese to know what ships they have hit, nor to what extent vessels have been injured, nor how soon they may be back in action."

"This 'necessary silence,' Forrestal continued, 'has left the field clear for the Japanese to make fantastic claims, perhaps fishing for information.'

"Perhaps the best way to access the results of Japanese air attacks against our fleets since the second battle of the Philippines Sea is to ask whether those attacks have disrupted our plans for future action. They have not. The fall of Leyte and our landing on Mindoro are a concrete demonstration that they have not."

Forrestal's statement, reviewing the course of the Pacific war, pointed also to carrier plane raids on Luzan an amphibious attack on Ormoc and "our troops' freedom from surface bombardment on Leyte and Mindoro" as further evidence that the Japanese air campaign has failed.

"In spite of all the Japanese have been able to do both with their navy and with their land based aircraft," he continued, "we and not they are winning the campaign for the Philippines. We now dominate the waters around these islands and the air over them."

"Perhaps the best way to assess as 'rumors' that the Navy has not announced all losses in the battle of the Philippines last October in which the Japanese fleet was routed.

Ration Tokens Are Still Good

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The value of red ration tokens in the hands of consumers is not affected by today's revision of rationing rules.

The revision invalidated red and blue coupons that became good before December 1, but the Office of Price Administration said the red tokens would continue as valid ration currency, regardless of when consumers received them as change for ration stamps.

Blue tokens for processed food had little use for some time. They are good only when spent in groups of ten, a rule which went into effect when OPA began listing all processed food point values in multiples of ten.

Weather Forecast Extended forecast for South Carolina, and North Carolina from 8:30 p. m. Tuesday December 26, through 8:30 p. m. Saturday December 30: Moderately cold Wednesday and Thursday, followed by warmer Friday and Saturday. Rain tonight and Wednesday. Fair remainder of period.

The broad picture of the German assault remains the same. They're straining to extend the two great salients which they have driven into the American front in Belgium towards the Meuse River. One of these long arms is stretching out towards the fortified communications center of Liege. The other on the south is reaching for Namur, and subdivides into a drive for Sedan—a historic invasion route to Paris.

One of the menaces of the offensive lies in the fact that these two powerful tentacles form a huge sack within which are many American troops and supply stations. If the Nazis could close the mouth of that sack it would create a nasty situation, and they are doing their utmost to achieve this. There are several similar, though less dangerous, sacks at various other points.

The threats are far from one-sided, however. Eisenhower is flinging counter-attacks at the flanks of the German salients. The immediate purpose of this pressure is to prevent the expansion of the arms. However, Nazi Field Marshal Von Rundstedt is making a big gamble in thrusting these salients out into Allied territory, for he lays himself open to a counter move which might cut off and annihilate great numbers of his troops.

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Yanks Captured In German Counter-Offensive



American soldiers captured by the Germans in their counter-offensive in Belgium are marched to the rear past an advancing Tiger tank. This photo is from a roll of captured German film. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radio).

REGION ONE SELLS QUOTA Leyte Island Campaign Ends In Great Victory

Banker Urges Continued Buying Of War Bonds. Jap Losses In First Phase Of Drive For Recapture Of Philippines 10 To One Over Americans.

By CHESTER WALSH The sixteen northeastern counties of the state comprising Region One, had over-subscribed their overall quota of \$6,332,000 by more than \$4,500,000 when they bought \$11,000,000 of War Bonds, and will subscribe their E Bond quota of \$2,357,000 by the end of the month, said W. H. Woolard, president of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company and War Finance Committee for Region One. This is a credit to the people of the section and a patriotic gesture as well as a good business investment, the banker said.

The sixteen counties comprising Region One are Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington. Pitt county over-subscribed its overall quota of \$1,689,000 by nearly \$2,000,000 when it subscribed \$3,673,000 and exceeded its E Bond quota of \$531,000 by more than \$40,000 when it subscribed \$571,622.50. All E, F and G Bonds bought up to the end of the month will be credited on the Sixth War Loan Drive. The people of Pitt county, especially the farmers, enjoyed a prospect. (Continued on page four)

Airmen Sink Jap Vessels

Chungking, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Bomb-carrying P-51s of the U. S. 14th air force destroyed 40 Japanese aircraft, sank a large tanker and probably sank four other vessels in Christmas Eve raids on the Tsinan airdrome, in Shantung province, and Hongkong harbor, American communiques said today.

Another Japanese ship was heavily damaged in the Hongkong raid, one of widespread aerial assaults during a three-day period. The force striking Tsinan destroyed 37 Jap fighters on the ground and one in air combat, while two fighters were downed over Hongkong, the communiques said.

A B-29 Liberator was credited with probably sinking a large Japanese tanker off Shanghai two days before Christmas.

10 Soldiers Lose Lives In Crash

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Ten soldiers were killed and 17 were injured when an army transport plane en route from Jacksonville, Fla., to Minneapolis crashed on Roundtop mountain early yesterday. Officials of Middletown Air Technical Service Command withheld names of the dead and injured until next of kin were notified. A spokesman said the plane was on a special mission from Jacksonville to Minneapolis. "It was the worst sight I ever saw," said William Vogelsong, New Cumberland fire company chief, one of the first to reach the scene. "The men were in the plane crying for help and we had to cut our way to them with an ax."

German Winter Offensive Drives Deeper Into Belgium

NEW ATTACKS ON JAP BASES

Warships And Planes Pound Iwo Jima Island.

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 26.—(AP)—From the air and sea, American bombs and shells crashed Sunday (Japanese time) into Iwo Jima as Superfortresses, Liberators and warships combined in an assault on the Nipponese island base only 750 miles south of Tokyo.

"Tokyo radio said three of the B-29s dumped incendiary bombs on Tokyo itself, and on Yokohama and Shizuoka, prefecture southwest of the imperial capital. There was no Allied confirmation."

The Iwo Jima attack was the second in which warships and bombers acted in concert to plaster the island, in the Volcano group, from which the Japanese formerly launched raids on Saipan, base of the Tokyo-raiding Superforts. The first joint assault on Iwo was made December 7, and since then there have been no Japanese raids on Saipan.

In his communique, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz gave no indication of the size of the task force or of the number of B-29s participating in the sortie. He said the warships bombarded Iwo's coastal defenses, and that shore batteries "offered some return fire. He added that none of the American vessels was damaged.

A Japanese destroyer escort vessel was caught by the raiders and sunk by shellfire. Also destroyed were an enemy patrol craft and a medium landing ship.

The heavy bombers were escorted by Lightning fighters, which strafed Iwo Jima's airstrips and harassed shore defenses. Opposition was light, one enemy plane was destroyed on the ground and six others damaged. Anti-aircraft fire was meager.

Strategic air force bombers on the same day raided Chichi Jima, in the Bonins north of Iwo, concentrating on the airstrips.

Marine fighters strafed Babelchup in the Palaos group, firing buildings.

Marine and Navy bombers continued attacks in an effort to knock out isolated enemy bases in the Marshall Islands.

N. S. Fulford To Be Buried Here

Nathaniel S. Fulford, former resident of this city, died at his home in Asheville last night as the result of a heart attack. Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. M. Scales, 408 West Fourth street, Greenville, followed by interment in the Episcopal cemetery.

The services will be in charge of Rev. John Bill, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The body will arrive here from Asheville late tonight.

Mr. Fulford was a native of Washington, N. C., and for many years was engaged in the hardware business there. In 1903 he married Miss Maude Blow of this city, and in 1917 he moved to Greenville, where he made his headquarters while traveling as a wholesale hardware salesman. In 1925 he moved to the Piedmont section of the state and later to Asheville, where he has made his home for several years.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Commander N. S. Fulford, Jr., U. S. Coast Guard, now stationed at Camp Lejeune; three daughters, Mrs. Alice Powell, Mrs. W. Bruce Warren and Mrs. Arnold Lenden, and six grandchildren, all of Asheville.

Rationing

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A tighter and broader food rationing program became effective today.

Canned vegetables returned to the ration list and butter and sugar came under new restrictions. Salient aspects of the new program:

Butter is raised from 20 to 24 points a pound. All red and blue stamps which became good before Dec. 1 are cancelled. Canned peas, corn, green and wax beans, asparagus and spinach require points. All sugar stamps and home canning certificates except sugar stamp No. 34 are cancelled. About 85 per cent of all meats will require ration points beginning Sunday. In announcing the stricter rationing rules OPA assured consumers that ample food is available for all. The action was taken, the agency said, because of declining meat supplies and low stocks of butter and canned fruits and vegetables.

Top Ace In ETO



Col. Dave Schilling (above) of Traverse City, Mich., who was credited with downing five German planes December 23, now is the leading American ace in the European theater of operations with 34 1/2 enemy planes, 24 1/2 of which were knocked out of the air and 10 on the ground. (AP Wirephoto).

SERVICES FOR LT. P. C. CLARK

Memorial Services Held Sunday Afternoon.

Memorial services in honor of Lt. Preston Cobton Clark, son of Mrs. G. A. Clark of this city, were held in the Jarvis Memorial Methodist church last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Lt. Clark was killed in action in Germany on November 17th, 1944 while serving with the U. S. Army Field Artillery.

New York Faced By Meat Strike

New York, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia and city officials inspected city meat markets at dawn today but declined to estimate the scope of a "meat holiday" threatened by 16,000 city butcher shops in protest against OPA regulations.

Today On The Home Front

By JAMES MARLOW

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series on a subject which may affect our whole future, individually and as a nation.)

Washington, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Key congressmen put this first on the new Congress' work sheet: a national, compulsory, peacetime service bill for all American youth.

Expect them to start on it fast in 1945. Such a measure would require young men—at some age between 17 and 25—to devote perhaps one year of their lives to a training program laid down for them by the government.

It would involve about 1,000,000 young men every year because about that many reach 18 yearly. It would cost plenty of money, maybe billions. For most it would mean an interruption in their education or occupation.

There is support for compulsory service and there is opposition to any kind of compulsory service at all. But what kind of service? There are three chief suggestions: 1. Purely military training. This is what the army and navy chiefs want. They say it's necessary and that without it the continued security of our national life and institutions can no longer be assured. 2. Some military training coupled

Nazis Overrun American Salient At St. Vith Expanding Bulge In Belgium To 50 Miles Deep And 35 Miles Wide; Nazis Within Four Miles Of Meuse Sunday.

By JAMES M. LONG Paris, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Two German armored columns by Sunday night had plunged 50 miles into Belgium, reaching within four miles of the Meuse river. The enemy wiped out the American St. Vith salient and formed a solid front 35 miles wide.

Two and possibly three Nazi armies have been flung into the bitter counteroffensive, believed at supreme headquarters to have been planned by Hitler himself in an effort to shatter Allied forces in the west.

Backed up by infantry, the twin German tank pushes had careened 11 more miles into Belgium since the last previous headquarters report.

They had pinched out the American stand west of St. Vith—a jutting salient that had split the German offensive prongs—and formed a single bulge 35 miles wide and now 50 miles or more deep.

Punching due west one Nazi tank column neared Celles, only four miles from the Meuse at Dinant, and just eight miles northeast of the French border.

Another column hit west and north, reaching Ciney in a 30-mile gain. Ciney lies nine miles from the Meuse and 14 from the jutting northeast corner of France. Ciney and Celles are six miles apart.

The security news cloak covered any further progress these armies may have made since Sunday night. At latest reports a battle was raging in this general area, with the Germans building up forces around Rochefort and south of Mifflin. The deep Sunday gains came after the invaders had been seen almost to reach the Meuse for 48 hours.

Allied planes hit again today at the German columns, and up to noon the ninth tactical air force had alone had destroyed six tanks, six armored vehicles and 237 motor vehicles, besides downing 22 enemy planes.

In the heart of this bulge a surrounded American force several thousand strong fought doggedly to hold the important Belgian road. (Continued on Page Four)

End Of Greek Strife Sought By Churchill

By STEPHEN BARBER Athens, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill sought to end the bloody Greek civil war today as a British patrol reported discovering a ton of dynamite under street car lines opposite them in Athens.

Officials of the Greek government and Lt. Gen. Ronald Scobie live at the hotel. The dispatch from Athens did not say whether Churchill was staying at the hotel.

The dynamite, which the patrol said was in boxes bearing German markings, apparently was laid during the night as the area had been carefully searched yesterday evening. Churchill arrived here yesterday

Condition Fair Beverly Hills, Calif. Dec. 26

(AP)—Al Jolson, 56-year-old singing actor, was reported in fair condition today following a recurrence of malaria which he contracted last year during an entertainment tour overseas.

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Island Song by Owen Atkinson

Chapter 24... Ah, yes, I recall the incident. Kumu gazed curiously at Jason. 'The king say for you to sentence him,' Melikai prompted Kumu.

Medics Wait Patiently As Battle Moves Closer

By THAL BOYLE... In Belgium Village, Dec. 19—(Delayed)—(AP)—Over hills crowned with gray patches of tired snow and rustling green cedar trees came the faint boom of German guns.

The War Today...

(Continued From Page One) That naturally is what General Eisenhower is hoping to achieve. We haven't yet reached the crucial moment of this all-out counter to Von Rundstedt.

Crossword Puzzle with grid and clues. Clues include: 1. Possession, 2. More impolite, 3. Spoil, 12. South American river, 13. Mexican corn meal mush, 14. Self, 15. Support for furniture, 16. Cotton fabric, 17. Weep, 18. Convulsively, 19. Wood sorrel, 20. Injure, 21. Draft animal, 22. Present, 23. European native, 24. Fur-bearing animal, 25. Early English money, 26. Purpose, 27. Fresh-water porpoise, 28. Returning, 29. Genus of the maple tree, 30. Male sheep, 31. Taxed severely, 32. Botch, 33. Walked, 34. You and I, 35. Kind of shoe, 36. Employ, 37. Lowest point, 38. Enoch, 39. Exclamation, 40. Turkish decree, 41. Make late, 42. Leather, 43. Distant, 44. Flower clusters, 45. Knack, 46. Point, 47. Traditional tale, 48. Root, 49. American Indians, 50. Put on, 51. Omits in pronouncing, 52. Observation, 53. Tableland, 54. Excited, 55. Nonsense, 56. Tennis stroke, 57. Excellence, 58. Indulged, 59. Upright, 60. Old-world snake, 61. Russian village community, 62. Old-fashioned, 63. Prongs, 64. Wise men, 65. News organization, 66. Abbreviation, 67. Bounder, 68. Exist, 69. Conciliatory, 70. Observation, 71. Chess pieces, 72. Merchandise, 73. Color, 74. Continent, 75. Amorous, 76. Lateral, 77. Information, 78. Edible seaweed, 79. Give temporarily, 80. Head back.

Today On The...

(Continued From Page One) shaping up in Congress. The decisions made there will affect the lives of millions of youths, perhaps for generations to come, and millions of homes.

War Bond Dollars Are Double Duty Dollars

The first American labor strike was on a railroad in 1877, when workers protested a 10 per cent wage cut.

In Bethel, N. C., and described in the complaint herein filed, 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 Greenville, N. C., within twenty days after the 15th day of January, 1945, and either answer or demur to the said complaint filed herein, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS... Having this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of John H. Briley, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to file the same, duly itemized and verified, with the Guaranty Bank & Trust Company, Greenville, N. C., within twelve months from the date hereof, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereon.

NOTICE... In the Superior Court of North Carolina—Pitt County. Mary James Peacock vs. William George Peacock. 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 he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County at 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

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NOTICE... All taxpayers who were required to file an estimate, or an amended estimate as the case may be, of their income tax of last year on or before December 15th, will under the new law be required to file their estimates, or amended estimates for the year 1944, on or before January 15, 1945. This estimate is not a SUBSTITUTE for the INCOME TAX RETURN due on or before MARCH 15, 1945. For further information please call 4060. F. A. Edmundson and Company TAX EXPERTS

THIMBLE THEATER - Starring Popeye... BOOM BOOM BOOM... 5-6-7 TIMES IT'S GONE ORF... 11-12-13! MAYBE WE OUGHT TO GET AWAY!... -17-18-19!... 20-21! AH! A 21-BLAST SALUTE OF WELCOME!

BLONDIE - By Chic Young... BLONDIE! ONE OF THE PUPPIES IS MISSING!... OH, GOODNESS! COME TO THINK, ELMER WAS IN THE BASEMENT WHEN THE MAN DELIVERED THE COAL.

DAN DUNN - SECRET OPERATIVE... I'LL TAKE FIVE DOLLAR TICKETS!... AW, Y'LL NEED MORE THAN THAT BROTHER, EVEN IF YA HAVE COME STAG! WE GOT 20 HUNDRED DOLLAR TICKETS TO INSTRUCT AN ENTERTAIN VAI!... YEAH! SO A FRIEND OF MINE TELLS ME I SAY! MAYBE YOU REMEMBER HIM REGULAR BLOCKHOUSE OF A MAN HEAVY EYEBROWS... OH SURE, EML EIKES HE ALWAYS DANCED WITH LITTLE LITTLE THAT'S A FRIEND OF EML'S!

War Bond Dollars Are Double Duty Dollars... Advertisement for War Bonds with illustrations of people and a large '100' graphic.

# Social and Personal

and Mrs. George Sharpe and son, Tommy of Burlington, spent Christmas with Mrs. Susie...

Edward Austin of Fayetteville, ending the holidays here with family.

S. W. J. Boyd, Mrs. Ford Smart, Miss Elizabeth Boyd of Ayden, Christmas with Judge and Albion Dunn.

Johnnie F. Corey has returned to Camp Croft, S. C., after the holidays here with his wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Corey.

Henry W. Harris has arrived at Camp Wheeler, Ga., to spend a night with his mother, Mrs. J. Harris, 403 Holly street.

N. Williams, Jr., who is attending school at Chapel Hill, and Dr. Soper of Pell, Iowa, spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Williams.

## NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

**Promoted**  
With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pfc. James M. Hardee, son of Mrs. Laura D. Hale, who lives on Route 1, Grimesland, N. C., has been promoted to sergeant. He is a squad leader with the 88th "Blue Devil" Division of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy.

## NEWCOMERS AND REMOVALS

Lt. and Mrs. R. H. Emswiler have taken an apartment at 405 Jarvis street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laughinghouse have moved to 521 Greene street, from 106 Columbia avenue.

Major and Mrs. Burkhardt have taken an apartment at 304 East Fourth street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bescham have moved from 114 Church street to 1112 West Fourth street.

**Funeral of Infant**  
Funeral services for Linda Faye Chesson, five-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Chesson, Jr., who died in California on December 18, 1944, were held at the home of her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Matthews, of near Robersonville this afternoon at 2:30. The Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian minister of Robersonville, officiated. Burial was in the Robersonville cemetery.

Surviving are her parents, her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Matthews, and her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lee Chesson, of Parmele.

## Give Employees Cash For Christmas Gift

J. A. Collins, Sr., and J. A. Collins, Jr., of J. A. Collins & Son's furniture store, on Dickinson avenue, distributed \$2,205 among regular and special employees Saturday night as a Christmas gift for faithful service during the year. J. A. Collins, Sr., who has had more than 25 years experience in the furniture business, established the furniture store on March 18, 1942. He is manager. J. A. Collins, Jr., is assistant manager. The business occupies two store buildings next to Morton's Warehouse. The store has experienced steadily increasing patronage from a large territory. It carries many of the standard and nationally advertised furniture lines. The store at Aurora has had similar success.

Regular and special employees who shared in the Christmas gift are: Paul E. Brown, Thurman Moore, David C. Moore, Jr., S. W. Lupton, Asa Jones, Theodore Dupton, Bruce Tolpin, Frank Dudley, Mrs. Frank Dudley, Joe Lupton and Bill Sherrod, Harmon Moore and Tom Adams, the last three colored.

## Mrs. Lottie Avery Funeral Wednesday

Mrs. Lottie Avery, 39, of near Winterville, died at Pitt General Hospital Monday night at 11:15 after a month's illness.

Funeral services will be held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. R. N. Hinman, pastor of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Winterville cemetery.

Mrs. Avery was born and reared in Winterville. She was a member of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist church and an officer in the Ladies' Aid Society.

Surviving are her husband, Butler Avery; three sons, Ray, Gene and Kenneth Butler; and a daughter, Winifred Butler, her mother, Mrs. Ava Braxton of Ayden, and a brother, Bernice Braxton of Ayden.

## Mrs. Mary Brinkley Funeral Held Today

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ann Brinkley, 80, who died at Memorial General Hospital in Kinston Sunday afternoon after a long illness, were held at the Catholic Church in Grifton this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Fr. Williams of Kinston, officiated. Burial was in Lane's Chapel cemetery.

Surviving are six sons, E. A. Brinkley of Wilmington, Linster Brinkley of Long Island, N. Y., Cicero Brinkley of near Kinston, Claude Brinkley of New Bern, Rudolph Brinkley of Wilmington, and George Brinkley of Kinston; three daughters, Mrs. Lottie Jenkins of Kinston, Mrs. Eula Whitford of Vanceboro, and Mrs. Rosa Lewis of Raleigh; 37 grandchildren, and a brother, Bryant Wiggins.

## Christmas Quietly Observed This Year

By CHESTER WALSH  
Christmas was quietly observed here. Special services were held on Sunday in the churches of the city. Christmas shoppers were off the streets at an early hour Saturday night.

Fireworks were conspicuous by their absence.

Comparative good order prevailed. City police had a smaller number of drunks than usual Saturday night. Sheriff's officers did not make an arrest during the weekend.

Several persons were injured in a wreck on the Stantonburg road but details were not available from highway patrolmen.

Prisoners at the state camp near here had a day off and Capt. Crawford provided a special dinner.

The Salvation Army and other agencies provided Christmas cheer for the needy.

There was a party Sunday night for all officers and men of the armed forces.

Very few servicemen were at the USO during the week-end.

"Mom" Home at the Servicemen's Home had about 60 boys for Sunday and about 40 dropped in yesterday.

Today was practically another holiday, with nearly all business places closed. The county and city offices and banks will reopen tomorrow morning.

## Man Plunged Nine Floors To Death

New York, Dec. 26—(AP)—Oscar H. Gropper, 57, owner of a leather goods firm where a secretary recently was accused of "Robin Hood" thefts to give employees pay raises, plunged to his death today from his ninth floor hotel suite, police reported.

Gropper left notes to his wife and his attorney, police said, in which he had written: "Thefts have ruined me."

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Further east the Germans lost bloodily in a vicious Christmas Eve assault on the doughboy line near Bullinger, but failed to gain.

Elsewhere on the western front, German patrols were active on the Seventh army front near Wissembourg and along the Rhine, and north of Colmar the Allies entered Hennwiler.

Berlin said Schlesseck Fort of the Maginot line north of Bitche on the 7th's front had been recaptured by the Germans, with Bundenthal seven miles northwest of Wissembourg also retaken.

The Allies yesterday sent out more than 4,000 planes, some 600 of which directed their blows at sealing off the battle bulge in the rear line rather than in front line attacks.

For this reason, officers at headquarters said, the full effect of air blows may not begin to be felt heavily on the actual front line for 48 hours or more.

**Coupons Expire December 31**  
Washington, Dec. 28—(AP)—Gasoline ration coupons B-4, C-4 and fourth-quarter T will expire on Dec. 31, the OPA announced today.

Few B-4 and C-4 coupons are still outstanding, OPA said, because local ration boards halted their issuance last August. The fourth-quarter T coupons for trucks, taxis and buses were issued for use in the fourth quarter only and their invalidation is intended to prevent leftover coupons from being used illegally.

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Grain Market Chicago, Dec. 26 - (AP) - The grain futures market was firm to strong in today's trade, with the leading way in an upward swing that carried all grains to higher levels than Saturday's close.

New York Cotton New York, Dec. 26 - (AP) - Cotton futures opened 5 cents a bale higher to 10 cents lower. Noon prices were 10 to 20 cents a bale higher. March 21.96, May 21.90, July 21.83.

N. Y. Stock Market New York, Dec. 26 - (AP) - Disappointing European battle front news was a sobering influence for today's post-Christmas stock market and, while assorted favorites timidly joined the recovery ranks, numerous leaders were neglected at lower levels.

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Robot Bombs Hold Horror For Future

Chicago, Dec. 26 - (AP) - Within 10 or 20 years, robot bombing is "almost certain to befall this country and all other countries unless we are able to establish an efficient peace organization," Secretary of State Stettinius said today. Writing in the Kiwanis magazine, Stettinius said the Dumbarton Oaks proposals are important because they point the alternative "to unspeakable disaster."

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Would Charge Dues To Be A Democrat

Washington, Dec. 26 - (AP) - A plan to have the Democratic Party reorganized on a "dues paying" basis was advanced by Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga.). Under his proposal county units would be formed with each member paying dues of approximately \$5 a year. The money would be divided for national and local use.

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Mr. Henry Abram (Abe) Gray, 62, died at his home near Stokes, Monday night at 9 o'clock after several days' illness. Funeral services will be held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The Rev. D. W. Arnold, Christian minister of Washington, and the Rev. J. M. Perry, Christian minister of Robersonville, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, Greenville.

James Henry Heath Ended Life Today

James Henry Heath, 47, despondent over ill health, died instantly when he shot himself in the temple with a .22-caliber rifle at his home in Farmville about 9 o'clock this morning, Cooper Griffin H. House of Greenville said. His wife and children were in the kitchen preparing breakfast. They heard a noise that they supposed was a firecracker. When one of the children went into the dining room to take her father a cup of coffee he was dead in the chair. The coroner viewed the body and deemed an inquest unnecessary. Funeral arrangements had not been made.

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Colored News

Mrs. Ethel F. Daniel and daughter left December 23 to spend Christmas with her brother, Alvin Huntley and wife in Pinehurst. Miss Lois Daniel left last week for New York after visiting her father, Matthew Daniel. Little James Daniel left December 23 to spend the holidays with his uncle, James Daniel, in Fayetteville.

STATE WEDNESDAY Nazis Riot in Prisoner of War Camp in the U.S.A. "THE UNWRITTEN CODE" with ANN SAVAGE TOM NEAL plus NOVELTY - NEWS

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Tarheel Soldiers In Black Market

Paris, Dec. 26 - (AP) - One white and three negro soldiers from the two Carolinas were among 14 soldiers convicted of black market operations in connection with the diversion of American supplies into the illicit French channels. Pvt. Turner Harris, negro, of 120 Pender Street, Wilson, N. C., was sentenced to 30 years for allegedly going AWOL and supporting himself for two months in a Paris hotel on proceeds from black market operations.

Woman Murdered In New Orleans Hotel

New Orleans, Dec. 26 - (AP) - Police reported new clues today to the identity of an attractive red-haired woman whose nude body was found Sunday morning in a hotel room bathroom, but the exact cause of death and the whereabouts of a man with whom she shared the room until Friday remained as much of a mystery as ever. The body, upright in a tub containing about six inches of water, was found in a room which had been occupied by a man who registered as D. J. Stafford, 4611 Hazel Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and the woman, who, hotel employees said, registered last Thursday as Mrs. Stafford.

Region One ...

(Continued From Page One) perous year in 1944. There is no better investment than War Bonds, Mr. Woolard said, and he urged the people to continue to buy them. He believes that we need to pay more attention to winning this war (which is not going so well in Europe) than to post-war planning. "There will be plenty of time for that. We must produce more food, livestock, dairy products, and poultry if we are going to do our full part on the home front. There are enough times ahead for our armed forces and we are going to find the going a little tougher than heretofore. Until the war is won everybody should do something extra to help win it at home," the banker said.

Three Children Die When Barge Sinks

Baltimore, Dec. 26 - (AP) - The bodies of two of the three children who were drowned when a disabled barge slipped off a beach in upper Chesapeake Bay still have not been recovered, the Coast Guard said today.

Christmas Tragedy

Cherry Point, Dec. 26 - (AP) - Nine-year-old Owen Penick yesterday raced out to meet Santa Claus on the runway of the Marine Air Base. But as the wing of the plane carrying Santa Claus struck the boy, the son of Capt. and Mrs. Herbert M. Penick, and killed him instantly. He will be buried at Booneville, Mo., home of his parents.

Search For Missing Girl

Baltimore, Dec. 26 - (AP) - Police in nine states pressed a search today for 17-year-old Jane N. Hildreth, missing since December 19 soon after she returned to her Baltimore home from the Northampton (Mass.) school for girls. The Baltimore police department's missing persons bureau reported no progress in the case.

Herbert Waldrop In Golf's Hall Of Fame

J. Herbert Waldrop, vice president and cashier of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, who has been playing golf for 20 years, gave himself a Christmas gift of a "hole-in-one" when he stroked the ball 165 yards into the sixth hole on the Greenville Country Club links Friday afternoon. He was playing a foursome with Hunter Keck, Dave Clark and LeMar Waters when he stroked into goldfom's hall of fame. It was Waldrop who, right after gasoline and tires were rationed, nearly three years ago, who borrowed a pair of mules and a wagon and transported a foursome to the golf links.

Aid For Veterans

Washington, Dec. 26 - (AP) - Veterans who purchase homes under the G. I. Bill of Rights won't have to put up 20 per cent in un borrowed funds in order to occupy them. OPA rent regulations provide that a tenant may not be evicted for occupancy by a purchaser without a 20 per cent payment from un borrowed funds. This was set aside today for G. I. purchases.

The Tower of London was begun in 1078 by Bishop Gundulf at the direction of William the Conqueror.

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