

Fairly cloudy and cool tonight. Friday, mostly cloudy and cool with rain in mountains.

Fierce Fighting Inside Budapest

German And Hungarian Garrison Offering Suicidal Resistance; Russians Storm Western Section Of City And Split German Concentrations To The North.

By EDDY GILMORE Moscow, Dec. 28 (AP)—A doomed Nazi garrison reeled backwards in the smoke-filled streets of western Budapest today, but clung with suicidal resistance to positions in the east...

The Russians are now attacking from the southeast, northeast and west, the broadcast said. The German and Hungarian defenders were reported to have allowed the use of one of two remaining airports for evacuation of troops as Soviet forces pounded toward the heart of the once beautiful city.

With the Red air force holding complete mastery in the skies German transports were able to operate only at night from this last field, near Pest, and the casualties were reported great.

Russian troops pushed across the eastern arm of the Danube north of Budapest yesterday, splitting the Nazi troops and driving part of them into the mountainous area in the great Danube bend.

Other Red Army troops stormed into Buda from the west and south-west in numerous new penetrations of the suburban arc.

Simultaneously, Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's First Ukrainian Army hammered out new gains northwest of the capital along the Budapest-Vienna railroad and captured several localities in the great Danube bend.

Other Soviet forces captured eight places east of Ipolygag in the drive on the key border rail hub of Losonc. More than 3,500 prisoners were taken on the Czechoslovakian fronts.

Nearing Goal Winston-Salem, Dec. 28 (AP)—The State is on the verge of going over the top in its Sixth War Loan "E" bond campaign. It is already done so.

Figures through Dec. 24 showed \$32,500,000 in "E" bonds sold, 95 per cent of the North Carolina quota of \$34,000,000. State War Finance Chairman C. T. Leinbach announced. The drive closes Saturday.

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General Eisenhower still has his chance to administer a knockout to Von Rundstedt and so force an early peace. On the other hand, if the German survives his terribly dangerous thrust into the midst of great Allied strength, then we may see him retiring slowly and resuming his fight in the powerful Siegfried defenses west of the Rhine, thus protracting the war.

Our safest course is to adopt the hard-boiled theory of the War Production Board that the Hitlerian war will go on indefinitely. That's not an invitation to pessimism but a safeguard against over-optimism. We Yanks really should get rid of our school-girl fluctuation of emotions and hit a middle course.

Sub Is Lost

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—The U. S. submarine Seawolf is overdue from patrol and presumed lost. The navy's announcement today said the vessel was under command of Lt. Comdr. Albert M. Bentler, of White Plains, New York, who is listed as missing.

The 1,500 ton submarine was of a class which normally carries a complement of 62 men. No announcement was made of the number lost, but the navy said next of kin of all casualties had been informed.

The Seawolf brought to 34 the total of United States submarines lost during the war—4 sunk, 28 overdue and presumed lost, and two destroyed to prevent capture. It was the 239th naval vessel of all types lost since the beginning of the war.

MUCH DAMAGE TO JAP PLANTS Fires Set In Tokyo Visible 80 Miles Away.

By VERN HAUGLAND 21st Bomber Command, Saipan, Dec. 28 (AP)—Superfortress bombs, streaking out of a clear sky, pummeled a surprised Tokyo for an hour and a half Wednesday, and one returning pilot said his formation alone laid a pattern of explosives top blocks wide and seven long across an important industrial area where no missile "could fall to hit a target."

The Musashima factory of the Nakajima Aircraft Company, the primary target, but the first 2-3 formation, led by Capt. Vance Black of Fairfax, Okla., and pushed by a terrific tailwind, overshoot the plant. Nevertheless they said they apparently hit the factory somewhere in its 50 acres of one-story workshops.

Early photographs showed at least a dozen new bomb hits in the plants. Pictures of budding bomb bursts gave rise to hope later photographs would show heavy damage in the works, one of the keys to Japan's aircraft production.

One giant American plane was shot over Tokyo but the Superforts lost over perhaps the largest number of enemy planes yet destroyed over the island of Honshu, on which the imperial capital is situated. The total bag has not been officially announced.

The Japanese apparently were caught by surprise. Early B-29 formations found both anti-aircraft fire and interception light, but later arrivals encountered heavy opposition.

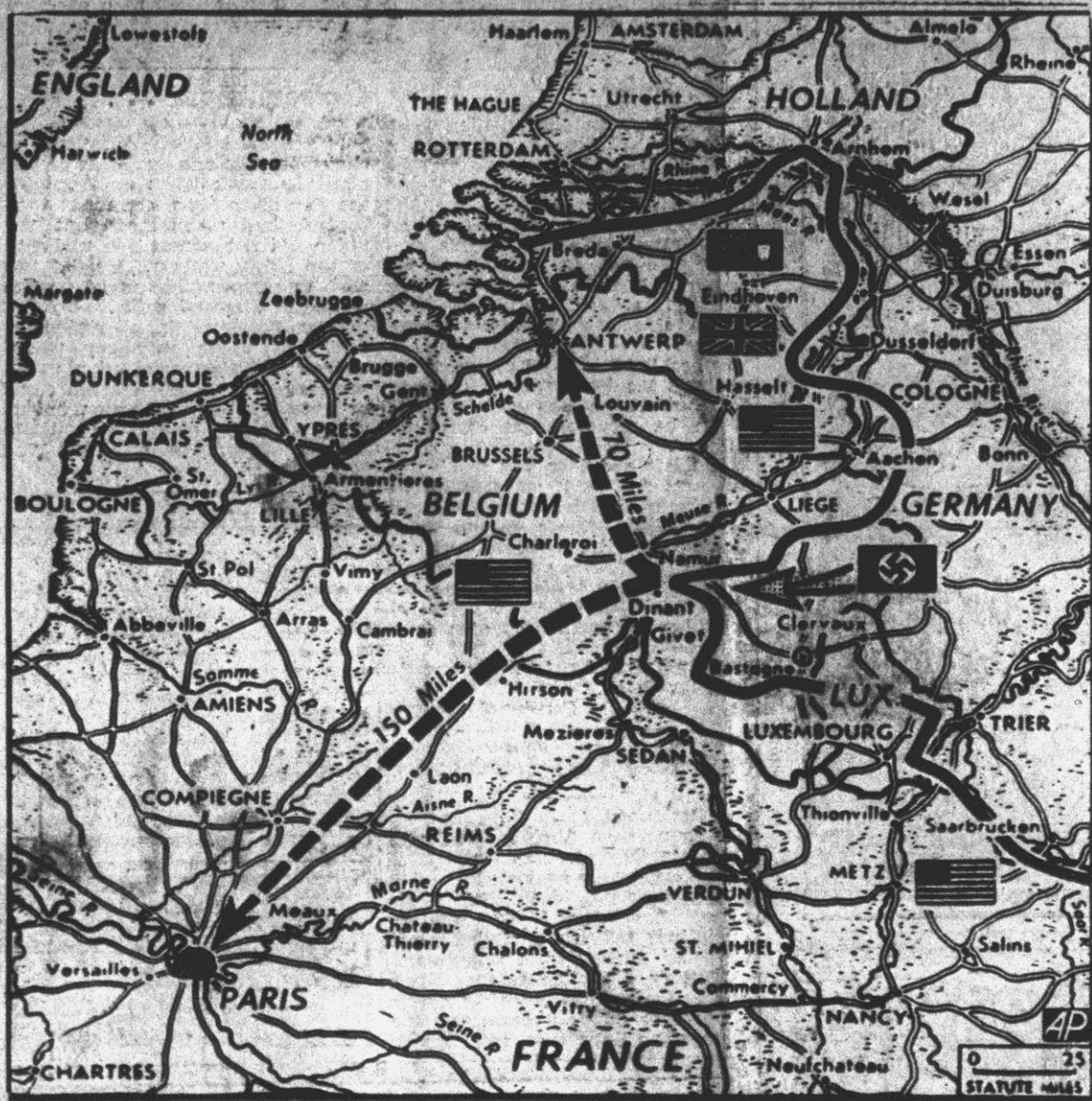
Tokyo's busy industrial center was swept by great fires, returning airmen reported. Lt. Col. William McDowell, Brady, Tex., an observer, said that on the return trip the smoke could be seen from 80 miles away.

(A Washington communique said (Continued on Page Four)

Another Month Raleigh, Dec. 28 (AP)—State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles T. Beedle Ward said today that 1944 automobile license plates would continue good through January 31, 1945, under an act of the 1943 Legislature.

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Antwerp And Paris May Be German Objectives



The broken arrows with mileage figures point to possible objectives of the German offensive pushing westward in Belgium. Military men in Washington believe the Germans may be heading for the English channel ports, probably Antwerp, in an attempt to isolate Canadian, British and American armies on the northern sector of the western front (heavy line). A German presence suggested Paris is the goal. Late dispatches say the Americans have turned back the Germans who had come within four miles of the Meuse river southeast of Namur. An encircled American force at Bastogne has been liberated by the break-through of an American column. (AP Wirephoto Map).

CASUALTY LIST IS ANNOUNCED

Total Had Reached 628,441 Prior to German Drive.

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—War casualties of the armed services reached 628,441 December 14—two days prior to the big German offensive in Western Europe. Secretary of War Stimson said today the latest army total today is 547,823. This reports casualties through December 14 and represents a 63,866 increase since his last report two weeks ago.

The navy reports total casualties at 90,818, an increase of 2,207. Stimson said the army figures reflected the Allied offensive against Germany in November, but did not include losses in the current Nazi counter-offensive. Those, he told a news conference, have been "severe."

For the two-week period the army reported 102,961 killed, an increase of 10,826; 319,935 wounded, an increase of 47,584; 65,762 missing, an increase of 2,976; and 59,165 prisoners, an increase of 2,480.

Comparable navy figures were 31,189 killed, an increase of 1,433; 9,493 wounded, an increase of 483; and 4,488 prisoners, an increase of two.

Stimson said more than 13,000 Nazi prisoners have been taken during the German offensive, and added: "We, too, are suffering severe casualties."

The war secretary spoke on heroism on every sector of the First Army front, mentioning "company cooks and clerks who have fought like tigers at the side of our rifle."

Young Girl Victim Of 'Unloaded Gun' William Edward Clark, 14, accidentally shot and killed Mary Lillie Mayo, 11, while playing with an old 22-caliber rifle at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Clark, on the C. H. McGowan farm, five miles west of here, last night about 7:30, Pitt County Coroner Griffin H. Rouse said.

The child, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mayo, tenants on a Blount-Harvey farm near the fire tower, was visiting in the Clark home. Funeral services will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in Westview cemetery in Kinston.

Greek Factions Agree To Establish Regency

No Definite Date Decided Upon And Fighting Continues; Churchill Fired Upon By Sniper Yesterday.

Athens, Dec. 28 (AP)—Warring Greek political factions were agreed today to formation of a regency in a step towards peace, as British military authorities reported a withdrawal of some Elass corps, concentrated at Piraeus and in the northern and southern districts of the city. The communiqué said the process of clearing Athens of the Elass was progressing slowly but satisfactorily.

In a prelude to the political discussions a sniper's bullet narrowly missed Prime Minister Churchill yesterday morning as he stood in front of the British embassy.

British headquarters commented this morning that sniping had been fairly continuous across the front entrance of the embassy and that there was no indication that the sniper was manning a machinegun, aimed especially at Churchill.

The British took 170 prisoners, most of them in civilian clothing. A 15-mile drive through a southeastern suburb last night by British troops and Greek national guardsmen had netted 150.

Government Seizure Of Ward Plants Ordered

Chicago, Dec. 28 (AP)—Mayor Joseph W. Byron was designated by the War Department today to seize Chicago properties of Montgomery Ward and Company under a presidential order in a showdown on the company's refusal to comply with War Labor Board directives.

Gen. Byron was reported in Chicago and preparing to serve the presidential order on Sewell Avery, Ward chairman, who last April 27 was carried bodily from his office by two soldiers after the Army took possession of the property the first time amid a long standing labor dispute.

Justice Department specialists from Washington worked until 3 a. m. in the U. S. District Attorney's office preparing it, it was understood, for Federal Court action. In the event Montgomery Ward resisted the seizure. This action would be a petition for an injunction to restrain Avery and other company officials from interfering with government operation of the property.

Americans Seek To Cut Off Germans In Belgium

Japs Shell Mindoro; Yanks Bombard Iwo

Three Jap Destroyers Sunk And Battleship And Cruiser Damaged.

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 28 (AP)—Heavy guns of Japanese and American naval task forces traded rattling blows Tuesday and Wednesday on island bases 1,500 miles apart but the Nipponese came off worse, with three destroyers sunk, a battleship and cruiser damaged.

The Japanese shelled Mindoro, central Philippines, from the China Sea Tuesday night, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today. The Americans, making their third appearance this month within 750 miles of Tokyo, bombarded Iwo Jima, Volcano Island, from the Pacific, Tuesday, U. S. date. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced yesterday at Pearl Harbor. That is Wednesday in the time zone where the attack occurred.

The enemy warships—a battleship, cruiser and six destroyers—accomplished "some fruitless and inaccurate shelling" of the Yank invasion scene on southwest Mindoro, MacArthur said. From the time the warships approached at dusk until they withdrew around midnight, they were under attack by Mindoro-based Mitchell bombers and Thunderbolt fighters and by swift patrol-torpedo boats.

A Japanese communique today said the naval units bombarded "the enemy (San Jose) airfield and munition dump and left the nearby area in a veritable sea of fire." The broadcast, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said one destroyer was "heavily damaged."

The communique claimed that on the same night Japanese naval craft off San Jose attacked a United States convoy, sinking four transports, a torpedo boat and two smaller vessels.

Nimitz said the American task force, coordinating its attack with planes of the strategic airforce, Pacific Ocean area, pounded coastal and airstrip installations at Iwo Jima, set a landing ship afire and blew up a gunboat. Enemy coastal guns scored the hits on the warships.

The Yanks have an air base on Mindoro within a half hour's flying time of Manila whose airfields, MacArthur disclosed today, were blasted Tuesday for the fifth straight day by land-based bombers with a fighter escort.

Two Jima, taking its 20th straight day of aerial neutralization while the warships shelled it, is the air base from which the enemy has sent planes 750 miles south to Saipan in an attempt to knock out the take-off point for B-29's raiding Japan.

NAZIS GAIN ON ITALIAN FRONT

Fifth Army Falls Back Before Counterattacks.

Rome, Dec. 28 (AP)—German forces are continuing their counterattacks in the Serchio valley on the western flank of the Italian front and Fifth Army troops have made further withdrawals in that area. Allied headquarters announced today.

The town of Barga, captured a month ago by the Fifth Army, was enveloped in the German counter-attack.

Barga is a mile and a half east of the river and about 15 miles north of the city of Lucca, capital of Lucca province. Meanwhile, Eighth army troops in the Adriatic sector fanned out along the east bank of the Senio river and slashed into fortified German positions at Alfonsine, nine miles northwest of Ravenna.

Tank-supported Yank Columns Cut Into Both Sides Of Nazi Bulge and Are Within Less Than 20 Miles of A Junction; Bastogne Garrison Relieved.

By JAMES M. LONG Paris, Dec. 28 (AP)—American forces cutting into both sides of the von Rundstedt bulge at its thinnest neck have fought to within less than 20 miles of a junction, 30-hour old reports from the front said tonight.

The whole southern flank of the enemy salient from Bastogne to the German border yielded slowly to hammering Doughboys and tanks crossed the Sure river at four places and threw the enemy back into the Esterneck area at the eastern end of the wedge.

The razor-thin relief corridor to epic Bastogne held firm against German infantry and armored attack. The Germans were buffeted back further in hard fighting near Grandmenil and Marche, points 20 miles away on the other side of the bulge.

Part of the German spearhead which had driven deepest into Belgium at Celles was encircled and being hammered into disintegration by a ring of guns and armor, and another pocket along the underbelly of the salient was receiving similar treatment.

The probing armor that had pushed close to Ciney, 15 miles from Namur in the northwestern tip of the bulge, had been beaten back until the battle line ran seven to eight miles southeast of the village.

The main fighting in the Celles area was now in the vicinity of Verre, two and a half miles to the southeast.

Along the southern flank the American continued to gain and were going up to or above up in the whole line of the Sure river from the Bastogne area to the German frontier, where they were not across stream they held the high ground on the south side.

The village of Liefrange, 10 miles southeast of Bastogne, was seized in one crossing north of the village of Bonnal.

Gains on the north side of the salient included capture of Grandmenil and Marche and the partial recapture of Hunain where street fighting was in progress.

It was too early to forecast the outcome, for the Americans in their counterattack now underway faced formidable obstacles.

But there were clear indications the bold Nazi bid for a great December victory had butted into serious trouble.

The German army had been held for more than 48 hours up to Wednesday dawn without a significant (Continued on page four)

Less Liquor In January Raleigh, Dec. 28 (AP)—The January liquor ration will be only half that of the present—or one pint for each coupon.

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The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst

Despite the dampening effect of the German counter-offensive, we can approach an assay of the year-end military position (as I've been asked to do) for the rock-bottom fact that the Allied cause—on balance—is going well the globe around.

A pencil and paper, with a modicum of unemotional figuring, are all one needs to demonstrate that the United Nations are on the broad highway to victory both in Europe and in the Orient. That conclusion makes allowances for military setbacks like the present in western Europe and the recent Japanese successes in hard-hit China. It takes into account short-comings of the home-front.

When you've added up and made deductions, the answer is that the Allies can't lose excepting through their own folly.

Today On The Home Front

By JAMES MARLOW

(Editor's note: This is the third in a series of stories on compulsory military training in peacetime for American youths.)

Washington, Dec. 28 (AP)—There's plenty of support for compulsory, peacetime military training for all able-bodied young American men after they reach a certain age.

If Congress approves this plan it will mean training for perhaps one million men a year. After training they would return to civilian life as a reserve in an emergency.

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Must Use Less Coal. Raleigh, Dec. 28 (AP)—North Carolinians will have to get along this winter with 90 per cent of the coal they used last year, Joe S. Correl, state director of coal conservation said today.

He urged householders to use coal sparingly to protect themselves against possible emergencies later in the winter and in order to help conserve national manpower and transportation facilities.

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These trimmings on the main idea have been attacked, even by some of those who endorse a program of compulsory military training. There are arguments on both sides.

They'll get a good airing when the new Congress tackles the military training proposal. Here are some of them:

- 1. The program would raise the general health level of the country because each year it would discover physical defects in the new recruits and remedy them. The argument against: This is a poor excuse for—and ca-

Just When He Was About To Leave The Park



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Strength FOR THE DAY By EARL L. DOUGLAS

RADICALISM Many people are alarmed by the growth of radicalism in these days. And they may well be, if radicalism means the triumph of minority groups over the majority.

They now and again there occur in the history of the world seasons of ferment and disorder. We appear to be in such a season at the present time. This situation may get much worse before it is better.

Probably the best way to handle radicalism is to recognize that society is overdue for certain reforms, and to join with those who want to bring about these reforms in a peaceful fashion. If we are to oppose all change, then the people who want to change everything will find their hands greatly strengthened by our folly.

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AMERICA IN WARTIME By JACK STENNETT

Under ordinary circumstances, the expansion of any national organization hardly would be worth mentioning. But since World War I, it has been generally conceded that only the farm and labor bloc compare with the war veterans as a closely knit group that sees to protection of their interests and ideals in congressional, state and local legislation.

Back in the days that followed the Armistice, the late Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and a handful of other men who had met in a Paris cafe one night, were selling their idea of the American Legion to all who would listen. In a few months, more than 200 veterans' organizations were in operation. Most of these faded out or were incorporated into other groups. Out of the confusion, the Legion emerged the most powerful of all.

It now has a claimed membership of 2,000,000 Legionnaires and auxiliaries in more than 12,000 posts. It has real estate, cash, securities, bonds and equipment valued at more than \$100,000,000. And while the Legion doesn't fear much competition from infant veterans' organizations that will spring out of this war, therein lies the story of how the Legion is putting its house in order.

tion posts. Already the Legion has youngsters holding down dominant jobs both in local and state departments.

(3) The assumption of the problems of World War II veterans. The new Legion objectives are being streamlined to take up the problem of rehabilitation and security.

(Tomorrow: New American Legion Objectives.)

The War Today...

(Continued From Page One) Hungary and Slovakia. We mustn't overlook that the Nazis appear to have committed their full strength to the counter-offensive in the war. They've gambled most everything. Sure sources of information agree that the Reich's rapidly deteriorating resources are vastly inferior in all categories to those of the Allies. That's equally true of manpower and material.

It's amazing to see these dig up sufficient strength for their pie-in-the-sky drive. As a matter of fact their attack likely would have died at birth had it not been for somebody fumbling the American military intelligence. We were caught off guard and heads may roll for that. The length of the Japanese war

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Corded fabric, 2. Piece of gummed paper, 3. Symbol for tantalum, etc.

Island Song by Owen Atkinson

Chapter 26 The men surrounding Callahan saw Jason's attack coming and sprang to defend themselves from this new danger. Callahan snatched a cutlass from the hands of a wounded man and leaped down the steps, waving the cutlass above his head. As he charged, he let out a bull-like bellow of rage. This surprise attack by Jason and his men, engineered by the traitor Caleb, might mean the wreck of all his plans.

Confident in their superior numbers, the men about Callahan charged down the steps behind him in a yelling horde. Doctor Webb saw this attack on Jason and his men. Above the din of battle his sonorous voice resounded in the palace rooms. "Shoot, shoot!" In answer to his exhortation there was a shout from the defenders of the palace.

As Jason charged, a man went down on his right—Jasper White. Jason realized in a flash of recognition. The old sailor failed to get up, lay with face half buried in the short grass. His shoulders heaved once and were stilled. He had given his life for the Blake's he had served for so long.

Jason dashed on, mad with rage, flourishing his cutlass and shouting encouragement to his men. They swarmed about him, firing briskly. Jason's face was lighted up for a moment by the flash from a gun muzzle near him. He was flushed, his eyes glowing with the fire of battle. A revolutionist slashed at him with a saber. He dodged, then turned on the ball of his right foot and cut the man down with a swift slashing stroke of his blade.

The body sagged and sprawled at his feet. Caleb was in the lead now, slashing right and left furiously like a young god of war.

Jason now realized that the advancing foe outnumbered his men. He shouted an order that they drop behind some bushes and fire on Callahan's main body as it approached. Jason's main body roared from the bushes. Bodies of the revolutionists lay along the steps to the palace and before the great doors. Others dotted the open space in front of Jason. The stream of lead that poured into them from the palace helped spread disorder in the revolutionists' ranks.

Today On The...

(Continued From Page One) our young men discipline and give them stability of character. The arguments against: Sure it would teach them discipline. But what kind? Military discipline? Military discipline is not the kind needed in a democracy.

Government...

(Continued From Page One) chairman, who was carried from the plant by two soldiers on April 27, the day after the government took control, had maintained that the union did not represent a majority of the firm's workers. He did not wish to comment last night on the calling of a second strike.

Greek Factions...

(Continued from page one) A dispatch to British headquarters from the Epirus front said Gen. Napoleon Zervas, commander of an Edeas army, reduced from 10,000 to 5,000 by desertions, was fighting a rear guard action against Elias forces on falling back to the neck of the Preveza peninsula. The attacking Elias army was estimated to number from 15,000 to 20,000 men.

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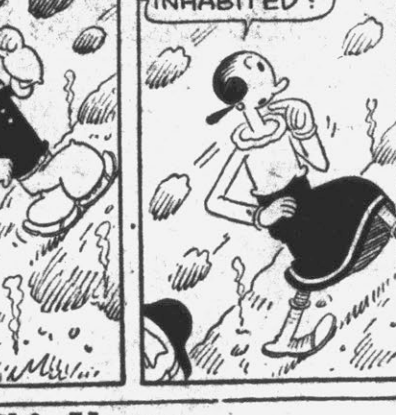
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NOTICE

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.

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WILSON'S WEEKLY Bulletin



Double-decker Veal Roast

2 veal steaks, cut 1 1/2" thick. 2 tbs. Advance Shortening. Brown one steak on both sides in Advance Shortening. Place the other steak in a baking pan and spread the top side with Wilson's B-V softened in a small amount of hot water.

IT'S GRAVY DE LUXE

Anyone can tell you that veal roast makes good gravy but let me add that real gravy with the addition of Wilson's B-V is gravy de luxe. Just make your gravy as usual, omitting the salt and pep it up by adding a little B-V, about 1/2 tsp. dissolved in a tablespoon of the hot gravy. Ummmm! You'll get calls for "seconds" all around.

Garnishes Are Fun

Simply cut a slice off the large end of several carrots, peel them, remove their centers with a grapefruit corer or paring knife and presto!—you have a carrot ring. Slip a few even lengths of celery through the ring and make lengthwise cuts down each end of the celery just as you would for celery curls. Now plip your bundles in icy water over night and you'll have the lacy curls you see in the picture as if by magic.

"No Man's Land!"



It's The Juggler In Him!



Social and Personal

Mrs. David Johnson left yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Emil Hines, in Greenwich, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. James Britt of Birmingham, Ala., are visiting Mrs. Britt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Whitehurst.

Sign James R. Worsley, Jr., has returned to Boston, Mass., after spending Christmas with his parents.

Richard Worsley has returned to State College after spending the Christmas holidays at home.

Mrs. Burns Brown Brewer and Miss Mavis Buck of Greenville and Wilmington, Del., attended the Ice Follies on Christmas night in Philadelphia.

Pvt. Floyd B. Conleton has arrived from Camp Wheeler, Ga., to spend five days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conleton.

Mr. J. W. Evans and mother, Mrs. Ida Evans, have gone to New York to spend a few days with Mrs. Evans' brother, Mr. William M. Sutton.

Mrs. Charles Fyfe has returned from Walla Walla, Wash., where she visited her nephew, Major Nick Dernal.

Pvt. Carlton Jackson of Camp Croft, S. C., is spending his furlough with his family and will leave Sunday for Fort Meade Md.

Mrs. Geoffrey Cratch and children of Blount's Creek, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Cratch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Morris and Miss Lena Mae Smith of Greensboro, have returned to their homes after a visit here with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith.

Mrs. Bryant Tripp has returned to her home in Raleigh after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Z. N. Tripp near Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Piver and son, Jimmy, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Turner spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Z. N. Tripp near Bethel.

Art Moyer, who accompanied his mother, Mrs. Hortense Moyer, to McPherson Hospital in Durham yesterday, has gone to New York to spend the New Year's holidays.

Miss Helen Zechiel of Williamsburg, Va., will arrive today to spend several days with Mrs. Harvey Dall, 1508 Dickinson avenue.

Miss Rachel Fleming is home from W. C. U. N. C., for the holidays. She left yesterday for New Bern to attend the wedding of Miss Virginia Hamilton and Sgt. James Humphrey.

Dick Fleming, seaman second class, stationed at Memphis, Tenn., is home on a five-day leave.

Lt. Col. Howard Moyer, Mrs. Moyer and two children are spending a few days here with relatives. Col. Moyer is enroute from El Paso, Texas, to Fort Benning, Ga.

Mrs. W. O. Freeland left Tuesday for Boston to visit her sister, Mrs. Sam Pressly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bailey spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Broughton, Mr. Broughton and sons, Charles and Ray, in Durham.

Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Bowman returned to Washington, D. C., today after spending the holidays with Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Willard.

Birth Announcement.
Pfc. and Mrs. Horace L. Vincent announce the birth of a son, Charles Adams, on December 22, 1944, in Pitt General Hospital.

Pfc. Vincent is with the army in Belgium. Mrs. Vincent is the former Madeline Adams of Grimesland.

No Choir Practice.
There will be no choir practice at the Eighth Street Christian Church this week.

Informal Dance.
The Teen-age Club is sponsoring an informal dance Friday night, December 29, from 8 to 12 o'clock, at the Teen-age Club.

There will be refreshments served throughout the evening. All teenage members are urged to come and enjoy themselves.

Masonic Notice.
Special communication of Greenville Lodge No. 284 A. F. and A. M., Friday night at 7:30. Work in the third degree. All master masons cordially invited.

N. G. Raynor, Master.
J. S. Willard, Secy.

Grows Fine Collards.
Rev. M. A. Woodward, Free Will Baptist minister of Winterville, shows some of the finest collards seen here in a long time. He brought in a collard today that measured nearly four feet across, for Miss Rosa Lee Baker at the clerk's office at the court house. Incidentally, the minister's turnips would win first prize at any fair.

Methodist Circles Meet Monday.
The circles of the W. B. C. S. of Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church will hold their first meetings of the year on Monday, January 8.

The general meeting will be held Monday, January 15.

Social Calendar

FRIDAY
8:00-9:00 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.

Writes Christmas Greeting Poem.
The following poem was written by Pvt. D. H. Sumrell to his mother, Mrs. Maude Sumrell of this city, as a Christmas greeting. His full address is: Pvt. D. H. Sumrell, ASN 34032907, Co. A 5, ARTC, Fort Knox, Ky.

Mom, I'll wear O.D. and khaki,
But I should wear "navy blue."
I'll ride a tank instead of a ship,
But come what may, "I still love you."

I'm now an army tanker,
But at that I can not frown,
I'm a rugged individual,
But I'm still Harold, up and down.

It's tough to take this basic,
'Cause its rough out here at Knox,
'Cause snow and mud is most knee deep
And the cold wind that ceases not.

I've peeled a million carrots
And twice as many spuds,
I've scrubbed the barracks many times
With G. I. brush and suds.

I've set up many tables
And scores of dishes I have dried,
I've learned to make a perfect bunk
And a mop I've learned to guide.

I've done most all the little things
And most of the big ones, too,
So when I finish basic,
There'll be "nothing" I can't do.

My task will be a hard one
But I must stay and see it through,
But all my love on Christmas day
I'm sending it to you.

Wooten-Cannon.
Mrs. Eva Cannon announces the marriage of her daughter Hollie Lee to Mr. William L. Wooten on Wednesday, the twenty-seventh of December nineteen hundred and forty-four Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Howell Exhibit Greatly Enjoyed.
The exhibit of paintings done in watercolors and oils, together with a group of drawings, all done by the versatile Claude Howell of Wilmington, which has been showing since December 4 in the Art Gallery at Sheppard Memorial Library and the USO in the Woman's Club building, has been greatly enjoyed by a large number of people. Miss Crisp says the servicemen have particularly enjoyed the paintings in the USO and many of them were interested enough to visit the gallery to see the complete exhibit.

Smart, director of art in West Greenville and Third Street schools, has urged her pupils to take their parents with them to see the exhibit. Miss Lane of the Art Department of East Carolina Teachers College, has carried different groups of art students to the gallery and talked with them about the paintings.

The officers of the Community Art Center who are responsible for bringing this exhibit to Greenville are reminding the public that there are only two more days before it will be packed and shipped to Greensboro. Regular gallery hours are 2 to 6 daily. For the convenience of those who work the gallery will remain open until 8 o'clock both Friday and Saturday nights. All who have not seen Mr. Howell's exhibit and those who wish to see it again are invited to do so Friday and Saturday from 2 to 8 o'clock.

Square Dance At Grimesland.
The regular square dance sponsored by the Grimesland P. T. A., will be held Friday night in the auditorium of the Grimesland High School.

Railing On Red Bliss Potatoes.
The Office of Price Administration announces that the 1946 crop of Red Bliss potatoes has been deleted from the fresh fruit and vegetable order amendment No. 6. Retailers will price this item by applying the percentage markup as provided in maximum price regulations Nos. 422 and 423.

County Schools Will Reopen Next Monday

The county schools will reopen after the Christmas holidays next Monday, January 1 — New Year's Day. There were no resignations by teachers this year, in contrast with other years when many of them married during the holidays and resigned. The teaching staffs at all county schools are doing good work, Supt. Don H. Conley said today.

The school system's greatest problem is transportation. Many of the school buses are old and constantly need repair and repair parts are hard to get, Conley said. "We are doing the best we can under the circumstances and hope to get through the winter with what we have," he added. Students and parents must be patient about transportation. School officials have warned bus drivers to be careful with the equipment.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
December 28, 1904

The flying machine seems a certainty and the cotton picker may come later.

Turkey hash is all gone now.

The government report issued today estimates the cotton crop at 11,848,000 bales.

It did turn cold in a hurry.

Every town of consequence should have some method of taking and preserving its vital statistics, and Greenville is no exception to this. There ought to be a record kept of all births and deaths that occur in the towns and at special periods. It might be well for the board of aldermen at its first meeting in the new year to adopt some plan by which these statistics can be kept.

Celebrates Birthday.
Little Marlene Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Clark, Jr., entertained a few of her friends at a birthday party on Christmas Eve, celebrating her seventh birthday.

After games were played the children were served refreshments. The cake was beautifully decorated with seven lighted candles. Marlene received many useful gifts.

Those attending were Shirley Josephine, Brenda, Kay and Philip Roberson, Jane Dennis, Jennie, Elmer and Shirley Clark, John Burley and Wayne Clark.

NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

Not Wounded.
The War Department has advised Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith that there has been a mistake in their checkups. Their son, Pfc. Charlie C. Smith, was not wounded in action in France on November 17, as was first stated.

New Address.
The address of Lt. Edgar Denton, who was recently reported being held by the Germans as a prisoner of war is as follows:
Second Lt. Edgar A. Denton, ASN 0628102, United States Prisoner of War, Interned by Germany, International Red Cross Directory, Geneva, Switzerland, via New York, N. Y.

Winterville Boy Wounded.
Sgt. John Adrian Worthington, 19, who was wounded in battle on November 18, is in a hospital in England, a message to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Worthington of Route 1, Winterville, stated. He was slightly wounded in battle in France last June and has been awarded the Purple Heart, Infantryman's Pin, a Presidential citation and two Oak Leaf clusters.

He graduated from the Winterville High School in 1942 and was drafted into the army in November, 1943. He went overseas last April. Mr. and Mrs. Worthington have three other sons in the armed forces. Carl, who has been in about three years, is in Germany; Norman, with two and a half years in service, is at Williams Field, Arizona; and Bryan, in the navy for the past eight months, is stationed at New Guinea in the South Pacific.

Women in the Church

Hoover Taft Will Speak At Kiwanis
E. Hoover Taft, Greenville attorney, will be the speaker at the Kiwanis Club's last meeting of the year at the Rotary building Friday night at 6:30. The Committee on Support of Churches, Bill Taft, chairman; Charles V. Wilkerson, Henry L. Andrews, Fred Blank and Chester Wash, will provide the program. Bill Taft will be master of ceremonies.

At the first meeting in January Lieut.-Gov. "Rip" Hodges of Wilson will install new officers and directors. Dr. John M. Barrett is the new president; Ed. E. Rawl is vice-president. Dave Moore, Jr., is secretary.

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time conscription and other related matters in the field of national security. They are urging also that Congress change the present immigration laws so as to permit the admission of Orientals, especially Indians, on an equitable quota basis.

"The appropriate attitude toward the world organization now being called into being through Dumbarton Oaks is neither discouragement nor laudation," says Dr. Georgia Harkness, Chicago theological educator. "It offers far less than one could hope in securing the rights of nations and colonial peoples, yet it is a beginning on which to build. Secretary Hull, in emphasizing the tentative character of the plan and the fact that it is being made available for study by governments and peoples, has set before us a challenge to build into it what needs to be there 'for the healing of the nations.' If the churches do not speak, there will be less of world collaboration and justice."

Cooperation of the Chicago Board of Education with the staff of Marcy Center, Methodist settlement serving in a congested Jewish section in Chicago, has assured a day nursery badly needed by the community. According to Wallace Helms, head resident, the need arose from the increasing numbers of young mothers who have entered war work. Unable to finance the enterprise independently, the Center sought the cooperation of the Board of Education. The nursery is expected to accommodate forty-five youngsters.

Scoring Marathon.
Wilson, Dec. 28 — (AP) — Ever hear of a basketball team that scored 91 points—and still lost the game?
That's what happened to the Wilson High alumni when they met the current varsity cagers, who went one better to win, 92-81.

The losers had the individual star in center Manny Fulghum, who scored 39 points, four more than Jay Clark dumped in for the schoolboys.

Edwards Family Reunion.
The Edwards family reunion, an annual affair, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hardee on Christmas day.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Edwards and son, James Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, Jr., and son, James Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Cratch and children, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Jackson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hardee and daughter, Lois Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Hardee of Newport News, Va., Mr. and Mrs. James L. Hardee and son, J. Lewis, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Boyd and children, Mrs. Noah T. Hardee, Misses Annie Ree and Thelma Jane Hardee, Worth Hardee, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tyson and daughter, Jane.

Christmas Savings Club Popular Here

Shortly after the First Federal Savings and Loan Association paid out about \$20,000 to members of the 1944 Christmas Savings Club hundreds of persons—white and colored—began to take out memberships in the 1945 Christmas Savings Club to save small sums of money weekly and then receive a Santa Claus check next December 1, A. O. Tadlock, secretary-treasurer, said today.

A person may save 25 cents weekly and receive a check for \$12.50 next December 1; 50 cents a week will net \$25; \$1 saved each week will net \$50; \$2 weekly, \$100; \$3 weekly, \$150; \$5 weekly, \$250, and \$10 saved for 50 weeks will draw a check for \$500 next December 1 for Christmas spending money. Savers should apply for membership at once.

Will Hold Horse And Mule Clinics

Horse and mule clinics will be held at 36 places in Pitt County during January under the auspices of the county farm agent's office and the veterinarians of the county. The service is expected to be of value to farmers in putting work stock in good condition for the coming year's work.

The veterinarians who will conduct the clinics are Dr. Joseph C. Bateman of Ayden, Dr. Robert G. Higgs of Robersonville, Dr. G. L. Gilchrist of Farmville and Dr. Alex Viola of Greenville. The animals will be examined for teeth troubles, worms, etc. County farm agent Floyd F. Hendrix stated.

The first clinics will be held on January 2. They will be held in the Ayden, Grifton and Winterville sections, Farmville, Fountain, Belvoir and Bethel sections, Farmville Fountain and Bell Arthur sections and the Greenville and Grimesland sections. Farmers are urged to hold their animals off feed and water before taking them to a clinic.

A schedule of the time and places of clinics has been sent out by the county agent's office.

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GRADUATE NURSES NEEDED to staff new addition to Ralford Memorial Hospital, Franklin, Va. Openings for supervisors, general duty and practical nurses. Apply in writing to Hospital for full details. 16-7

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FOR RENT—FARM, TWO MILES from Greenville—35 acres cleared, 2.5 acres in tobacco. For sure rent immediately. Mrs. C. T. Munford, 514 Evans St., Phone 2601. 28-2

Hooker & Buchanan INC. Mutual Insurance Next to Pitt Theatre. Dial 2611

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 State Bank and Trust Co. Bldg.

CORN WANTED—WE PAY HIGHEST 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 R. BOSS Oak Terrace Apts., 615 Evans St.

WE ARE NOW BUYING PEANUTS for the government, every day except Saturday, at Kee's Warehouse, Kee's Peanut Co. 6-4f

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WANTED—3-ROOM FURNISHED apartment. Call 2783 for Mrs. W. B. Owens. 27-3f

FOR SALE—TEN BARRELS OF yellow corn. See Jesse Windom, near Bethel, on Spain farm.

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REITH'S BEAUTY SHOP is closed for repairs. It will open January 1 for business. 27-3f

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

CABBAGE PLANTS FOR SALE—Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. J. F. Arthur, 14th St., Dial 2685. Dec. 28-1 mo.

FOR SALE—TWO MALE BABY calves. Barnhill's Dairy, Greenville, Route 5. 28-3f

INCOME TAX SERVICE J. Nat Harrison 522 East Ninth Street Greenville Phone 2601

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

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GENERAL OFFICE WORK desired by young lady with experience in bookkeeping and typing. Dial 2614.

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FOR RENT—TWO-HORSE CROP. See George H. Clapp, Dial 2658. 28-6f

DRUM'S HATCHERY & FEED STORE Dial 2537

Grain Market Chicago, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Most grain futures markets were fractionally lower today under the pressure of commission house selling and heavy country offerings of cash corn at sharply reduced prices. After an early break rye rallied. At the finish wheat was unchanged to 1/4 lower than yesterday's close. May \$1.64. Corn was off 1/4 to 1/2. May \$1.65. Oats were 1/4 to 1/2 lower. May 60-65. Rye was

Cherry Point Team Defeats Greenville By SGT. JOHN STANER The Greenville Marines, who seemed tired from their Christmas lull, suffered their fourth loss of the season at the hands of Air Warning Group No. 1 from Cherry Point last night at the armory. The team was entirely off their usual stride and did not play with the same spirit that usually prevails. The first half was not very exciting. Ten minutes into the game, Tenfelz dumped in a beautiful shot for Greenville to start the home team's score. Cliff Adams was the only Greenville man to hit his stride in the first half by scoring three goals. At the end of the half, AWGI led 18-12. Everyone expected the home team to come back with a strong attack in the second half, but they could not begin to click. The Greenville Marines could score only nine more points in the last half which is very low for any basketball game. The final score was 32-21. Adams was high for Greenville with eight points, and Moffat scored the most for AWGI with 11 points. Greenville FG F TP McNally 0 0 0 Adams 4 0 8 Pawlowski 1 0 2 Helfrich 1 1 3 Tenfelz 2 0 4 Unkel 0 1 1 Hammond 0 1 1 Hawhurst 1 0 1 Totals 15 3 21 AWGI FG F TP Moffat 5 1 11 Daly 2 0 4 Welch 2 0 4 Mitchell 0 0 0 Marcolini 1 0 2 Kuzia 0 0 0 Hicks 2 1 5 Collett 1 2 3 Totals 15 2 28

N. Y. Stock Market New York, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Stocks generally hit the recovery road in today's market under leadership of steel and other pivotal industrials. Scattered losers, however, cropped up toward the finish. Dealings, while relatively active, were all under those of the day before when selling was urgent. Transfers ran to around 1,200,000 shares.

FINAL STOCKS Allegheny 3 Al Chem and Dye 15 1/4 Am Can Mfg 38 1/4 Am Can 89 1/4 Am Car Pdy 38 1/4 Am Cor Mill 15 1/4 Am Smelt and Ref 38 1/4 A and T 163 1/4 Am Tob B 64 1/4 Anaconda 64 1/4 Arm Ill 52 1/4 A C L 30 1/4 Aviat Corp 5 1/4 Baldwin 25 1/4 B and O 12 1/4 Barnsdall 16 Bendix Aviat 47 1/4 Beth Stl 64 1/4 Boeing Airp 33 1/4 Borden 10 1/4 Budd Mfg 39 1/4 Bur Mill 13 1/4 Bur Ad Mach 49 1/4 Cannon Mills 35 1/4 Case J I 48 Caterpil Trac 49 1/4 Ches and O 90 1/4 Chrysler 38 1/4 Coca Cola 134 1/4 Coml Cred 15 1/4 Cons Solv 24 1/4 Cons Edis 37 1/4 Ont Can 58 1/4 Corn Prod 5 1/4 Curtiss Wright 68 1/4 Doug Airc 119 Dupont 154 Eastman Kod 175 1/4 Firestone 39 Gen Elec 41 1/4 Gen Food 63 1/4 Gen Mot 53 Goodrich 50 1/4 Goodyear 79 1/4 Int Harv 10 1/4 Int Tel and Tel 100 1/4 Johns Man 37 1/4 Kennecott 77 1/4 Ligz and Myers B 77 1/4 Loehllard 18 1/4 Mont Ward 30 1/4 Nash Kelv 15 1/4 Nat Bis 23 1/4 Nat Cash Reg 36 Nat Dist 22 1/4 N Y Cent 19 No Am Aviat 5 1/4 Packard 27 1/4 Param Pic 108 1/4 Penn RR 33 Phillips Pet 43 1/4 Pullman 47 1/4 Pure Oil 16 1/4 Radio 10 1/4 Rgn Rand 23 Repub Stl 30 1/4 Reynolds B 102 1/4 Sears 17 1/4 Sou Ry 33 Std Brands 28 Std Oil N J 56 Stewart Warner 15 1/4 Swift 31 1/4 Tex Co 49 Union Carbide 29 1/4 United Airc 1 1/4 United Corp 17 1/4 United Drug 50 1/4 US Rubber 52 1/4 US Smelt and Ref 50 1/4 US Steel 50 1/4 Vanadium 20 1/4 Va Caro Chem 3 1/4 Warner Pic 44 Western Union A 122 West El and Mfg 41 1/4 Woolworth 41 1/4

said were by the U. S. Third army under the command of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, were near Bonn, 21-2 miles northwest of Echternach. The fourth was at a place three miles northeast of Martelange. All the crossings were within about 15 miles of Bastogne.

Von Rundstedt's armored patrol probing toward the Meuse were defeated on the night of Dec. 27. The first was the push northward by a powerful armored force which blasted its way to a link-up with the Bastogne garrison at a point three miles south of that nerve center. Bastogne had been denied to the Germans for seven days by the stout-hearted Americans who, although surrounded, had replied "Nuts" when served an ultimatum demanding their surrender.

The second development was a series of crushing tank and infantry battles in the Celles area in which the Germans collided head-on with strong Allied forces. After hanging strong to the flanks of the German thrust for 10 days the Americans at last had headed off von Rundstedt. As a result the German commander was reported pulling back into the center of his bulge, a large part of his tanks supporting the force of perhaps 250,000 men in three armies with which he started his smash Dec. 16.

There was a possibility that he believed Eisenhower had massed enough strength to try to smash the bulge, and intended to save his armor while leaving infantry and Volksturm units to hold the gains. But there also was a possibility he intended to reform and lash out anew.

Airmen Pound... (Continued from page one) tary rolling stock. Italian-based U. S. 15th Air Force heavy bombers struck at oil storage centers and rail yards at Regensburg in southern Germany, and Liberators attacked oil refineries in Czechoslovakia. The U. S. 12th Air Force struck heavily against German troops and concentrations in tactical support of ground troops on the Italian front and at communications in northern Italy.

Slayer Of Girl Granted Reprieve Raleigh, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today granted a 40-day reprieve to William Dunhean, ex-convict sentenced in Guilford county to die for the fatal shooting of his sweetheart from ambush. Dunhean was one of eight originally scheduled to be executed tomorrow.

Those now scheduled to enter the death chamber tomorrow are Bessie Mae Williams, 19, and Ralph Thompson, 18, Negroes convicted in Mecklenburg county of the slaying of a taxicab driver; and Melvin Wade, Scotland county negro convicted of raping a 12-year-old negro.

Americans... (Continued From Page One) gals. German pockets were surrounded in the western head of the enemy offensive and on the southern flank were under tempests of shellfire. Southwest of Echternach the Germans were retreating and northward of that southern hinge of the salient, they were preparing an escape bridge under American fire and were preparing to pull back into Germany across the Sure.

A bit farther northwest 250 Germans were seen swimming the Our river, back into Germany. Three of the American crossings of the Sure, which Berlin broadcasts

Allied losses were five bombers and 23 fighters. The tactical air force in Italy, enjoying the best sort of weather in weeks, flew 1,506 sorties against the enemy's battlefield strongpoints and rear area communications yesterday. This brought the total flights in the days to 3,928, the force's greatest 48-hour show since the invasion of southern France in mid-August. Mitchell bombers made four swoops to the Brenner Pass railway and, in addition, destroyed most of an enemy supply dump southwest of Bologna. The medium bombers and lighter craft together destroyed or damaged 25 locomotives, 99 railway cars and 109 enemy-occupied buildings. Railways were cut in 26 places.

Casualty List... (Continued from page one) men, and men who are fighting in the snow and mud and freezing cold. Accomplishments so far in checking the German advance were credited by Stimson to stubborn ground force resistance and to improved weather which made possible the use of Allied air forces on a large scale. In the period from Saturday through Wednesday, he reported, 483 German planes were destroyed and 507 armored vehicles and 3,177 motor vehicles were destroyed or damaged. Allied troops in Italy, Stimson said, "are playing an important role in tying up large numbers of German troops, wearing them out and helping to drain German supplies."

Much Damage... (Continued from page one) fires were started in the big Munsushima plant. The Nipponese tried out a new defense wrinkle, touching off smudgepots in an effort to lay a smokescreen, but the attackers described the technique as unsuccessful. (The raid caught the Japanese parliament in session, and the Domei news agency said the lawmakers ate their lunch before entering raid shelters. Tokyo said 50 Superforts participated in the raid, claiming that nine were shot down, and another five probably. It acknowledged some damage to industrial areas.) "I don't think the fighters were alerted," said Capt. Vance Black, Fairfax, Okla., who flew the leading ship of the first formation. "We usually see them climbing at a steep angle. We saw nothing like that, and radio Tokyo was still on. There was no anti-aircraft fire until we were over the target."

Captain Black said his formation laid a pattern seven blocks long and two wide "in the northeast part of the city between two major rivers." It was the first time in a little more than a month that the B-29s had hammered Tokyo in force. A Superfort commanded by Lt. Al Williams, Dallas, Tex., had a narrow escape. Near the target, one engine caught fire. It was extinguished, and the ship flew on three engines until another started to fall just off Honshu. Lumping along on two engines, with a third cutting on and off, the plane was in the last formation over Tokyo. It was attacked repeatedly by enemy interceptors. Approximately 50 passes were fended off by the B-29's gunners, the last on the home trip by a group of fighters waiting over the Honshu coast to pick off cripples. The plane was the last one to return, ending a trip of 16 hours, 25 minutes. A plane piloted by Capt. Harold F. Schramm, St. Louis, Mo., whose wife lives at Aransas Pass, Tex., also came home on two engines.

Japs Shell... (Continued From Page One) in coordination with the enemy naval strike. Enemy planes also struck there the night before, today's communique acknowledging "minor damage" and reporting three raiders downed. The naval move against Mindoro represented the enemy's first such offensive effort in battleship since Nippon's disastrous defeat in late October in the second battle of the Philippine seas. MacArthur said the enemy force, spotted before it got within shelling range, "was immediately attacked by our medium bombers and fighters and our PT boats."

George Foster, NBO correspondent, reported that a navy patrol plane luckily discovered the back force while the plane was off its course. Although already in the air 10 hours, it raced to Mindoro, picked up bombs and joined in the attack. The warships kept on until they could lose salvoes by moonlight on the coast but withdrew after several hours under "repeated assault sorties by our air elements." The action was broken off shortly before midnight but the pursuit across the China Sea was resumed yesterday morning. The combined attack by Pettees and planes accounted for the five Japanese ships sunk or damaged. Reports of ground action were limited to the killing of 327 more Japanese Tuesday in mop up operations on the west coast of Leyte but extensive air action was reported throughout the Philippines and over islands to the south. Liberators cratered Manila's Clark Field while their gunners and escorting fighter planes shot down 13 or 20 enemy interceptors. In three days, through Tuesday, 124 enemy planes have been shot out of the skies over that big airfield.

Colored News Card Of Appreciation The Corey and Grimes families wish to thank the white and colored friends for their donations, flowers and cars loaned during their recent bereavement and fire. NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having this day qualified as the Administrator of the estate of C. H. Christopher, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to exhibit itemized and verified statements of account to the undersigned, on or before the 28th day of December, 1944, or this

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