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Superfortress Raids On Tokyo Industrial Areas

Giant B-29's Pour Explosives And Incendiaries On Japanese Capital In Daylight Attack Today; Tokyo Claims Nine Bombers Shot Down And Others Damaged.

By VERN HAUGLAND 21st Bomber Command, Saipan, Dec. 27—(AP)—Tokyo, bomber in force four times previously by Superfortresses and many times hit by harassing planes alone or in small groups, was pounded again this afternoon (Wednesday Japan time) by a sizeable force of B-29s.

The first of the raiders struck during the noon rush—a couple of hours earlier than the Japanese capital has come to expect bombing—and reported good visibility for their targets in the great industrial area.

The early elements reported "zero clouds" and good bombing. This was the first Superfortress visit to Tokyo since December 3. Since then, however, they have twice raided Nagoya, great Japanese aircraft center, and have twice bombed Iwo Jima, the small island half way between here and Tokyo from which Japanese planes have been attacking Saipan.

Today's raid came just one month after the second B-29 bombing of Tokyo, November 27. (A Tokyo broadcast, heard in San Francisco by NBC, said pedestrians in downtown Tokyo witnessed one of the B-29s plunge in smoke and flames into Tokyo bay in today's raid. There was no other mention of American losses nor of damage done by the raiders.)

Washington, Dec. 27—(AP)—Tokyo industrial areas were slugged today for the fifth time by Saipan-based Superfortresses. The daylight strike by B-29's at the Japanese capital was the first on the sprawling Japanese city since December 5. A War Department communique did not report further details. Tokyo radio said the giant planes "dropped explosives and incendiaries at random, causing insignificant damage." The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, was unreadable in places but apparently the enemy claimed that some incendiaries "chalked up" victories against the (Continued on page three)

Three Killed In Raids On Paris

Paris, Dec. 27—(AP)—Three persons were killed and 13 others injured last night by bombs which fell on the Paris area near world famous landmarks. It was the French capital's first air raid since August 27, immediately after the city's liberation. The casualties were the occupants of a house in (13 words censored). Some damage was caused to buildings (11 words censored) where two bombs fell. The bombers were not officially identified, but the fact that only a few appeared over the city virtually precluded any possibility that the bombs might have been dropped by accident from Allied aircraft. A servicemen's club was wrecked by a direct hit which caused some casualties. French air raid defense authorities said a hospital was hit. Night fighters took to the air immediately in pursuit of the bombers.

The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE (Associated Press War Analyst) We can't know the extent of the damage which the German offensive has done the Allies until General Eisenhower launches his major counter-attack and puts Nazi Marshal von Rundstedt's flashing steel to the full test. That great and perhaps decisive battle isn't likely to be long deferred, though one proceeds cautiously with estimates these days when news from the front often is delayed 48 hours by censorship. As things now look we may expect to see shortly a titanic engagement which will flame throughout much of the some 2,500 square miles the Germans have overrun. The prospects remain broadly what they were the day von Rundstedt flung his attack through a pea-soup fog against the thinly held American front along the Argonne. He knew then that his colossal gamble, into which he was pouring all his resources, would bring him one of two things—either he would succeed in delaying final Allied victory over Hitlerdom indefinitely, or he would receive a knockout blow. Those alternatives still are before him. There is, however, this difference: his position is much stronger today because of the damage he has inflicted to the American fighting



FDR'S LIFE ON WAX—Edgar Nixon (right), director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N. Y., accepts from A. I. Parker a recorded dramatization of the president's life, for addition to the archives.

Yank Airmen Pound Manila Area Again

Clark Field Target of Pre-Invasion Attacks On Luzon Island.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 27—(AP)—Land-based American bombers for the fourth consecutive day blasted Japan's airfields at Manila on Luzon island, now regarded as vulnerable to reinvasion by Yank forces mopping up in the central Philippines.

Clark field was the principal target as it was in two of the previous attacks. It was plastered Monday with 88,000 pounds of explosives, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today. The Japanese sent up at least 50 interceptors, of which 39 were shot down by Yankee fighter escorts. Four more were listed as probably downed. The day's bag brought to 72 the total of Japanese planes shot down in 48 hours in the Manila area. The Americans lost six fighters in the two days. On conquered Leyte, American ground forces mopped up small and isolated Japanese remnants which the communique said were "capable of only minor opposition." During Monday, 899 more of the enemy were killed and 14 captured, at a cost of seven American dead and 21 wounded. Thus enemy casualties for the Leyte campaign were raised to 14,120.

The fighter cover in the Manila raid was led by Maj. Thomas McGuire of San Antonio, Texas, who bagged three Japanese. This brought his total to 38, within shooting range of the 40 credited to Major Richard I. Bong, Poplar, Wis., leader. (Continued on Page Four)

JAP CARRIER SUNK BY SUBS

Six Other Warships Also Sent To Bottom.

Washington, Dec. 27—(AP)—Destruction of a large Japanese aircraft carrier, six additional enemy warships and 20 other Nipponese vessels by American submarines was reported by the Navy today. Few details were given on the big war by the subs operating in far eastern waters, announced by Secretary Forrestal at a news conference.

The aircraft carrier was not identified beyond the statement that it was "large." The other warships blasted by the undersea fleet included: one converted light cruiser, a destroyer, two escort vessels and two destroyer transports. Other ships sent to the bottom by American torpedoes and depth guns were two large transports, 10 medium cargo vessels, three small cargo vessels, one small transport, two medium cargo transports, and two medium tankers. These sinkings bring to 1,090 the number of Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged since the war started. Included are 99 warships definitely sunk, 11 probably sunk and 16 damaged. Forrestal, in issuing the submarine report, said the sinkings of Japanese vessels of all types now represent more than 3,500,000 tons of enemy shipping destroyed by American submarines alone. He said that it is with "true regret that we are unable to tell" the full story of submarine activities because of the need for keeping information from the enemy. Speaking specifically of the destruction of the large aircraft carrier, he declared: "This is hitting one of the most painful spots in the Japanese body at the moment."

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SOVIET FORCES FIGHT INSIDE OF BUDAPEST

Germans Stubbornly Defending Battle-Scarred Hungarian Capital House By House.

By DANIEL DE LUCE Moscow, Dec. 27—(AP)—Red army shock troops charged upon flame-battered Budapest from snowy hills above the Danube river today. The German garrison burned military stores, dynamited public utilities and fought back grimly with field artillery scattered throughout the Hungarian capital. Half a dozen Soviet spearheads were reported moving in on the western half of the encircled city and all German roads of escape were cut off. Just how many Nazi troops comprise the defending garrison is not known here, but the Russian command said their numbers were large. Soviet assault units of tanks, plain tommy-gunners, were believed to have slashed some distance into the Buda district on the west bank of the Danube. A delayed dispatch from Szekesfeharvar, about 32 miles southwest of Budapest, disclosed that the Nazis had fought for the city street by street. A platoon was manning outside St. Stephen's cathedral until it was silenced by a direct hit. Thousands of German dead were reported to have lined the roads on the battlefields between Szekesfeharvar and Budapest following the Russian advance. Burned out armored vehicles, many of them the latest king tiger and panther tanks, dotted the fields and end-fused columns of nazo prisoners marched miserably to the cages, the dispatch said. From the hilltops of the Buda district on the west bank of the Danube Marshal Feodor I. Tolbuzin's heavy artillery dominated the entire city—including Pest's massive business and factory buildings on the plain east of the river. Armored columns already deep into the city were reported to be blasting their way house by house toward two big bridges that (Continued on page four)

To Draw Jury List For Meadows Trial The Pitt County Commissioners will meet next Monday in regular session and draw a list of 75 or 100 prospective jurors for the special criminal term ordered by Governor Brroughton to try the cases against Dr. Leon R. Meadows, former president of East Carolina Teachers College, alleged embezzlement of college and student funds and false pretense. The sum involved is approximately \$18,000. Judge Clawson Williams of Sanford will preside. A special term ordered to hear the cases on November 13 was cancelled when counsel for Dr. Meadows appeared before Judge Clawson L. Williams in Kinston and stated that they could not be ready for trial because a special certified accountant hired by Dr. Meadows to audit the college books could not complete it by that time.

Three Murderers Given Reprieve

Raleigh, Dec. 27—(AP)—Governor Brroughton today issued 30-day reprieves to Elmer Hardie Biggs and William Dalton Biggs, Jr., brothers, and to John Edgar Messer, scheduled to die in the state's gas chamber Friday. The reprieves set February 16 as the new execution date for the trio, convicted of first-degree murder in the death of E. J. Swanson, Jamestown merchant. Acting Paroles Commissioner William Dunn, Jr., said the reprieves were granted in order to allow attorneys for the three men to make presentations to the governor, which they could not do before Friday. The governor is still considering the cases of five other persons scheduled to die Friday.

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American Counterattacks Blunt Nazi Winter Drive



LARGEST WOODEN AIRCRAFT—A tank is driven from an eight-ton Hamilcar glider, largest wooden aircraft in the world, such as was used in the Allies' Normandy invasion.

Renewed Fighting In Greece As Conferes Discuss Peace

BLIZZARD TO STRIKE SOUTH

Rain, Snow And Sleet Cripples Traffic Over Nation.

By The Associated Press A hedge-podge of weather was on the nation's climatic menu for today. On the distasteful side there were predictions of snow and rain and sleet and sub-zero temperatures, extending from the Rocky Mountain area into New England and as far south as north Georgia. In contrast, however, clear skies and mild temperatures were predicted for some of the Gulf states and on the Pacific coast.

Cold waves which yesterday struck in Wyoming and moved eastward into the midwest section, spread into eastern and New England states today, with the night's lowest readings reported in that section. Vermont, Maine and northern Pennsylvania reported below zero temperatures, while the mercury, after touching lows of minus 26 in Wyoming and 24 below in Illinois yesterday was on the ascendancy. Readings in the high 20's were forecast for the midwest region today. Disagreeable weather was in prospect for the north central region. It was snowing in Iowa and the fall was expected to spread over adjoining states during the day. The snow will change to freezing rains tonight, forecasters said, giving the section the same brand of weather expected today for parts of Arkansas and Louisiana, where sharp drops in temperatures were reported from yesterday's summer-like weather. Colder weather also was forecast for Tennessee, with below freezing forecast for Memphis and Chattanooga. Freezing rains were forecast throughout parts of Pennsylvania and western New York today, changing to snow tomorrow. Similar weather was forecast in Ohio and West Virginia. New York City's night low was 18, with today's high estimated at 25. (Continued on page four)

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British Charge ELAS Broke Conference Truce By Firing On Battleship.

By STEPHEN BARBER Athens, Dec. 27—(AP)—Greek Popular front members declared today that peace proposals by representatives of the left-wing ELAS were unacceptable and the conference called by Prime Minister Churchill ended its second meeting without an agreement.

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REVERSES ON ITALIAN FRONT

Fifth Army Pushed Back By Nazi Attacks.

By SID FEDER Rome, Dec. 27—(AP)—A strong German counterattack near Italy's west coast has forced Fifth Army forces to withdraw from advance positions in the Serchio river valley, Allied headquarters announced today.

The enemy thrusts came east and west of the road town of Galliano, some 14 miles inland from the Tyrrhenian coast, after artillery preparation. (The German communique said Nazi and Fascist Italian troops, in a surprise attack in the Galliano area, broke through American positions and threw back a formation of the 92nd American Infantry division. (The Brazilian Expeditionary force has been in operation along that sector of the Fifth Army front.) It was announced here that the withdrawals were made only after bitter fighting, but no details were immediately available. The Eighth Army front on the opposite coast was generally quiet, although the Canadians still were fanning out northwest of newyear's at complex military training in peacetime for American youths is this: Is it necessary? The Army and Navy, which are supposed to know, say it is. They want every able-bodied youth, after reaching a certain age, to undergo at least one year of military training. And they want the year devoted strictly to military training. They don't want added trimmings, such as having part of the year given to schooling. About one million young men would be trained yearly. From here on this story will give, first, the arguments for such a program and then the arguments against it. By training one million youths a year, and then returning them to civilian life, in 10 years we could build up a reserve of 10 million trained men. And we'll need it after this war. We'll have to be prepared for any sudden emergency. This is true whether we join or leave to preserve peace, or isolate ourselves from the rest of the world again.

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Yank Columns Reported Within Four And A Quarter Miles Of Bastogne Where American Garrison Is Surrounded; Greatest Battle Of War Pending.

By JAMES M. LONG Paris, Dec. 27—(AP)—U. S. troops and tanks, regaining the initiative, have driven a deep salient into German lines within the last 24 hours and dealt the German offensive its first serious setback, a front dispatch declared today. The location of this American plunge and details could not be given in the dispatch, sent at 2 P. M. (9 A. M. Eastern War time) from the Stavelot area of Belgium. It followed supreme headquarters' announcement that Americans on Christmas Day had felled back German armor, which thrust within four miles of the Meuse river in their deepest penetration into Belgium. Paris, Dec. 27—(AP)—American troops have thrown back German armored columns that thrust within four miles of the Meuse river, and a front dispatch today declared doughboys were slowly retreating the initiative on flanks of the German drive into Belgium. The German offensive—believed to be powered with some 250,000 troops—had sent light armored combat teams to Celles and Ciney in a bid to reach the Meuse. But doughboys in a Christmas day battle rolled them back one to two miles, supreme headquarters disclosed. A dispatch from the field today declared U. S. armor and infantry, "slowly regaining the initiative, have broken a series of sharp battles with probing Germans on both flanks of the 26-mile gap between the Hottot and Bastogne areas." Fighting still is extremely fluid in this sector, it added. Supreme headquarters said Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt had been held virtually without gains in the 24 hours up to Tuesday morning. But the German southern flank at that same time stiffened against the American push to relieve the encircled garrison at Bastogne. The Yanks at last official reports still were 4 1/2 miles south of the city. Hundreds of tons of supplies were parachuted today to the Bastogne garrison. Another front dispatch today said the front was comparatively quiet, and almost ominously, quiet today with each side trusting tentatively and ineffectually at opposing defenses. Von Rundstedt's advance tank units had spared into Celles, only four miles from the Meuse and eight from the French frontier, and near Ciney farther northeast, 14 miles below Namur. At Celles, his men were only 56 miles from Brussels, and had penetrated 57 miles from the take-off positions. By Tuesday morning, Celles was firmly back in American hands. The Americans found at least a dozen tanks and self-propelled gun dry of gasoline—perhaps an indication of the results of air blows on von Rundstedt's supply lines. Fighting continued in this sector near the Meuse, supreme headquarters said, but there were indications (Continued on page three)

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Strength FOR THE DAY
By EARL L. DOUGLAS
SOME STARTLING FACTS TO PONDER

There are fifty-one million people of church membership age in this country who are outside all churches. Five million are said to be in scattered communities without active churches—and hard as it is to believe, there are a number of such. At least five million are permanently migratory. Many millions more live in sections where the churches are weak and ineffective. The great majority, however, of those outside the church are people who have insulated themselves from religion, and having discovered that they can get along without the church have proceeded to do so.

Part of the blame for this lies in the press and part in the pulpit. Also there are other factors in our modern life which have caused such a condition to arise. Certainly it will have to change if the life of the nation is to be sound and its influence in the world to be widespread. We should beseech God for a true revival of religion as we face a new year.

AMERICA IN WARTIME
By JACK STINNETT

Washington—Within a few days now, the Veterans Administration will be ready to go to town (rather to the city) with farm loans for veterans of World War II.

But much of the red tape will be the VA's and government's efforts to protect the veteran against himself and against inflated land values that might in the end make him a failure in spite of his personal industry, ability, and sincere desire to get ahead.

One example here in Washington was that of a veteran who undoubtedly could have kept up his loan and was ready with a substantial down payment from his own pocket. But investigation disclosed that he was seeking to purchase a house for \$9,000 that was built six years ago for \$5,200 and had been offered on the market several years back for less than \$7,000.

The VA and the government are determined to prevent the veterans from getting added with that sort of bad investment. In the case of farm loans, that determination is going to be even greater.

This Changing World



tives of the Department of Agriculture will be consulted. An advisory committee, composed of local farmers and businessmen, working in conjunction with the county agents must be consulted.

If all these agree that the loan might be reasonably made, then the veteran can obtain a loan with the government guaranteeing up to 50 per cent of the first \$4,000. There are many other provisions, but the veteran can find these out best by consulting his VA representatives, service organizations, or Selective Service advisory committees.

The War Today . . .

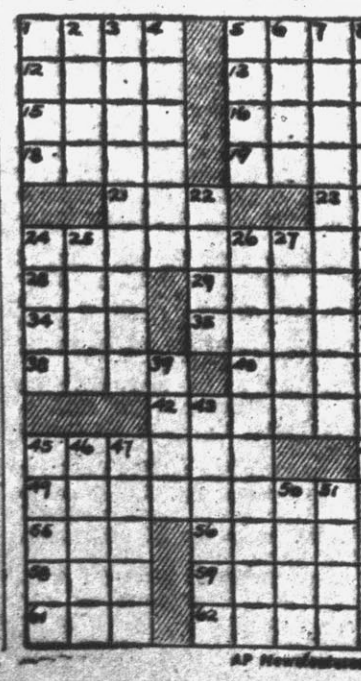
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Germans wouldn't want to meet with their Russian front shattered by the Allied drive which Eisenhower originally planned and which now has been disrupted.

The western allies naturally are watching anxiously for the development of the Russian drive against the Vistula. That would be calculated to ease the situation on the western front immeasurably.

One of the best pieces of current news from the west is that von Rundstedt apparently has shifted, at least temporarily, the weight of the drive which he was directing towards the fortified Belgian city of Liege. He seems to be aiming more to the south. The German commander has been trying to turn the Allied northern wing, forcing them out of Aachen and so relieving the pressure on Duren—gateway into the Cologne plain. He also undoubtedly has had a covetous eye on Liege, which is one of our main supply and communications centers.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Insects
2. Always
3. Head covering
12. Sea eagle
13. Evergreen tree
14. Lagoon native
15. Pith of a nut
16. Barba
17. Are
18. Location
19. Half ton
21. Cry of a cat
22. Prepared for
23. Writing
24. Not ready
25. Nothing
26. Tibetan monk
27. Biblical country
28. Adherent of
29. Jogs



Island Song
by Owen Atkinson

Jason's assailant clung desperately to his arm.
'It's me. No shoot. Me, Captain Jason!

'Makul! Jason recognized the familiar voice of the ship's boy. He lowered his arm and grabbed the Hawaiian by the shoulder. 'You?' he asked in a hoarse whisper. 'What are you doing here?'

'Me just find Mista Caleb little time back. Me come with him,' blubbered the youth. 'You try and shoot him, so I grab for arm.'

'Caleb?' Jason gasped. 'And I—almost shot him?' A dark figure came hurrying toward him from the other side of the clearing. 'Jason? Is that you? Thank God! We heard firing at the fort—thought you'd been killed.' Caleb put a hand on his brother's shoulder affectionately.

'The revolution? You've joined Callahan's party?'
'Yes, it was our last hope to free you, Doctor Webb was powerless. I had to do something. Captain Callahan promised to open the doors of the fort if the revolution succeeded.'

'Lolla! Do you know where she is being held?'
Caleb shook his head. 'No, not now. All I know is that Callahan's got her hidden in some place known only to himself.'

'Where are the men of the crew?' asked Jason.
'Scattered around among the trees. We're in the revolution, I tell you. Been here ever since the thing started.'

'All our men join you?'
'Yes; all twenty of them.'
'What happened to the guards aboard the ship?'
Caleb chuckled at the memory of that fight. 'We knocked them over the heads with belaying pins.'

'Good,' approved Jason. 'Now about Callahan. We've got to surprise him, break up his attack on the palace. I was to take my crew, go around to the rear and stage a fake attack. Then Callahan is going to rush the building from the front.'

'He expects us to be in the rear of the palace,' Caleb went on. 'Suppose we work our way around behind his own party, attack them from the rear—where they'll least expect an attack to come from.'

'Good!' Jason decided. 'The very thing! When Callahan rushes the palace, Doctor Webb will let go with everything he's got. Then we'll open fire from the opposite side and the revolutionists will be caught in the crossfire.'

'And that will be the end of Captain Callahan,' Caleb added.
There had been, for the past 15 minutes, an ominous lull in the fighting, since the revolutionists had withdrawn out of range of the palace rifles to prepare for their concentrated attack.

he had trusted, had massed his men on this side of the palace. 'Treachery!' he bawled lustily. 'Traitors! At 'em, everybody! Turned on us, did they? We'll teach 'em a lesson. We'll wipe 'em out first and sack the palace afterwards! He had seen that his revolutionists outnumbered. Jason's men by twenty to one. Captain Callahan had no fear of the result.

Today On The . . .

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training or a large reserve of trained men if we had a huge regular, standing army, navy and airforce. But the upkeep of such a regular military machine would be far more expensive than maintaining a fair-sized machine backed up by a great reserve.

Here are some arguments advanced against compulsory training. Military training trends to war. Our young men would want to use what they learned. As we built up our reserve, we'd want to turn our strength into aggressive acts.

Military training would take much out of a young man's life, by interrupting his schooling and occupational plans and delaying the time when he could marry and establish a home.

Such training isn't necessary. We've done pretty well by waiting until war came and then using our wartime draft system. If there is a real league to preserve peace, a big reserve force wouldn't be necessary. The combined strength of the league partners would be enough to deter or crush an aggressor.

Compulsory military training would make other nations suspicious of us, particularly Latin American countries. They, too, would consider it necessary for them. Then there'd be an armament race. Compulsory military training didn't save France.

(To this last paragraph supporters of compulsory training say: All the big nations—except Great Britain and the dominions but including Argentina, Brazil and Chile—had compulsory training before this war.

France's poor military planning and internal confusion contributed to its downfall. Germany is a good example of how well war can be waged by a nation which has built up great reserves through compulsory training.)

Colored News

Miss Mattie Jones and Miss Mary Ward honored Miss Ulla M. Ward with a birthday party at her home on Tuesday, December 26th. Among those attending were Misses Wylene Vines, May Bartlett, Annie May, Jeanette Wilson, and Annie Moye, of Farmville.

Miss Ulla Ward is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ward.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of C. W. Harvey, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Greenville, on or before the 25th day of November, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 25th day of Nov. 1944. RUTH J. HARVEY, Executrix of Estate of C. W. Harvey. Dink James, Atty. Nov. 27-1tw-6wk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having this day qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County as Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of N. O. Warren, deceased, 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 said Executrix at Greenville, N. C., within twelve months from this date, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of all recovery thereon. All persons indebted to the estate of the deceased will please make immediate payment to said Executrix.

This the 29th day of Nov., 1944. MARY S. WARREN, Executrix of the Will of N. O. Warren. Harding & Lee, Attys. Nov. 29-1tw-6wk.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

In the Superior Court North Carolina—Pitt County. Emma Spain vs. Luther Spain. The defendant in the above entitled action, Luther Spain, will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, N. C., to obtain an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

And the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, N. C., on the 26th day of December, 1944, or within thirty days thereafter, and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff which is on file in my office, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Witness my hand, this the 24th day of November, 1944. E. F. TUCKER, Asst. Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County. Julius Brown, Atty. for Plaintiff. Nov. 24-1tw-4wk.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

In the Superior Court North Carolina—Pitt County. Before the Clerk W. G. McLawhorn and wife, Mable McLawhorn, Odell Tilghman and wife, Phoebe Tilghman vs. Lewis Tilghman and wife, Della Tilghman. The defendants Lewis Tilghman and wife, Della Tilghman, will take notice that a proceeding, entitled as above, has been instituted in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for the purpose of partitioning and dividing a certain tract of land in Swift Creek Township, Pitt County, North Carolina, and more specifically described as follows:

Adjoining the lands of George Knott, Francis King's heirs, W. I. Bissette, Mable McLawhorn, the entire tract containing 157 acres and the petitioners are desiring to partition same in accordance with the Last Will and Testament of Lewis Tilghman, which is recorded in Book — at Page — in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, North Carolina. And the said defendants are required to appear on or before December 30, 1944, or within 30 days thereafter and answer or demur to the petition herein filed, or the relief demanded in the petitioners' petition will be granted. J. F. HARRINGTON, Clerk of Superior Court of Pitt County. Dec. 1-1tw-4wk.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of an order or decree of the Superior Court of Pitt County made in Special Pro-

ceeding entitled 'In re the Petition of John L. Jenkins, et als, to sell land for division,' the undersigned Commissioner will on the 8th day of January, 1945 at 12 o'clock noon

at the court house door in Greenville, N. C., offer for sale, at public sale, to the highest bidder for cash that certain tract or lot of land lying and being in Swift Creek Township, Pitt County, N. C., and near the Town of Grifton, and described as follows: Beginning at Jenkins' corner in Dawson and Gardner line; and running a straight course in a southerly direction to D. D. Bryant's corner; thence a straight line in a southerly direction to a ditch; thence up said ditch in a northeasterly direction to another ditch; thence up said ditch to Dawson and Gardner's line to Jenkins' corner; thence a straight line to the beginning, and containing three acres more or less. It being the same land which was conveyed to I. E. Jenkins and wife, Estelle Jenkins, by W. I. Bissett and C. R. Cobb, Commissioners, and which deed is recorded in Book U-18, page 5 of the Pitt County Registry; and the said Estelle Jenkins having survived her husband; and she is now dead and she having devised said land to the petitioners in her will, and which is of record in the Clerk's Office of Pitt County.

This the 4th day of Dec., 1944. JULIUS BROWN, Commissioner. Dec. 4-1tw-5wks.



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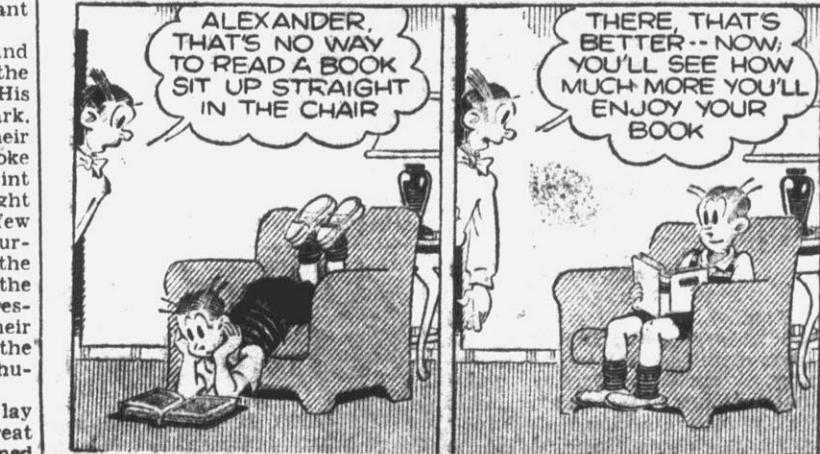
NOTICE
All taxpayers who were required to file an estimate, or an amended estimate as the case may be, of their income tax of last year on or before December 15th, will under the new law be required to file their estimates, or amended estimates for the year 1944, on or before January 15, 1945. This estimate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

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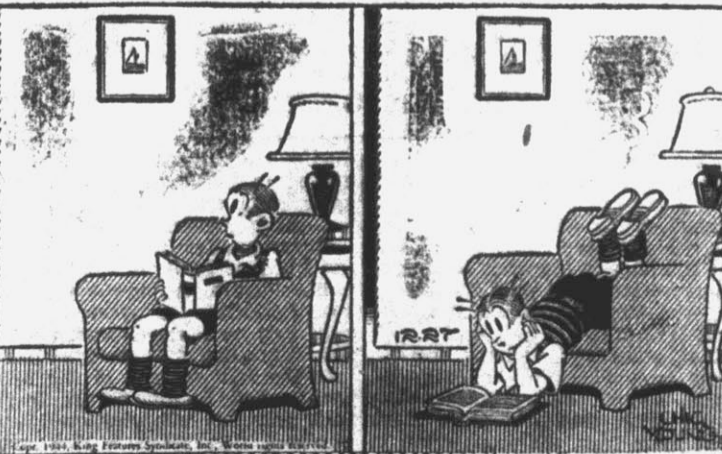
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Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tyson and son, M. E. Tyson, Jr., of Elkin, have returned to their home after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tyson.

Miss Edna Ruth Dixon of Keyser, W. Va., is visiting Miss Dorothy Dixon at her home on East Fifth street extension.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gornito, Jr., and Miss Vashti Gornito of Wilmington, spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tyson.

Mrs. Hazel G. Rives has returned to Washington, D. C., after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Garris.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Cahoon, who have been spending the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Morris, returned to their home in Charleston, S. C., this morning. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Ebern Allen have returned from Washington, D. C., where they spent Christmas.

Hiram G. Mayo, 53, has returned to Bainbridge, Md., after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Mayo, Sr., of Meigs, and Miss Leah Mildred Ross of Greenville.

Cpl. M. Graham Miller of Fort Bragg, formerly of Greenville, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kennedy. He is leaving tonight after a three-day visit.

Mrs. M. Graham Miller and daughter, Anne, of Richmond, Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kennedy, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford of Norfolk, formerly of Greenville, are visiting friends here.

Aviation Cadet William C. Taylor, Jr., of Gunter Field, Ala., is spending a Christmas furlough at his home in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hooker and Mrs. David Hardee have returned from Greensboro, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. Wallace Bourne. Mrs. Hardee will spend a short time in Greenville with her parents.

Midshipman Sydney Dunn, Jr., has returned to the U.S.N. Academy, Annapolis, Md., after spending Christmas with his parents on Greene Street.

Corey-Beagan. Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Beagan announce the marriage of their daughter Gladys Bell to Mr. Billy Randolph Corey on Saturday, December twenty-third nineteen hundred and forty-four Kinston, North Carolina

Hart-Burney. Mr. and Mrs. Clay Patrick Burney request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Audrey Wilson to Clarence Earl Hart Master Technical Sergeant United States Marine Corps on Wednesday, the third of January at five o'clock in the afternoon Methodist Church Grifton, North Carolina

Party at F. W. B. Orphanage. Middlesex, Dec. 23.—On Friday evening the Poochontas Auxiliary of the Improved Order of Red Men of Greenville sponsored a Christmas party for the children at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, which was declared by the superintendent of the home, the Rev. James A. Evans, to have been the biggest Christmas celebration during the years that he has been superintendent. All the children were given nice presents and a large basket of fruits, nuts and confections by the Auxiliary. Mrs. Herman Nobles was hostess and Mr. Nobles rendered most excellent service as "Santa Claus."

The party was held in the dining hall of the home, which had been decorated with a Christmas tree and other seasonal decorations for the occasion. Displayed in the hall were flags with stars representing the forty-seven former residents now in the service of the country.

In addition to the gifts from the Poochontas' the children all received gifts from Mrs. Ada Smith of Vanceboro, and from Spring Branch Church.

Out of consideration for her interest and effort in arranging the party the children enthusiastically voted Mrs. Herman Nobles their "Mother" for the year 1945, and on Mrs. Smith is affectionately conferred the title of "Grandmother."

In behalf of the home and the children the superintendent expressed appreciation for the kindness of many other friends in sending individual presents to the children.

All the children have been granted the privilege of visiting friends, church sponsoring organizations, and relatives during the week between Christmas and New Years.

Birth Announcement. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hunnicutt, of Camp Lejeune, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Joseph Warren, on Monday, December 25, 1944, in Pitt General Hospital.

Mrs. Hunnicutt is the former Miss Sara Brown Braxton of Winterville.

SHARE YOUR SWEETS WITH THE BOYS AT THE USO. Take a plate of fruit, cookies, cake or nuts to the USO to help make the holiday season complete for the boys who are spending Christmas in Greenville.

Social Calendar

FRIDAY 5:00-6:00 P. M.—Mrs. J. T. Little will be hostess at tea to the members of the Junior Woman's Club.

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

FRIDAY 7:00-9:00 P. M.—New Year's party for Junior Department of Memorial Baptist Sunday School in Junior Assembly room.

Surprise Birthday Party. On last Friday night Miss Leah Mildred Ross honored her mother, Mrs. Alfred Kennedy, with a surprise birthday party.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Edwards went out to dinner and when Mrs. Kennedy returned home, she was greeted by her daughter who pinned a corsage of red roses on her shoulder and the guests all sang "Happy Birthday." Mrs. Leah Dupree, mother of the honoree, also received a corsage. The house was decorated with a green and red color scheme. Holly, Christmas wreaths and red candles gave an air of holiday spirit.

There were four tables of bridge arranged in the living room. Bingo was played at three tables in the den.

Candy was placed on the tables and a refreshing drink was served during the playing. At the conclusion of the games red candles were placed in the center of each table and a delicious dessert course of fruit jello topped with whipped cream and nuts and cookies were served by candlelight. A large birthday cake with red and green candles was presented Mrs. Kennedy by her sister, Mrs. Clarence Barnhill.

After the serving, little Miss Gail Barnhill, niece of the honoree, brought in a cart brightly decorated in red and green. It was loaded with lovely birthday gifts for Mrs. Kennedy. Mrs. Leah Dupree, mother of the honoree, was remembered with a lovely handkerchief.

The following guests were present: Mrs. Leah Dupree, Mrs. Clarence Barnhill, Mrs. J. T. Dupree, Mrs. Elmo Dupree, Mrs. C. L. Dupree, Mrs. D. H. Edwards, Mrs. R. D. Whitehead, Mrs. Ed Moore, Mrs. Carey Joyner, Mrs. Stanley Hatcher, Mrs. John Blackman, Mrs. T. E. Lupton, Mrs. L. M. Ernest, Mrs. C. Ken Beatty, Mrs. Gattis Honeycutt, Mrs. Marvin Honeycutt, Mrs. John Warner, Mrs. Frank Brown, Mrs. Loyd Ballance, Mrs. Ben Robinson, Mrs. R. E. Corbett, Mrs. L. B. Tucker, Mrs. C. B. Rice, Mrs. DeRoche Vincent, Mrs. J. D. Aman, Mrs. Joseph Dudley, Mrs. Lyle Leichter, Miss Evelyn Williams, Mrs. Evelyn Briley.

Mrs. Leslie Ewell won first prize at bridge, a box of powder. Low score was won by Mrs. L. B. Tucker which was a pack of cigarettes. The four table prizes were won by Mrs. R. E. Corbett, Mrs. DeRoche Vincent, Mrs. L. M. Ernest and Mrs. J. D. Aman. Bingo high score prize was won by Mrs. Ben Robinson. She received hot dish mats. Mrs. Frank Brown won low prize, which was peanut candy. Small bingo prizes were awarded all during the playing.

Miss Leah Ross was assisted in serving by her aunt, Mrs. Clarence Barnhill and Miss Annie Mae Cannon.

RESOLUTION

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Greenville on December 26, 1944, in recognition of the death of Drury Sidney Spain, Sr., who was a former member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Greenville for a number of years and was thereafter associated with the Greenville Utilities Commission for more than thirty years, and was at all times an advocate of progress and improvement in the City and community as a whole; and, WHEREAS, Mr. Spain was an outstanding citizen of the City and County and exemplified and possessed the virtues of a Christian Gentleman at all times, in all his dealings and relationships with other people; and, WHEREAS, it is with sincere sorrow that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Greenville record his death, cognizant of the great loss sustained by his passing, but with sincere appreciation for his life of service, and with the deepest sympathy to his devoted wife, his family and loved ones; NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Greenville, assembled in Regular Session on this 7th day of December, 1944, A. D., that in grateful memory of his sterling character, his faithful service to his City and Community over a long period of years, and of his untiring devotion to his family and friends, it is deemed that these resolutions be adopted, and that a copy thereof be spread upon the minutes of the City, a copy sent to his family, and a copy published in the Daily Reflector.

B. E. SUGG, L. M. BUCHANAN, L. B. FLEMING, Committee.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR December 27, 1904

Greenville had a quiet but pleasant Christmas, with much less noise than usual and very little disorder. There were fewer fireworks than in former years, the supply was exhausted early and this no doubt helped to decrease the racket.

While there was some "regulating" in the way of displacing signs, removing street lamps and putting obstructions in the streets, there was not so much of this as heretofore. There was plenty of horn-blowing and ringing of cow bells, but this kind of amusement is harmless.

We believe the absence of fireworks contributed largely toward making this a quiet Christmas.

Joint Hostesses

One of the most enjoyable parties of the holiday season was given in the home of Lieutenant and Mrs. Ty Wagner on Thursday evening when Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. W. W. Lee entertained the members of the Athenian club — having as honor guests the husbands.

The house was artistically decorated with Christmas ever greens, flowers, berries and many red candles.

The guests were greeted by Mrs. Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Lee and directed to the sun room where punch was served by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harrington and Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Proctor.

In the dining room, Mrs. E. G. Flanagan and Mrs. Louis Skinner served a delicious three-course dinner. The table was covered with an imported cloth and centered with an arrangement of greens, flanked by red candles and red satin ribbon.

A fun provoking "Take-it-or-Leave-it" contest was conducted by Mr. Lee. Gifts were distributed to the lucky winners. The answers to many questions were the names of Christmas carols which all joined in singing.

We were delighted to have many guests, who added much to the evening's pleasure. —Reported

NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

Clinton Rowlette On Furlough. Pfc. Clinton E. Rowlette, USMC, who has been in the South Pacific for the past two years, arrived Christmas morning to spend a thirty-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. C. B. Rowlette.

Returns To Duty. Ensign Dow Waters, U. S. Navy, who spent a 35-day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. A. M. Waters, 1215 Dickinson Avenue, has returned to Pensacola, Fla. He has been in the service nearly two years.

New Year's Party. The Junior Department of Memorial Baptist Sunday School will have a New Year's party Friday night, December 29, from 7 to 9 o'clock in the Junior Assembly room.

Superfortress . . .

(Continued from page one) Superfortresses. A Japanese Imperial communique said about 50 Superfortresses were in the attacking force and claimed nine were definitely shot down, five probably and 37 others damaged.

Tokyo radio said "Downtown Tokyo resounded with cheers and applause as the throng was given the great excitement of a B-29 break formation amidst cloud of anti-aircraft barrage" and fall.

The Imperial communique said two of the Superfortresses were knocked down by suicide Nipponese pilots who crashed into the big bombers. The high command admitted the loss of four interceptors.

Japanese War Minister Gen. Su-giyama interrupted his war report to the Diet this afternoon to make a statement on a B-29 raid then in progress over the city.

According to a Japanese broadcast, he said: "Approximately 50 of the B-29's have penetrated the skies over the Tokyo-Yokohama area up to the present time. They have dropped explosives and incendiaries on several points in the Tokyo-Yokohama area."

The size of today's force was not indicated. Some 60 to 150 planes have participated in previous Tokyo raids.

Japanese planes, seeking to destroy the Superfortresses in their home nests, hit the Saipan bases Christmas Eve, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz reported. About 25 Japanese planes swooped in and destroyed one plane on the ground, damaged another and injured six men. Four of the attackers were shot down.

By VEEN SAUGHLAND Twenty-First Bomber Command, Saipan, Dec. 27 — (AP) — American Superfortresses, turned loose on Japan Nov. 30, dropped 3,000,000 pounds of bombs the first 30 days, completely knocking out the enemy's largest twin-engine bomber plant, crippling a second aircraft factory, damaging Tokyo's crowded waterfront and blasting Nagoya's shipyards and power plant.



NATIONAL 4-H LEADERS—Donald Sullivan, 19, of Potsdam, N. Y., and Willard Reed, 26, of Bristol, Conn., hold trophies won as national boy and girl leader at annual 4-H Congress.

ended." Two B-29's were lost during the first month of the targets—vital industrial areas often defended by intense anti-aircraft fire and on occasions by swarms of enemy fighter planes — and an undisclosed number of other giant bombers went down at sea as operational casualties of the 3,000-mile round-trip flight from Saipan. More than half the crews have been rescued, with the possibility of additional rescues prompting the withholding of the exact figures.

"These operational losses have in no sense been heavy" and they "have been fewer than expected," General Hansell said. Some of the results:

"I believe I can say flatly that the Hatsudoki plant (Nagoya's producer of twin engine bombers and fighter planes), largest of its kind in Japan, is at this time out of business with at least 40 per cent of its buildings destroyed or gutted by fire.

"The Kokuki (aircraft) plant (at Nagoya) has also suffered extensive damage with resultant interruption of production."

"Heavy concentrations of bomb hits" also were registered on Nagoya's steam power plant and shipyards.

At Tokyo, efforts to deal a crippling blow at the Musashino aircraft factory—it was the B-29's initial target Nov. 24—were thwarted by obscuring weather but a few buildings were destroyed and "a good deal of damage" was dealt the alternative target of the industrial waterfront.

General Hansell said "The raids on Nagoya (Japan's third largest city and center of her aircraft production) were more along the lines of what we intend to do again and again to enemy war plants in our pinpoint strategic bombardment of Japan from our bases in the Marianas."

"I would say in summing up our accomplishments in the 30 days since we first bombed Tokyo," the general conservatively commented, "that these first accomplishments have been encouraging but that they are far from the standards of perfection."

"And when they fail to put bombs right on the primary targets, they do not consider that they have done a good job even though their bombs hit other factory areas and even though their bombs do great damage in those adjacent areas."

Of considerable importance in addition to the bomb damage, the B-29's have "demonstrated in terms which the most ignorant Japanese could understand that the Japanese military leaders were not doing very well in their effort to lick America."

American . . .

(Continued from page one) The main German weight was being shifted to the northwest — toward the Allied Antwerp supply line.

More than 20 German divisions, including 10 armored or armored-infantry units, were reported to have been thrown into the winter counteroffensive.

Associated Press correspondent Hal Boyle said the Germans in no battle had been able to summon the "initial force with which it lashed out Dec. 16."

"Buttered thinly over a wide area, Von Rundstedt's Panzers and Volksgrenadiers are facing critical gas and food shortages as well as the problem of solidifying and also of constricting the German battleline," he said.

It still was a grinding battle of huge cost in which Von Rundstedt's next moves yet were to shape up. "The terrific American defense had slowed but not yet stopped the German armor."

Along the northern rim of their bulge, Germans captured Manhay, 30 miles southwest of Stavelot. Von Rundstedt kept bloody Bastogne near the middle of the bulge under incessant day and night attack, hurling in tanks which the defenders methodically knocked out as fast as they came up.



INFLATION INSURANCE—Charles Polley of Cambridge, Mass., holds three sets of coupons he bought for \$4.75 at a Boston general auction. "If they don't hit my wife," he said, "they'll hit my mother-in-law or my mother or my sister."

Farther southeast of Bastogne, Americans battled strong Nazi units in Kelmien and Ringel, 5 and 7 miles from Diekirch. High ground was won below Diekirch, and a German attack was repulsed near Halter, midway between Diekirch and Echternach 12 miles farther south-east. Walldorf 8 miles from Echternach fell. Gains were scored below Echternach.

Renewed Fighting . . .

(Continued from Page One) cide" the Prime Minister told the assembly before he and other British representatives retired and left the Greeks to continue the conference alone. "All we wish you is good, and good for all," Churchill added.

Britain's only interest in using her troops in the current civil war, Churchill asserted, is to bring an end to disorder and make possible an election by secret ballot.

"The session, convened at a secret site while continuing gunfire sounded in the distance, broke up after four and one-half hours with word it would be resumed later, possibly today, when additional delegates may be present."

An hour before the meeting ended Themistokles Sophoulis, Liberal party leader left the conference room. There was no explanation. Neither was there any announcement of what occurred after the Allied representatives left.

Called to order an hour and one-half late, the conference began without representatives of the left-wing national political front (EAM) party whose armed militia.

the ELAS, is opposing Greek rightists and British troops.

After Churchill had been speaking for about five minutes, however, three Nazi delegates were allowed in. Each shook hands with all at the conference table and the Prime Minister began his speech again.

Churchill declared that British troops came to Greece "with the knowledge and approval" of President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin and in the belief that all Greeks, including the commander of the ELAS army, wanted them.

"Since we've been here," he added, "the most violent, unexpected troubles have arisen and we have become involved in them in doing what we believed was our duty. This duty we shall discharge faithfully until the end."

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina—Pitt County. In the Superior Court of City of Greenville and Pitt County

Missie Moye; Annie Moye Sharp and husband, June Sharp; Lucy Moye, alias Lucy Moye Tucker and husband, whose name is unknown and who is designated herein under the name of John Tucker.

The defendants, Missie Moye, Annie Moye Sharp and husband, June Sharp, Lucy Moye, alias Lucy Moye Tucker and husband, whose name is unknown and who is designated herein as John Tucker, will hereby take notice that a civil action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Pitt County for the purpose of foreclosing tax liens held by the plaintiffs against the property of the defendants to-

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina—Pitt County. In the Superior Court of City of Greenville and Pitt County

Lena Brown Smith vs. Henry Louis Smith THE DEFENDANT, Henry Louis Smith, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for absolute divorce and for annulment of the marriage relationship between plaintiff and defendant, and said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Pitt County at the Court House in Greenville, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days from the 5th day of January, 1945, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said action.

This the 9th day of Dec. 1944. E. T. TUCKER, Asst. Clerk of Superior Court Pitt County. Dick James, Atty. Dec. 9-19-44k.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Lena Joyner, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned, on or be-

NOTICE OF AFFLICTION FOR PAROLE

All persons will take notice that Johnny C. McLashon who was convicted at the January Term, 1944, of Pitt Superior Court for violation of prohibition laws, will apply for a parole. All persons objecting to said parole are invited to file their protest with the Commissioner of Prisons in Raleigh, N. C.

This December 19, 1944. MRS. JOHNNY C. McLAHON, Petitioner. Dec. 19-19-44k.

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A Three Days' Cough is Your Danger Signal

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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Bright Sayings of Children

"Gee, but these birds are growing big and strong. That's what's becoming of your bread, ma. Their ma is feeding them Alphabet Bread."

ALWAYS ASK FOR ALPHABET BREAD AT YOUR FAVORITE STORE BAKED IN GREENVILLE BY C&S BAKING CO.

TONIGHT!

KAY KYSER

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A full hour of Music! Songs! Fun! now presented by PALMOLIVE SOAP and COLGATE DENTAL CARE

Convenient, rent-size payments will retire your loan under our modern plan.

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Come in.. let us tell you all about our modern home-financing plan.

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WE HAVE ELECTRIC BATH room heaters, hot plates, both single and double. Washington Supply Co., Phone 19, Washington, N. C. Jan. 1

PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW FOR Armory's or Weaver's Fertilizers to avoid the rush season. Farm machinery of all kinds. R. F. McLawton & Sons, Dial 3286, Bethel Highway, 18-1 mo.

TOMMY CARAWAN
WHOLESALE DEALER
Standard Oil Products
Kerosene, Fuel Oil Exclusively
For Prompt Service
Dial 3235 or 4222

GRADUATE NURSES NEEDED to staff new addition to Raleigh Memorial Hospital, Franklin, Va. Openings for supervisors, general duty and practical nurses. Apply in writing to Hospital for full details. 18-7t

METAL WEATHERSTRIPS
For Windows and Doors
Save Fuel and Discomfort
Installed by Experts
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Mutual Insurance
Next to F&M Theatre Dial 2612

CAR OWNERS—WE HAVE SEAT covers to fit most any make car. Washington Supply Co., Phone 19, Washington, N. C. Jan. 1

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY start planning for that post-war home you intend to build. Some type homes can be financed up to 90 per cent of value with easy monthly payments and low interest rate. Come in and talk it over with me.
J. F. BOWEN
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SALES LADIES WANTED FOR part or full time work. Good salary to start with. Pleasant working conditions. Age 16 to 30. Apply in person to Manager, McLellan's Stores Co. 16-1f

CORN WANTED—WE PAY HIGH—Get cash prices for corn. Bring us your corn to sell or shell. Men who know how to shell your corn or will buy as you bring it. Woodrow Worthington's Corn Mill, Winterville, N. C. Phone 3624-6. 16-1f

FOR SALE
10-Piece Solid Walnut Dining Room Suite
This furniture can be seen after 6 p. m.
MRS. LUCILLE E. ROSS
Oak Terrace Apts., 615 Evans St.

WE ARE NOW BUYING PEANUTS for the government, every day except Saturday, at Keel's Warehouse. Keel's Peanut Co. 8-1f

FOR COLORED HOMES—MANY choice building lots in Riverdale Addition, near school. Reasonably priced and can be bought on easy terms. Stallworth or Tripp, 312 Evans St., Dial 2401. 16-1f

NEW TYPEWRITERS
Available, Inquiries Solicited
Taff Office Equipment Co.,
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FOR RENT ON HALVES: 30 ACRE farm, 20 acres tobacco allotment, peanuts and corn, tractor, 5 mules, 3 good houses with electric lights and all first class farming equipment, mail and school bus by door daily. W. A. Talley, Winterville, N. C. I Box 174 27-4f

WANTED—A SMALL CASH REGISTER or money drawer. Call 2650 after 5 p. m. 27-2f

WANTED—3-ROOM FURNISHED apartment. Call 3793 for Mrs. W. B. Owens. 27-2f

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ANY KIND — ANYWHERE
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BETHA'S BEAUTY SHOP IS closed for repairs. It will open January 1 for business. 27-3f

FOR RENT — HEATED ROOMS with plenty of hot water. Mrs. Virginia Perkins, Dial 2072. 29-3f

TAKEN UP CHRISTMAS DAY — Brown and white pointer, owner six get dog by paying for advertising and keeps. C. S. Corey, Greenville, Rt. 3, 10 miles from Greenville on Vanhooker highway. 27-3f

INCOME TAX SERVICE
J. Nat Harrison
523 East Ninth Street
Phone 3901 Greenville

FOR SALE — TWO SOWS AND 15 pigs. Mrs. B. B. Tetterton, Bethel, Rt. 3. 27-3f

WE CAN NOW FURNISH DRY kindling wood and dry split pine wood, cut to your requirements. Pitt Coal and Wood Co., near NSRR, Dial 2789. 18-26f

FOR SALE — GOOD COW WITH young calf. W. L. Smith, Greenville, N. C., Route 5, 11-2 miles beyond Barnhill's Dairy. 26-3f

FARM TO RENT ON SHARES — two nice dwellings, 16 acres tobacco. All other crops wanted. See W. C. Clark today at Clark's Coal & Wood Yard, Greenville, N. C. 27-4f

Hog Market
Raleigh, Dec. 27—(AP)—(NCDA) —Richmond and Clinton hog markets steady with tops of 14.10 and 14.15 respectively; Rocky Mount stronger with top of 14.25. 6-1f

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, Dec. 27—(AP)—(NCDA) —Eggs and poultry markets steady. Raleigh—U. S. grade AA large 54; hens, all weights, 25. Washington—U. S. grade A large 56 to 58. 6-1f

New York Cotton
New York, Dec. 27—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 to 25 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were unchanged to 15 cents a bale higher. March 21.93, May 21.87, and July 21.49. Futures closed 10 to 25 cents a bale higher.

	Open	Last	Prv. Cl.
March	21.94	21.94	21.91
May	21.87	21.88	21.85
July	21.50	21.51	21.49
Oct.	20.80	20.61	20.56
Dec.	20.53	20.48	20.45
Middling spot 22.33, up 5.			

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Dec. 27—(AP)—Rail and industrial leaders extended their decline in the stock market today. Heavy turnover, resistant as selling pressure abated.

Losses ranged to well over a point toward the finish. Turnover was around 1,500,000 shares. The market was broad, about 1,000 issues showing.

FINANCIAL STOCKS

Allied Chem and Dye	27 1/2
Allied Chem	15 3/4
Am Can	90
Am Car	37 1/2
Am Rail Mill	14 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	38 1/2
A T and T	183 1/2
Am Tob	64 1/2
Anacosta	27 1/2
Arm III	52
A-C	30
All Star	30
Aviat Corp	5 1/2
Baldwin	25
B and O	13
Barnsdall	15 1/2
Bendix Aviat	46 1/2
Beth St	17 1/2
Boeing Airp	33 1/2
Borden	10 1/2
Budd Mfg	38 1/2
Burl Mills	10 1/2
Bur Add Mach	13 1/2
Case J I	35
Caterpil Trac	48
Ches and O	49 1/2
Chrysler	89 1/2
Coca Cola	133 1/2
Coml Cred	38 1/2
Coml Sols	15 1/2
Coca Edis	24 1/2
Cont Can	37
Corn Prod	58 1/2
Curtiss Wright	5 1/2
Doug Aine	68
Dow Chem	118
Dupont	154
Eastman Kod	172
Firestone	55 1/2
Gen Elec	27 1/2
Gen Foods	41 1/2
Gen Mot	62 1/2
Goodrich	52 1/2
Goodyear	49 1/2
Int Harv	79 1/2
Packard	5 1/2
Parnam Pie	28 1/2
Penn Sta	32 1/2
Phillips Pet	42 1/2
Pullman	47 1/2
Pure Oil	16
Radio	10
Rem Rand	22 1/2
Repub SH	18 1/2
Reynolds B	102 1/2
Rockwell	55 1/2
Std Oil N Y	15 1/2
Stewart Warner	31 1/2
Swift	47 1/2
Tex Co	79 1/2
Union Carbide	29 1/2
United Alst	27 1/2
US Ind Chem	37 1/2
US Rubber	30 1/2
US Smelt and Ref	51 1/2
US Steel	58 1/2
Warner Pie	13
Western Union	43 1/2
Woolworth	41 1/2



SISTER STYLISTS—Elva and Lucynn Polk, sister stylists with Kay Kyser, model the newest California bathing suit styles. Elva (left) wears a handpainted rayon flowered suit. Lucynn one of parachute fabric. Both wear wooden shoes.



'CORPORAL BUTCH'—'Corporal Butch' is mascot of the Marine barracks at the Philadelphia, Pa., navy yard.

German Prisoners Escape From Camp

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 27—(AP)—The next 36 hours may determine if there will be a quick roundup of 19 Germans still at large after a sensational escape from the Papago Park prisoner of war camp, an army officer said today.

Six of 25 Nazi U-boat officers and men who fled through a 200-foot tunnel were recaptured Sunday night a few hours after the escape was discovered. None has been apprehended since.

The ranking escapee is Navy Capt. Jurgen Wattenberg, 43, former officer of the Admiral Graf Spee, scuttled German pocket battleship. He was later decorated by the Nazis for sinking a Brazilian freighter.

Broadcast Says New York Bombed

New York, Dec. 27—(AP)—Perplexed Federal Communications Commission monitors reported to the Office of War Information today that they had recorded the following broadcast from the French radio station at Brazzaville:

"It was officially announced this morning at the supreme command of the Allied Expeditionary Forces that New York was bombed last night. The attack was made by one plane."

The monitors said they had checked and rechecked the recording of the broadcast, which was in French and beamed to French areas, but that there could be no doubt of the text.

It was possible the Brazzaville station might have misinterpreted a headquarters announcement concerning the bombing of Paris last night.

Six Airmen Killed In Bomber Crash

Langley Field, Va., Dec. 27—(AP)—Six airmen were killed early today when their heavy bomber crashed on a combat training mission near here, Col. E. W. Raley, commanding officer of Langley Field, announced.

Next of kin of all personnel involved have been notified, but authorities said the names of the dead will not be released until later.

The bomber caught fire and crashed into a heavy thicket, cutting a path of 350 yards. Langley Field firemen, who had to walk a half mile to reach the plane, fought the fire for 90 minutes before it was brought under control.

Warehouse Burned

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 27—(AP)—Flames, fanned by a strong wind, roared through three warehouses of the Columbia Salvage Company today causing undetermined damage.

Nearly every available piece of fire-fighting equipment in Columbia answered the fire call as flames and smoke billowed 500 to 600 feet into the air. Exploding oil drums showered hundreds of spectators with a fine black mist.

Lloyd George To Retire

London, Dec. 27—(AP)—David Lloyd George, who led Britain to victory in the last war, announced today he would retire from Parliament when his term expires, on advice of his physician.

The 81-year-old statesman is known as the "father" of the House of Commons, where he has sat for 54 years.

As a young lawyer, son of a school headmaster, the little Welshman first won a seat in Commons by 15 votes in 1890. Since then he never lost an election.

PURCHASE OF E BONDS URGED

County Behind On Quota From Last Summer.

Although Pitt County is over the top in the Sixth War Loan including its purchases of "E" bonds the county is not over the top in the smaller bonds for the year and J. H. Waldrop, county war finance chairman, urged the purchase of at least another \$100,000 worth by Pitt Countians between now and the end of the present week.

Mr. Waldrop pointed out that during the summer drive Pitt County ran behind on its "E" bond quota and that only by over-subscriptions in other counties in the state was it possible for the state to meet its quota. The state is now behind \$2,400,000 in its Sixth War Loan quota of \$34,000,000 in "E" bonds and Mr. Waldrop urged that Pitt County help come to the rescue by purchasing additional bonds. "The other counties covered up for us last summer when we ran behind and now it's up to us to make good for them," he declared.

Pitt Countians have already purchased more than \$600,000 worth of "E" bonds in the present drive against a quota of \$531,000 but it will take another \$100,000 to offset the shortage of last summer.

Prisoners Escape
Newton, Dec. 27—(AP)—Catawba county prison camp authorities announced today that two prisoners, listed as Virgil Shippey of Charlotte and Jack Norris of Gastonia, had escaped. No details were given out.

Nazis In American Uniforms Use Acid

London, Dec. 27—(AP)—The American army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" declared today that a well organized "task force" of German parachutists clad in American uniforms had been dropped behind the Allied lines on the western front in an attempt to kill high ranking officers.

The parachutists were equipped with small vials of sulphuric acid, fitted inside match boxes and designed to be thrown in the face of any person stopping them for questioning, the paper said.

It asserted the parachutists were equal in number to about two battalions, and had been specially trained for sabotage work in connection with the present German offensive. The Germans were said to have taken the uniforms from captured American troops who later were shot.

Free Tickets For Bonds At Theater

Pitt county boys and girls who convert their War Stamps into War Bonds this week by filling up their stamp books, will be given free tickets to the Pitt theater next Saturday to see the picture, "Moonlight and Cactus" featuring the Andrews sisters. Manager T. Y. Walker announced today.

Exchange your War Stamp book for an E bond, take it to the theater box office and you will be given a free ticket.

Baby Of Snowstorm Celebrates Birthday

A blizzard with heavy drifts of snow, raged in this part of North Carolina 72 years ago—that was December 27, 1872. An important event—a "blessed event," as Walter Winchell would say of Hollywood—occurred during that storm.

A hounding baby boy was born who would "water" be clerk of Pitt County Superior Court than president of the "United States," he said. That "baby of the snow storm," still retaining his chubby good looks, is "Judge" J. Frank Harrington. He was born in his country about two miles from Winterville "before Winterville was born." He is a son of the late Paul and Gracie Tyson Harrington.

The venerable court clerk was "sitting in state" in his office at the courthouse today, receiving congratulations on his 72nd birthday, and he was happy, cheerful and optimistic, as he is always.

Fire Alarms During Christmas Holidays

The fire department responded to three alarms during the holidays. A call came from Box 73 about noon Monday when a fire caused slight damage in the kitchen at the home of Edna Glover, colored. The next alarm was from Box 28, when fire considerably damaged the kitchen at the home of Mrs. Tapper, 14th and Washington streets Tuesday morning about 2 o'clock.

The firemen were called to Box 42, Fourth and Holly Streets, Tuesday evening about 6:30, when a short circuit in electric wires caused a slight blaze.

Chief George Gardner again today warned householders and others to be careful about overheated stoves and defective flues and help to prevent fires.

Damage Store

Detroit, Dec. 27—(AP)—A group of more than 50 persons who entered the Montgomery Ward & Co. department store in suburban Dearborn, where a strike has been in progress since Dec. 9, were reported this morning to have overturned several counters and destroyed some merchandise.

R. L. Estabrook, store manager, said the damage would amount to several thousand dollars. He said the demonstrators were members of "Flying Squadrons" of the United Automobile Workers (CIO).

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Fire Damage

Kansas City, Dec. 27—(AP)—Fire raged today through three big buildings in the downtown warehouse district.

Twenty Kansas City companies, making no headway after five hours of fighting, called further help from the Kansas City, Kas., department.

The blaze, smoldering since early morning in the basement of a building housing a floor wax manufacturing company, suddenly burst through the windows and roof and spread quickly to two other buildings.

Bombers Blast Traffic Centers

London, Dec. 27—(AP)—One thousand U. S. Eighth Air Force planes from British bases raided secondary rail traffic centers in western Germany today, after reconnaissance officers reported the principal rail artery from Berlin to the west had been knocked out of commission.

Six hundred heavy bombers, escorted by 300 Thunderbolts and Mustangs, lashed at six railroad yards and one important junction. Favorable weather permitted Allied planes based on the continent to join the attack on Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's counteroffensive.

The Thunderbolts and Mustangs bagged at least 25 Nazi fighters in a furious battle with enemy planes southwest of Bonn.

Targets included the traffic-jammed yards at Euskirchen and Andernach, northwest of Coblenz; Homburg, southwest of Kassel, and Fulda, 60 miles south of Kassel, as well as a rail junction 40 miles west of Coblenz.

Blizzard To ...

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Texas and Florida tied for high readings yesterday, Tampa reporting a top of 80; Miami, 78, and Brownsville, Tex., 79. Los Angeles' high was 68.

Reverses On ...

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sector in the center. Anti-personnel bombs were dropped north of San Benedetto, immediately south of Bologna, and around Grizzana, in the southwest.

Allied fighters, fighter bombers and light bombers flew 1,000 missions against the German ground forces in Italy.

Nazi Propagandists Try Panic Belgians

14—NAZI PROP ...
London, Dec. 27—(AP)—A German radio station which has been trying to panic the Belgians ever since opening of the Nazi offensive said today Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's forces were using an atomic bomb in the new attack.

"This is the type of bomb on which the Allies had claimed to have a monopoly," the announcer said. "The Germans used it at St. Vith. Wherever such a missile is dropped—all animals and plants cease to exist. Huge areas of land are scorched, woods are consumed, and any human being caught in the hurricane is shattered to smithereens."

Foreign Ministers To Hold Conference

Washington, Dec. 27—(AP)—The time schedule of unfolding plans for a peaceful world became apparent today with the disclosure that an inter-American foreign ministers conference is to be held soon—probably in late February or early March.

Mexico has invited all the western hemisphere nations except Argentina to meet in Mexico City and discuss international security problems, it was learned on good authority.

The inter-American conference, a high official said, is scheduled to come shortly before the United Nations meeting on the Dumbarton Oaks peace agency proposals.

The schedule then will probably be:

1. A Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill meeting at the end of January and early February.
2. The inter-American meeting in late February or early March.
3. The United Nations meeting in late March or April.

Yank Airmen ...

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The Americans got two more Japanese planes over Mindoro Island, invaded by the Yanks Dec. 15. Two enemy planes were shot down Christmas day over Tacloban air field on Leyte.

Liberators raided Mindanao airdromes and harbors, sinking two freighters, and fighter bombers assaulted the Japanese Silay airdrome on Negros Island.

Medium and fighter-bombers dumped 115 tons of bombs on Halmahera at Lolobata, Hatakako and Wasile Bay.

A 2,000-ton cargo ship and small freighter were sunk by air patrols of Borneo.

Allied Time ...

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The Movies Today
PITT—"Impatient Years" with Jean Arthur, Charles Coburn. STATE—"The Unwritten Code," Tom Neal, Ann Savage. News.

made two great blunders:
1. It believed that the German armies in France had been almost completely destroyed.
2. It believed that it knew the strength and had guessed the intended use of German reserves backing the West Wall and it considered them to be defense forces.

As a matter of fact the German force, reportedly numbering toward 20 divisions, represented a reorganization of the defeated remnants of the armies beaten in France; the use of many second-rate troops in the West Wall completely camouflaged this reorganization.

With strategy and timing never conceded here to be brilliant, the Germans hit at a moment and place of weakness with complete surprise. It is evident that in the ensuing retreat the American forces have suffered heavily.

Compelled to fight defensively General Eisenhower has had to withdraw and regroup his divisions for a counterattack. If his countermeasures succeed, the enormous cost of the whole affair may be written off as the cost of ultimate victory. If, however, the Germans succeed in extending and holding their gains—in short, if the war is as prolonged as Washington authorities are beginning to fear it will be, then a shakeup, particularly in military intelligence, may be expected which will reach into Eisenhower's own top assistants.

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Both Tolbukhin and Malinovsky are reported throwing reserves into the central sector of this line, where a new breakthrough might be fatal to German hopes of keeping the war from the soil of Austria.

Soviet Forces ...

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Field dispatches said other Russian successes achieved simultaneously with yesterday's full encirclement of the Hungarian capital had brought the German command in the east to a moment of supreme crisis.

Tolbukhin's Third Ukraine army and Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukraine army, are tactically linked up northwest of Budapest for a joint drive up both sides of the Danube to Bratislava, Slovakian capital, and Vienna.

PITT
Starts THURS.
WALLACE BERRY
The Boast and the Toast of the Coast—
in
BARBARY COAST GENT
with
BINNIE BARNES
JOHN CARRADINE

THIRST COME
DRINK
DOUBLE COLA
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Sensational Show
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Stars From
RADIO, SCREEN
AND STAGE
A Bevy Of Beautiful Girls
DANCING AROUND
6 Big Time Vaud. Acts 6
ON THE SCREEN
JEAN PARKER
in
"ADVENTURES OF KITTY O'DAY"
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