

Colder tonight, Wednesday, fair and slightly warmer, temperatures 28-32 degrees west and extreme north portion tonight.

RED PUSHING CLOSER TO BERLIN

Allied Forces Register Gains On The Western Front

Americans In St. Vith; British Near The Roer; Nazis Attack In South

Belgian Bulge Practically Wiped Out As American Airmen Smash Transport Of Entire German Army Seeking To Withdraw Behind Siegfried Line.

SEEK LOWER COST CLOTHES

OPA And WPB Studying Plan For Control.

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR With the U. S. Third Army, Jan. 23—(AP)—American forces made gains of up to two miles along a 20-mile front today against stiffening resistance.

Paris, Jan. 23—(AP)—The First Army fought house to house today in St. Vith, delivering the knockout to the Ardennes salient, while the disorganized and broken remnants of three routed German armies reeled back eastward under the most savage air onslaught of the war.

The Seventh armored division entered St. Vith at dawn. Its fall was imminent. Soon after sunup, American planes started their second straight day of relentless attack on the foe.

Only German rearguards fought in the streets of St. Vith. Germans to the east were laying down heavy shellfire from "dig-in" positions in an effort to protect the retreat from the evaporated bulge.

A first Army spokesman described resistance as "moderate," but the Seventh armored division and attached parachute infantry were having to blast the Nazis out of a house at a time.

The air force was giving ground troops close support and ranging far behind the lines all the way to the Rhine.

Initial tabulations indicated an ever greater toll of destruction than yesterday when 5,158 pieces of heavy German equipment were destroyed or disabled.

Figures for the Ninth Air force alone by 2:30 p. m. totaled 467 trucks destroyed and 567 damaged. (Continued on Page Six)

The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Associated Press War Analyst. Harassed Nazi official spokesmen, viewing in fear the great Allied vise which has been set in motion by the Red offensive, are calling this the decisive battle of the war, which is to say the final round—undoubtedly a correct estimate of an altogether grim situation.

A couple of times in previous columns, looking ahead to this bloody climax of our world upheaval, I've referred to it as Armageddon. The term wasn't used haphazardly, though I left interpretation to the reader, figuring that if anyone had curiosity he would speak up. Finally I have a customer—a clergyman from Kansas—who asks "Just what is in your mind in using this word?" This column is glad to explain, for the answer exposes one of the most vicious aspects of the Nazism which we are fighting to destroy. It's an aspect which unfortunately won't die with Hitler but will remain to plague us for at least one generation—maybe more—until re-education has removed it.

I employed the term Armageddon (mentioned in Revelation XVI, 16) in the sense in which it often is used today—as representing the great and final conflict in which the forces of anti-Christ will be destroyed. I don't remember what called Armageddon to my attention first. Maybe it came from my clergyman father. Possibly it was

By STERLING F. GREEN

Washington, Jan. 23—(AP)—The government today announced a drastic textile and clothing program designed to cut consumer costs six to seven per cent and to increase supplies of low and medium-priced essential garments.

The plan, blanketing mills, clothing manufacturers and dealers—and admittedly "tout," on them—was announced at a joint news conference by Chairman J. A. Krug of the War Production Board and Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

The price cuts and increase in supplies are expected by late spring, they said. "The joint control will channel 75 per cent of all civilian fabric into garments (termed essential) by WPB to avert what Krug called "a very serious supply situation" ahead.

It will roll back prices, from mill to dry goods, to the level of the first half of 1943 as a remedy for what Bowles described as "the most serious breach in price control." Quality controls to protect consumers are included. "We have enough textiles in the country to fill essential needs if all fabrics are made into the things civilians need and not into a lot of frills and ruffles," Krug asserted.

Especially involved are children's clothes, men's shirts and shorts and inexpensive dresses for women. Trade sources indicated their belief. (Continued on page six)

Himmler Is Sent To Eastern Front

London, Jan. 23—(AP)—Adolf Hitler has sent Heinrich Himmler and "his best army commanders" to the Eastern front with "full powers to make drastic decisions and to guarantee their execution," the Berlin radio announced today. Himmler, Gestapo chief and commander of the German home army, was dispatched to the East because the situation "at focal point" called for "iron-willed men like him," said the broadcast by Transocean news agency.

Transocean quoted the German army newspaper, "Front and Home," as saying Himmler and his aides could be relied upon to restore the situation "as we have mastered many difficult situations in the past."

During Teddy Roosevelt's famous line during his Bull Moose campaign: "We stand at armageddon and we battle for the Lord." Anyway, the analogy as regards Hitlerism seems clear enough. Hitler is one of the most evil of the "world" conquerors of all time. He's a throw-back to barbarism and as such is anti-Christ. It's this latter point we have to consider. When the Nazi chief came to power and started laying his diabolical schemes of extermination of the Jews, for world conquest and for the literal enslavement of many peoples, he saw that before the Germans would follow him their minds must be purged of one thing—religion. Nobody, who subscribed to any civilized faith could possibly participate in the crimes he contemplated.

So Hitler set about to destroy religion. He got hold of the little folk and deprived them of religious teaching. He handicapped the churches in every way he dared, and many clergymen were interned for preaching the gospel. The Nazi leader not only destroyed the belief of countless youngsters in the right, but he substituted a pagan code in which he himself actually played the role of a Messiah. That sounds fantastic, but it happened. The older generation for the most part refused to accept such teaching. (Continued on Page Four)

Russian Advances Lead Allied Gains In Europe



Shaded areas indicate territory recently captured by the Allies from the Germans. Principal gains were made by the Red army which drove from the Vistula river to the German border and scored other notable advances. The map shows approximate battlelines on Sunday. Since that time the Russians have driven to within 140 miles of Berlin and enlarged their gains in East Prussia. On the western front the Allies nearly have erased the German bulge into Belgium. (AP Wirephoto).

VOYE TO PROBE DOG PRIORITY

Action Taken By Senate Military Committee.

Washington, Jan. 23—(AP)—The Senate Military Committee today voted to investigate the priority system which gave a dog owned by Col. Elliott Roosevelt precedence over three servicemen. The three, flying west on leave, were forced off an army cargo plane at Memphis, Tenn., early last month while the English bull mastiff, traveling under an "A" priority was permitted to continue the flight.

The dog was sent from Washington to Colonel Roosevelt's bride, Faye Emerson Roosevelt of the movies.

Roosevelt who has returned to duty with the Air Forces in England denied that he ordered a priority for the animal. In approving an inquiry by a subcommittee, the military group ordered an investigation of the entire priority practice as well as the dog incident.

The investigation was suggested by Senator Bridges (R-NH) who told reporters later his motion carried without a dissent. Emerging from the closed session, Bridges handed reporters copies of a statement he said he had made before the committee. It said: "This disgraceful incident of three servicemen being put off of an airplane while an English bull mastiff, consigned by the President, (Continued on Page Five)

Japan Hit Again

Washington, Jan. 23—(AP)—Industrial targets on Japan's home island of Honshu were attacked today by Superfortresses. Striking at the core of Japanese war production, the B-29's of the 21st bomber command carried out their first major mission under command of Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May. General H. H. Arnold, commanding the 20th Air Force, did not specify targets or the size of the air fleet in a war bulletin. Details of the mission will be released later by headquarters. Le May in assuming command of the Marianas-based bombers yesterday said the Japanese homeland will be hit "more and more until they decide they have had enough." He was head of the 20th bomber command in China and India. Today's assault was the 42nd major mission by the twin-engine commands of the 20th Air Force.

Americans Advancing Down Road To Manila

Vanguards Only 11 Miles From Clark Field And 54 Miles From Manila; Jap Attack Smashed.

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 23—(AP)—Only 54 air-line miles from Manila and 11 miles from Clark field by Monday, a veteran Yank war machine powered its way over central Luzon today with five divisions, a regimental combat team and a battalion of specialists in close quarter fighting.

Even if Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's 14th army corps only partially matched the speed of its advance covered in official reports for 24 hours extending into Monday, by now it could have penetrated Pampanga province and posed an immediate menace to Clark field. Gains of 11 and 13 miles along parallel roads swept the 37th and 40th divisions, veterans of Bougainville and New Britain, through the towns of Canas and Santa Monica Monday on the shortest route to Manila. Spearheads rolled on south across the last miles of Tarlac province.

An all-night fight with two enemy tanks, an armored truck and artillery near La Paz preceded these advances below the Japanese-destroyed town of Tarlac. Griswold's corps thus covered half the distance between Manila and the scene of the Jan. 9 landings at Lingayen Gulf.

Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler's 37th and Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th rolled toward the Philippines capital city almost as fast as supply-laden trucks could travel. Gen. Douglas MacArthur lifted the veil of secrecy today from his forces on Luzon, identifying them as units with battle experience gleaned all the way up the Solomons from Guadalcanal to Bougainville, on New Britain and in the fight up New Guinea. It is a veteran but refreshed invasion machine. None of its elements had to undergo the rigors of the Leyte campaign of last October. (Continued on page six)

Senate Fight Looms On Confirmation Of Wallace

Washington, Jan. 23—(AP)—Senate committee consideration of Henry A. Wallace's nomination as Commerce Secretary was delayed today by a 10-to-2 decision to take up first legislation that would strip him of lending authority. Immediately, Chairman Bailey (D-NC) of the Commerce Committee announced that both Wallace and Jesse Jones, who was asked to leave office to make room for the former vice president, would be invited to a public hearing on the legislation tomorrow afternoon in the huge marble caucus room of the senate office building. Another invitation went out to Senator George (D-Ga.), sponsor of the bill to reestablish the loan functions of the RFC and other important lending agencies under a separate head. "I don't hesitate to tell the world," the Mississippiian told a reporter "I am for Henry Wallace for secretary of commerce in the committee and in the Senate."

Capital observers listed only about five of the 20 southern senators as sure supporters of the former vice president in the expected fight over his confirmation. Senators Maybank (D-SC) and Bilbo (D-Miss) came out openly in support of the presidential nomination. Announcing he will vote for Wallace's confirmation, Maybank told a reporter: "I am sorry indeed that Mr. Jones is being removed. He has done a wonderful job. But the President was reelected overwhelmingly by the people and Mr. Wallace was one of his chief supporters in the campaign." Bilbo, a member of the Commerce committee which will consider the nomination, announced he, too, will vote for Wallace as "eminently qualified for the duties of that great office."

Soviets Are Now Only 137 Miles From Nazi Capital

OFFICERS IN BLACK MARKET

Several Enlisted Men Given Prison Terms.

By WADE WERNER

Paris, Jan. 23—(AP)—The U. S. army's drive against black market looting of its supplies widened in scope today with a prosecution announcement that six and possibly seven officers would be brought to trial—the first one next Saturday. Five enlisted men of the 724th railway operating battalion were brought before a court martial charged with the theft and sale of supplies en route to the front.

Ten soldiers from the 716th railway operating battalion were convicted yesterday and sentenced to 20 to 30 years at hard labor. Originally, two officers were among the 184 persons accused of railroad looting. Testimony in the cases already tried developed evidence against four additional officers, against whom charges have been filed, and involved a seventh officer whose case still is under investigation.

One charge facing the officers is neglect of duty. The officer scheduled for trial Saturday also is accused of receiving looted cigarettes from enlisted men who took them from a supply train. His name was not disclosed.

The new group of five soldiers brought to trial today were: Pvt. Anthony T. Chiaro, Sgt. Herman Duck, T-5 Robert W. Mezeel, T-4 Nathaniel W. Ray, Pvt. Tony Diomedes, all are members of the 724th battalion.

Another court trial six men from the 716th battalion heard purported confessions read into the record by the prosecution after one defendant, Pvt. Charles H. Isham testified that he and other accused men were held "down in a hole" in the basement of the hotel Versailles palace was a big purchaser for the black market.

A defendant, T-5 Dwight J. Curtis, described in a signed statement. (Continued on page six)

Theatres Aid March Of Dimes

The moving picture theaters in all the towns of Pitt County are making plans to collect the largest amount of money in their history for the Infantile Paralysis fund. In Farmville the Junior Womens Club under the direction of Mrs. Frank Adams as president is working with Mr. Gilbert Harris, the manager of the theater and will provide the collectors for the theater. In Greenville Mr. T. Y. Walker is making plans for a record breaking year. Mrs. Charles Gaskins will provide Mr. Walker with all the ushers and collectors needed in all the theaters here. Plans for collection of money in the theater in Ayden and the theater in Bethel have not yet been completed according to Miss Verona Lee Joyner, chairman of the Women's Division of the County, but Mr. Hal Edwards, Ayden, and Mr. Atan Carlson, Bethel, are cooperating and will come through with their share of the collections. Last year the Greenville theaters contributed \$288 to the Infantile Paralysis Fund. The Ayden theaters contributed \$132, the Farmville theater \$146, and the Bethel theater \$80. In the nation the motion picture theaters collected \$4,500,000 and turned it over to the National Foundation half of which was sent back to the local communities. President Roosevelt expressed his great appreciation to the theater managers of the nation for the efficient service which they rendered. The motion picture industry has produced some trailers to be shown throughout the nation this year as in former years. Of special interest to North Carolinians this year is the fact that the trailers to be shown in theaters will have several shots of the Polio Hospital in Hickory, North Carolina. In Pitt County the "March of Dimes" campaign will continue until Saturday, February 3. One such man—a 2-A (L) in New

Commander



Marshal Gregory Zhukov, commander of the First White Russian army now in a mighty offensive southwest of Warsaw, Poland, is shown at his field command post. (AP Wirephoto by radio from Moscow).

U. S. WARSHIP IS DAMAGED

Vessel Hit In Saturday's Attack On Formosa.

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Jan. 23—(AP)—A major American warship was damaged in Saturday's Third Fleet carrier plane strike at Formosa—but airmen destroyed 140 Japanese planes, damaged approximately 100 others, and pounded enemy shipping and ground targets at "relentless light" cost in American aircraft.

Adm. Charles W. Nimitz's communique yesterday, announcing this fifth raid of the month on Japan's key island outpost, said: "During this operation one of our (Continued on Page Six)

Weather Forecast Extended forecast for period ending 8:30 p. m. January 27: Temperatures near normal beginning of period, with rising trend Wednesday and Thursday, some light rain late Thursday or Friday, followed by colder weather Saturday.

Today On The Home Front

Washington, Jan. 23—(AP)—This probably has a lot of men under 30 sitting up nights: will the army take men who are physically fit only for limited service? The answer to this question is given here. It seems to be the most precise answer possible at this time. It comes from selective service headquarters. But first, here's the story behind the question: Every month until last June, of the total number of draftees taken, about five per cent were men capable of limited service only. In June the army stopped accepting such men. By that time it had found within its ranks so many men capable only of limited service anyway that it wanted no more from civilian life. So this happened: Men found after their physical examination to be fit only for limited service, were classified 2-A (L) if they were in war-supporting jobs or 2-B (L) if they were in direct war jobs. But how the army has stepped up its draft calls. Draft boards, searching their files for under-30 men, have started calling up men with an "L" after their names for a new physical examination. Some of these men, found unfit months ago, may have returned to a physical condition sufficiently sound to qualify them for general military service. Many haven't of course. One such man—a 2-A (L) in New

Street Fighting Inside Poznan; Reds Break Through In German Silesia Throwing Defenders Of Breslau Into Action; East Prussia Now Practically Cut Off.

London, Jan. 23—(AP)—The Berlin radio tonight said Russian troops had broken through at Namslat in German Silesia and that Breslau's defending garrison already was in action.

London, Jan. 23—(AP)—Red army troops have thrust within 22 miles of completing a gigantic cut-off of all East Prussia, and the trapping of perhaps 30 German divisions, Premier Marshal Stalin disclosed tonight.

Reports from Berlin meanwhile said the Russians had burst into Poznan, 137 miles from Berlin on the direct route, and Stalin announced the capture of Bydgoszcz, southern guardian of the Polish corridor. Biting halfway across the western end of East Prussia, the Second White Russian army seized Siedlce, only 22 miles below Elbing, Baltic coastal town and last land escape gap for Germany in East Prussia. Stalin declared in an order of the day, Soviet troops there were but 50 miles southeast of Danzig.

Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian army, in capturing Bydgoszcz at the entrance to the Polish corridor, cut a main supply line from Berlin to East Prussia. Street fighting in Poznan, last bastion city short of the Reich frontier, was reported in the Stockholm dispatch from Berlin.

Soviet troops to the south in Silesia were driving on Breslau and Oppeln, and might have "temporarily" reached the Oder river, the Germans said. Berlin radio announced Hitler had sent Heinrich Himmler to the badly-chopped eastern front, with blanket orders "to make drastic decisions and to guarantee their execution."

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Coast Line Biggest County Tax Payer

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has paid Pitt County for 1944 taxes \$1,100,000, and to the city of Greenville \$377,777. C. K. Robertson, local agent, stated today. This sum does not include taxes to be paid to the towns of Grifton, Ayden, Winterville, Bethel, Farmville, Fountain and Stokes. The Coast Line is the largest taxpayer in Pitt County, it is understood.

Meats—Book Four Red Stamps Q5 through Q5 now good. Books—Book Four Blue Stamps Q5 through Q5 and A3 through Q2 now good. Sugar—Book Four Stamp 24. Shoes—Book Three Airplane Stamps 1, 2, and 3 good indefinitely. Gasoline—14-A coupons. (Continued on page four)

Social and Personal

Mrs. E. L. Hodges returned yesterday from New Orleans, where she has been spending the past month with Capt. and Mrs. E. B. Aycock.

Social Calendar

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m.—Withia Council degree of Pochontas meets.
9:00-12:00 p. m.—Formal dance at USO.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR January 23, 1905

It started out to snow last night but soon changed to rain.
Revolutions and riots are to be deplored but it is hard to get American feeling up to the point of sympathy for Russia.

Week of Prayer

A week of prayer and self-denial for foreign missions will be observed this week by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the following homes at 10:30 on Thursday and Friday mornings:

ANNOUNCE PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The 57th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of East Carolina will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church Wednesday, January 24.

Reaves-Allen

Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Allen announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Elizabeth to Louis Albert Reaves.

Piano Recital

Miss Eva Hodges will present the following piano pupils in recital at Sheppard Memorial Library on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock:

Attended Graduation

Mrs. J. E. Smith and daughter, Miss Mary Brock, have gone to New York City to attend the graduation of Mrs. Smith's son, Mr. J. E. Smith.

Mrs. Harris Hostess

Mrs. W. C. Harris was hostess to members of the Greenville chapter of the Greensboro College Alumnae on Wednesday afternoon, January 17.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Prisoner of War Information
Next of kin of any serviceman from Pitt county desiring any necessary information or help, may call Mrs. S. S. Roberts, 4044 or Mrs. P. B. Haar, 3829.

BELL ARTHUR NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Melton McLawhorn and family of Newport News, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. Young.

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Service League Sale

The Service League will have a sale of home-made foods Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Ellington's Book Store. The proceeds go to the Laughlinhouse hospital bed fund.

Meeting Postponed.
The meeting of the T. E. L. Class of Memorial Baptist Church, scheduled for Thursday night, January 25, has been postponed until Thursday, February 1.

NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

Pilot Flying Fortress

An Eighth AAF Bomber Station, England—Second Lt. Benjamin D. Moore, Jr., recently received his baptism in aerial warfare during a raid on Nazi rail lines.

Message From Greece

Paul S. Hill, member of the local Greek colony and employed at the Dixie Lunch, has received a letter from his nephew, Stephanos Leatos, Athens, Greece, telling of the rejoicing of the Greek people after four years of slavery under the Germans.

On Furlough

Staff Sergeant Norman E. Warren arrived last night from Northampton General Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala., to spend a convalescent furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren, Sgt. Warren was a patient in Ashford General Hospital, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., previous to his transfer to Alabama.

No Glamour in War

"I read a story about 1,800 American soldiers who were shipped back to the United States for a 30-day furlough. The boys were astounded at the wonderful new 'going home' Pic. William E. Hill wrote from somewhere in Germany to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Hill, 1306 Evans street.

Greenville High School News

By LOIS BRANDT

Girls' Basketball

On Monday girls' basketball practice began with a large number of girls reporting. The girls elected Frances Hobgood as head of basketball. There will be four practices before the regular games begin.

Attendance

The students and faculty are striving to raise the average attendance of each home room. The office has promised a reward to the home room which has a 100 per cent attendance for an entire week.

Clean-up Campaign

There has been an outstanding effort made to keep the school building and grounds cleaner and more attractive. There is a definite need for more careful observance of the laws of cleanliness.

Clubs To Purchase Books

It gives us pleasure to announce that Dr. Jane S. McKimmon's book "When We Are Green We Grow" will soon be off the press. This is a story of Home Demonstration Club work in North Carolina.

Clothing Leaders To Meet

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Girl Scout Officers Installed



MRS. W. P. MOORE MRS. JAMES T. UZZLE

Mrs. W. P. Moore, who was recently inducted as commissioner of Girl Scouts, Inc., of Greenville, and the other officers began the new year under auspicious circumstances. Reports made at the annual banquet last week, when Dr. Harold Meyer of the University of North Carolina praised the work being done, showed that girl scouting has had sound and progressive development in Greenville.

Last year was one of the best in the organization's history, a review of the activities showed. Camp Hardee, summer camp on the Pamlico, had an exceptionally good season. The young girls of the city are taking more interest in scouting and constructive leadership features all activities, it was pointed out. Fine tribute was paid all officers, council members and troop leaders, and of Farmville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith Sunday afternoon.

Miss Helen Willoughby of ECTO spent the day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Willoughby, Sunday. Mrs. Robert McArthur spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Dilda, near Fountain. Rev. Key Taylor was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Willoughby have been notified that their son, Pfc. Charles Ernest Willoughby, was seriously wounded in action in Belgium January 3. Mrs. J. B. Nichols returned Sunday from Lexington, Ky., where she has been visiting her husband who is employed by the Southwestern Tobacco Co.

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H. D. Club Meetings

The Falkland H. D. Club meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Alton Moore with 18 members present. Mrs. Harold Willis, president, presided. Project leaders and hostesses for the year were appointed. Following the program, presented by the home agent, coconut cake and coffee were served.

Double Duty

Because there is no one to relieve her, Mrs. James Garrett, Jr. (above) works two shifts a day as a nurse aide in a hospital in Montgomery, Ala. Her husband is a colonel with Lt. Gen. George Patton's Third Army on the western front. (AP)

Administrators' 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 before the 8th day of December, 1945, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

Notice of Re-sale of Land

By virtue of a judgment or decree in special proceeding in the Superior Court of Pitt County, N. C., entitled "In re the Petition of John L. Jenkins et als, to sell land for

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Lying and being in Swift Creek Township, Pitt County, N. C., and near the Town of Grifton, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at Jenkins' corner in the Dawson and Gardner line; and running a straight course in a South-westerly direction to D. D. Bryant's corner; thence a straight line in a Southeasterly direction to a ditch; thence up said ditch in a North-easterly 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 L. E. Jenkins and wife, Estelle Jenkins, by W. I. Bissette 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 or out-lived her husband, and she is now dead and she having devised said land to the petitioners in said special proceeding.

Terms of sale, cash. This the 20th day of Jan., 1945. J. JULIUS BROWN, Commissioner. Jan. 23-30.

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# Prison For Americans In Path Of Red Drive

## Larry Allen, Former Prisoner Of War, Describes Conditions In Officers' Prison Camp.

By LARRY ALLEN  
Associated Press War Correspondent  
who was a prisoner of war in  
Oflag 64 for nearly a year.

New York Jan. 23—(AP)—Germany's largest prisoner of war camp for American army officers lies in the pathway of the Russian drive through northwestern Poland.

It is known as Oflag 64 and is about 102 miles south of Danzig and about halfway between Warsaw and Berlin. The nearest important city is Poznan, used by the Nazis as a concentration and transport center for the Eastern front. The camp is on the outskirts of the village of Szubin, which the Germans renamed Altburgund.

Marshal Stalin's announcement Monday of the capture of Inowroclaw indicates that the Red Army already may have overrun Szubin, only 20 miles to the northwest. The big Russian breakthrough raises the possibility that it may mean the liberation of American captives, but the Axis, keeping close tabs on Russian advances, usually move prisoners to other camps when one is directly threatened.

The State Department in Washington said last night the question of plotting and arranging for the release to American authorities of U. S. prisoners of war liberated in the line of current Russian advances had been taken up with Moscow.

Here are some of the facts about Oflag 64, as I knew it:  
Embracing about seven acres of land, the camp is the "home" of more than 1,000 American ground forces officers, captured in the North African, Sicilian, Italian and Western front campaigns.

Although the temperature frequently slips below zero, the Germans allow each American officer only two pounds of coal per week. Prisoners sleep upon hard board cunks over which are thrown brown sackcloths filled with coarse straw. Each captive has a pillow of the same material and was allowed two small, half-size, water-thin German army blankets.

The American Red Cross succeeded in getting clothing supplies and blankets through to the prisoners and each week every captive receives an American Red Cross food parcel. It is this that does the job of keeping the inmates alive and in good physical condition.

The Germans at Oflag 64 gave American prisoners while I was here, this, once daily:  
One slice of black, sour bread, a small flat plate of ersatz soup, usually made of spoiled carrots, cow-urnips and dehydrated weeds, and two small, soggy, watery, black-

spotted potatoes.  
Prisoners have to do their own laundry, in cold water, and with soap supplied by the American Red Cross. They receive no aid whatever from the German Red Cross.

The so-called officers' canteen in Oflag 64 is name only. The Germans supply nothing to sell except Hitler pictures, corn plaster, wooden combs, hair oil and foot powder once in a while.

American army medical officers do all the ministering to war captives. Wherever there is a serious case, the Germans, after much pressure, will send a patient outside the camp to a hospital. American doctors of Jewish extraction are prohibited from ministering in any way to a prisoner of war.

American prisoners with gifts from the Y. M. C. A., and other organizations and those from next-of-kin, have built up a 2,000 book library in the camp. That provides an outlet that keeps most of the captives mentally busy. Sports equipment, such as baseballs, footballs, etc., from such organizations make possible entertainment on the physical side.

Captives who formerly were college professors have organized classes which are held daily and they serve as another excellent way of "passing the time."

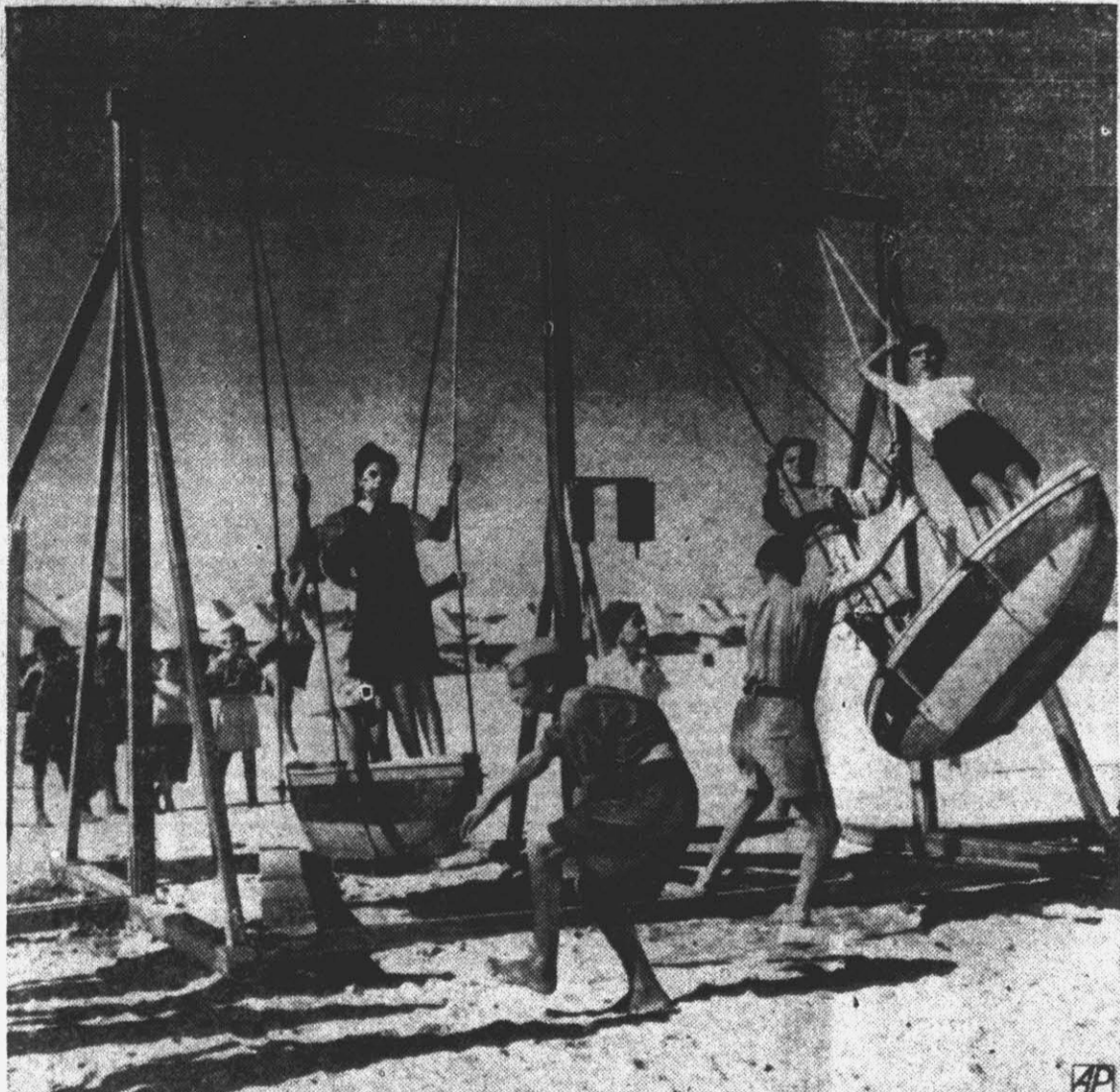
The Germans provide no entertainment or recreational facilities in Oflag 64, but prisoners have pieced together available scraps of material and made their own "Little Theater." American army musical instruments supply a 19-piece band.

Prisoners in Oflag 64 when I was there apparently got one-half to two-thirds of the mail sent them. Private parcels from next-of-kins usually arrive in three months after date of dispatch.

The camp is enclosed by a triple barbed-wire fence with loose wire strung between the fences. Towers at each corner are manned by German soldiers with machineguns. Sentries walk on the outside of the wire. There is a garrison of about 200 German soldiers and officers.

About ten feet inside the inner wire is a trip-wire. Sentries were instructed to fire upon any officer getting close to this wire.  
There are fourteen wooden and low-roofed red-bricked, semi-barack-like buildings within the enclosure which serve as living quarters for the captives. There also is a chapel, used for Roman Catholic and Protestant church services for the prisoners. In the center of the camp there is a large cement building which houses 250 officers and a similar one which is used for the camp hospital.

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**REFUGEE CHILDREN AT PLAY** — Children at the UNRRA camp in African desert north of Suez enjoy swings built by the refugees themselves from salvaged pieces of wood.

## Air Cadets Making Fine Progress Here

By CHESTER WALSH  
More than 50 members of the Squadron of the North Carolina Air Patrol who are participating in the cadet training course at Vaden were through the week-end drill and lesson course at the high school last night and they functioned like veterans. First Lieut. Matt R. Long, a pilot, and Second Lieut. Jerry B. Vaden, former army captain, were in charge.

The air cadets, boys and girls from 15 up and crowns up with no age limit, made an impressive showing. They are receiving a free course in aviation which will be beneficial to them during the flying era which will come after the war is over, Lieut. Long said.  
Boys and girls and adults are invited to join a member may resign at any time. There are no strings to the organization. The Army Air Corps is sponsoring the project to encourage interest in aviation.

The air cadets have no connection with any other organization. Those who complete the 25-hour ground training course will find the training useful later in life.  
City School Supt. June H. Rose is encouraging the training course



**STAGE-STUCK PUP** — Gloria Swanson, former film star, makes up Lochinvar, a pup that joined her stage company in Washington. Lochinvar, adopted by the cast, has a small walk-on role in Miss Swanson's play.

and helped to organize the squadron.  
Lieut. Long announced appointment of the following officers: Second Lieut. Jerry B. Vaden, executive officer; Lt. C. B. McBrayer, supply officer; John A. Turnage, operations and training officer, and Miss Louise Corbin, adjutant.

gasoline and tires, rubber boots and shoes, virtually everything that is rationed. Increased allotments for the military mean smaller rations for civilians," Cannon said.  
He called attention to the reduction of allotments of gasoline, tires and fuel oil, sugar, etc., and solicited the cooperation of consumers.

## Rationing Official Gives Good Advice

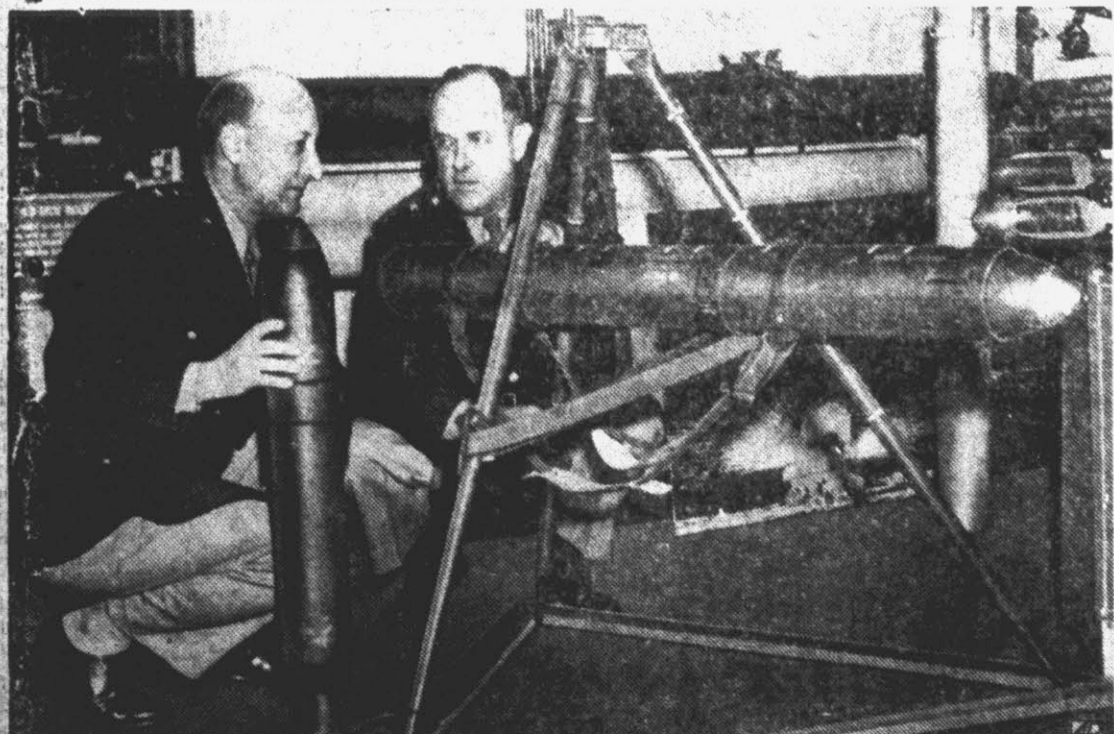
"Rationing in 1945 continues to be a vital war activity," said C. V. Cannon, chief clerk of the Pitt County War Price and Rationing Board. "Events of the last few weeks have convinced every American that the war isn't over, that the men in the armed forces must go on fighting—how long we do not know.  
"As long as the war goes on some war-vital commodities must be rationed. The situation facing all of us in every rationing program today is more serious than at any time since the war started. All rationed commodities are scarce and the problem is to make these scarce supplies stretch to cover many essential needs of wartime production and wartime living.  
"The armed forces will need greater quantities of many items—canned food, meat and sugar, oil,

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**TURN ABOUT** — Ernest Springer, clerk in a Boston tobacco store, refers a customer to a "What you don't see don't ask for" sign in answer to a request for cigarettes.



**GENERALS INSPECT ROCKETS**—Brig. Gen. Stewart E. Keimel (left), chief of the New York ordnance district, and Maj. Gen. L. E. Campbell, Jr., chief of ordnance, army service forces, inspect equipment at opening of rocket weapon display in New York.

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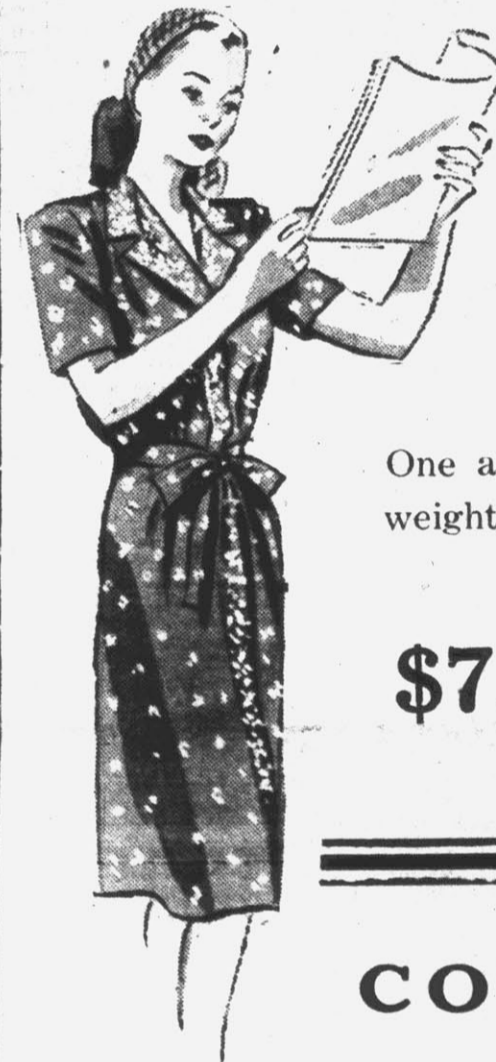
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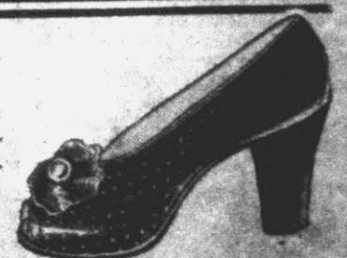
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## Strength FOR THE DAY

By EARL L. DOUGLAS

### AGE NOT IN YEARS

Should a man ever retire from business? There are many who say, "Yes." The best things in life, they argue, are acquired only in periods of detachment and leisure. If a man by the time he has reached the middle fifties or early sixties could give up the routine incident to making a living, how rich the remainder of his life might be, if given to cultural pursuits or to the unselfish serving of his fellow men.

There are others who say that a man should never retire from business. They point to those who, having retired, soon become restless and dissatisfied and quickly fall ill and die. Many people believe that constant purposeful work is necessary to good health, and such being the case, a man should keep in some sort of harness until he dies.

Between these two viewpoints no one can choose wisely except those who have chosen one course or the other and found it either good or bad. But on this there can be universal agreement, that old age is not a matter of years, but a matter of attitude. Some people are decrepit at 30, while others are youthful at 70. Emerson said, "We do not count a man's years until he has no more left to count."

There is no place where we should be more loath to make decisions for others than in matters of this sort. All Rights Reserved—  
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## AMERICA IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

Washington—The Veterans Administration is almost ready to cut loose another phase of the GI Bill of Rights—loans to veterans who want to go into business for themselves.

I pointed out some days ago in discussing the loans for farms and farm improvements, these GI Bill of Rights loans are going to be a boon to us. There is a discouraging amount of red tape involved in some instances are certain to follow. This is a result of two-pronged caution: to protect the veteran and to protect Uncle Sam.

These loans aren't a dole, bonus, or any other kind of gift. If a veteran wants to wander off into his remote dreams without any other equipment than hope and a hazy idea, he'll have to get his money elsewhere.

They are hard-fisted business loans, designed to assure a competent veteran that if money is his only obstacle, he can have that to get back on his feet in an individual enterprise.

All other things being equal, the loans are "easy money." The government will guarantee half the loan up to \$4,000 that is to a total amount of \$2,000 and will pay the interest for the first year.

Bear in mind that in none of these cases does the government make any direct loan. The lender may be a bank, savings and loan association, insurance or mortgage company, a private investor, friend or relative of the veteran, or even an owner of a business selling out to a veteran. Those are the ones who have to put up the money. The government merely acts as guarantor.

The veteran must be honorably discharged after 90 days' service (unless he was discharged in less time than that for service connected disabilities). He must prove that there is a reasonable assurance of his success. The business, its location, and the properties involved must be thoroughly investigated to make certain there is reasonable expectation of a good return on the investment. The veteran's ability, integrity and credit record have to measure up.

The loans can't be used to buy inventories on the shelves or working capital, such as meeting the weekly or monthly payroll. They can't even be used to put new stocks on the shelves.

If you are beginning to wonder what the loans are good for, discuss it with any banker, investor or business man. They can be used for the purchase of property, building, tools, machinery and a number of other things that are necessary to establish a business or take



over an old one, and perhaps change its output or service. There's one more thing. The business must be personally conducted; or if it's a partnership, the veteran must have an active part in the management. If all these requirements are met there's little possibility that the veteran will get stung—or Uncle Sam either.

### The War Today . . .

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ing, though it allowed itself to be regimented in other ways. However, when I was in Germany in 1938, at the time of the Munich conference, country newspapers instead of publishing the customary death-notice, "Here died in the faith of his Lord Jesus Christ, Johannes Schmidt," etc., made them read "Here died in the faith of Adolf Hitler."

Hitler's own wicked creed involved belief in the supremacy of the German race and its destiny to enslave others. It preached extermination not only of the Jews but of any people — the Poles, for example, who stood in the way of Nazidom, and we've seen the results, for Hitler has murdered indiscriminately where it served his purpose. It instilled the blood lust in youth. It staged a campaign to teach young girls that it was their duty to have babies, in or out of wedlock, in order to breed soldiers for the Reich.

Well, that's what we are up against—the sort of thing that impelled Nazi soldiers the other day to massacre a half hundred American boys who had surrendered. It's armageddon, all right, and we shall have another on our hands in dealing with the barbarians of the East.

### Senate Fight . . .

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Several southerners, including Senators Eastland (D-Miss), Overton (D-La), Ellender (D-La) and Bankhead (D-Ala.) refused to comment

on the nomination, but others did not hesitate to express their opinions. Among them: Hoey (D-N.C.): "I am sorry to see the President deprive Jones of the R.F.C. He'd done a magnificent job." Chairman Bailey (D-N.C.) of the Commerce committee would not disclose how he will vote but said he had talked with President Roosevelt about the appointment. Bailey said he had asked the President to remove lending agencies from the Commerce Department.

"I told the President it would be the graceful thing to do," he said. O'Daniel (D-Tex), another member of the Commerce committee, said he would oppose the Wallace nomination "with all my power." He remarked he was not in favor of "swapping this horse off for a lame duck in the middle of the stream."

The only apparent possibility of averting a bitter fight over confirmation seemed to lie in a proposal to strip the Commerce Department of those agencies and make them independent once again. This was advanced by Senator George (D-Ga.) in a resolution which, if approved, would leave the former vice president only the routine responsibilities of the commerce post.

Chairman Bailey (D-N.C.) called the Commerce committee into a locked-door session to discuss both the Wallace nomination and the George bill. Bailey expressed belief, however, that the committee would not get around to either matter until afternoon, because the first item on its agenda is a discussion of proposed amendments to the rivers and harbors bill.

Members who regard Wallace as left wingers still were rocking the cradle in support of President Roosevelt's letter requesting Jones to give up the commerce and loan post so he might award it to Wallace for services to the Democratic ticket in the recent campaign. His opponents view Wallace as unqualified to handle loans and commitments aggregating thirty or forty billion dollars, because of his lack of previous experience. President James G. Patton of the

National Farmers Union said in a statement that the Wallace nomination "brightens the prospects for the survival of genuine free enterprise for all" and that "a vote against 60 million jobs and a just and durable peace."

The actual chance that the nomination might be rejected was hard to determine, as the senators were slow to choose up sides in a struggle holding so many political and economic potentialities. There was no question, though, that the senate was sharply aroused, and the men opposing confirmation were not the kind who customarily enter a battle they don't think they have a fighting chance to win.

Talking with reporters, Senator Byrd (D-Va.) recalled that he told Jesse Jones long ago that he did not believe it wise for such great financial powers to be in one man's hands. "I told him, 'Your successor may not be the same kind of man you are,'" Byrd related.

### Today On The . . .

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the army any time in the future will begin according to the usual procedure. (There is the possibility that the army, some time hence, may change its plans and take them but, the officials emphasized, there is no indication of that.) But suppose a man listed as 2-A (L) or 2-B (L) quits his essential job to change to another or to a non-essential job without his draft board's permission. Would such a man be drafted for limited service? Yes, SS officials say in such cases the army would accept men for limited service. This is the theory behind that a man who is 2-A (L) or 2-B (L) has been deferred from military service only because he's in essential work. If he leaves that work, then the reason for deferring him from military service has disappeared.

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

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### Try Our Want Ads

Chapter 21.  
Lucy's house was an old-fashioned frame house built on a foundation of fieldstone, which also made the two chimneys. There was an ell at the back, which housed the kitchen and the dining room, and so Meredith drove around to the back of the house, and parked. As she went up the back steps, to the wide veranda that ran across the back of the house and along the ell, the kitchen door opened and Lucy came out, shivering in the biting cold, wiping her hands anxiously on her neat gingham apron, greeting Meredith with shy pleasure, bustling her into the warm kitchen, spicy and fragrant with the smell of dinner cooking.

"I was just stirring up a cake," she said apologetically, as Meredith took the chair near the stove and spread her chilled hands to the grateful warmth. Lucy Butler looked at her narrowly, and said, as she beat the cake batter expertly, "Who's sick out this way, Dr. Merry? I know you didn't drive all this way out just to see me—and during your office hours, too!"

"But I did drive out here to see you, Miss Lucy," said Meredith, bracing herself. "I'm afraid I've had news for you, Miss Lucy." "Jerry?" she whispered, white-lipped. "Something's happened to Jerry—an accident. The roads are frozen—"

Lucy jerked both hands loose and put them over her quivering face and said through her fingers, "Oh, Dr. Merry—you scared the living daylight out of me! If that's all—"

"You don't understand, Miss Lucy," said Meredith painfully. "It isn't a simple thing that we can cope with at the Jonathan Blake Memorial. It's a disease that will have to be treated in an army hospital, and he may have to be gone several months. I'm going with me. We are leaving this afternoon."

Lucy Butler stared at her, her control regained, and now a puzzled look of resentment in her wide eyes. "But why—what could possibly be wrong with Jerry, Dr. Merry?" she protested. "Some little simple thing, maybe—but why, he's strong as a horse, and his appetite is good. There must be some sort of mistake."

"I wish with all my heart there were, Miss Lucy," said Meredith wearily. "But there isn't. I took his papers to Washington, and one of the best doctors in the country—in association with several other doctors—agreed unanimously on a diagnosis that orders him to a government hospital at once."

Lucy was watching her closely, with the slow dawning of an ugly suspicion in her eyes. "What is this queer thing that's the matter with Jerry?" she wanted to know at last. "A tropical fever, Miss Lucy—" Lucy made a sharp, angry gesture. "Oh, bosh! That boy hasn't any more got fever, tropical or other-



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**Poultry and Eggs**

Raleigh, Jan. 23 - (AP) - (NCDA) - Egg and poultry markets steady.

Raleigh - U. S. grade AA large 45; hens, all weights, 25 1/2.

Washington - U. S. grade A large 46 to 47; broilers and fryers, 32.

**Grain Market**

Chicago, Jan. 23 - (AP) - The grain futures market sagged at the close today with wheat and rye hitting new lows for the day under selling pressure.

At the close wheat was 1 1/2 to 2 1/4 lower than yesterday's close, May \$1.00-\$1.00 1/4. Corn was 1/4 to 1/2 lower, May \$1.11. Oats were 1 cent to 1 1/2 lower, May 66-66 1/2. Rye was 1/4 to 1/2 lower, May \$1.10-\$1.10 1/2. Barley was 1 cent to 1 1/4 lower, May \$1.09 1/2.

**New York Cotton**

New York, Jan. 23 - (AP) - Cotton futures opened unchanged to 30 cents a bale lower.

Noon prices were 5 cents a bale higher to 40 cents lower. March 22.03, May 21.84, July 21.53.

Cotton closed 40 cents to \$1.20 a bale lower.

	Open	Last	Prv. Cl.
March	22.02	21.94	22.02
May	21.83	21.77	21.85
July	21.52	21.42	21.54
Oct.	20.76	20.57	20.30
Dec.	20.69	20.55	20.75

Middling spot 22.27, off 9.

**Ginning Report**

Washington, Jan. 23 - (AP) - The Census Bureau reported today that cotton of 1944 growth ginned to Jan. 1 totaled 11,117,25 running bales, compared with 10,933,095 a year ago, and 12,116,690 two years ago.

Ginnings by states, with comparative figures for a year ago: North Carolina 600,838 and 605,811.

**N. Y. Stock Market**

New York, Jan. 23 - (AP) - Selling off stocks in the final hour expanded today and many market recoveries of the forenoon running to a point or so were transformed into losses of as much as the close.

The ticker tape speeded up toward the finish as liquidation became a bit more insistent and transfers for the full proceedings were around 1,400,000 shares.

**FINAL STOCKS**

Allegheny	2 1/2
Al Chem and Dye	150
Alli: Chal Mfg	40 1/2
Am Can	91 1/2
Am Car Fdy	39 1/2
Am Roll Mill	15 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	40 1/2
A T and T	163
Am Tob B	68 1/2
Anacosta	30
Arm III	7 1/2
A C L	48 1/2
Atl Ref	31 1/2
Aviat Corp	5 1/2
Balwin	25 1/2
B and O	11 1/2
Barnsdall	19
Bendix Aviat	67
Beth Stl	17 1/2
Boeing Alrpl	17 1/2
Borden	34 1/2
Budd Mfg	11 1/2
Burl Mills	44 1/2
Bur Add Mach	14 1/2
Cannon Mills	50 1/2
Case J I	36 1/2
Caterpillar Trac	48 1/2
Ches and O	50 1/2
Chrysler	40 1/2
Coml Credit	15 1/2
Coml Solv	25 1/2
Consol Edis	40 1/2
Cont Can	61
Corn Prod	51
Curtiss Wright	68 1/2
Doug Air	125 1/2
Dupont	155 1/2
Eastman Kod	174 1/2
Firestone	55 1/2
Gen Elec	38
Gen Foods	41 1/2
Gen Mot	62 1/2
Goodrich	55
Goodyear	52 1/2
Int Harvest	75 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	21 1/2
Johns Man	104 1/2
Kennecott	36
Ligg and Myers B	79 1/2
Loews	75 1/2
Lorillard	20 1/2
Mont Ward	49 1/2
Nash Kely	15 1/2
Nat Eis	24 1/2
Nat Cash Reg	35 1/2
Nat Dist	35 1/2
N Y Cent	22
No Am Aviat	9 1/2
Packard	5 1/2
Param Pic	28
Penney J C	107 1/2
Penn RR	33 1/2
Pepsi Cola	23 1/2
Phillips Pet	45 1/2
Pullman	47 1/2
Pure Oil	17 1/2
Radio	11
Rem Rand	23 1/2
Republic Stl	19 1/2
Reynolds B	32 1/2
Sears	100 1/2
Sou Ry	33 1/2
Std Brands	29 1/2
Std Oil N J	16 1/2
Stewart Warner	33 1/2
Swift	52
Tex Co	79 1/2
Union Carbide	29 1/2
Unit Aircraft	20 1/2
Unit Corp	11 1/2
Unit Drug	15 1/2
US Ind Chem	39 1/2
US Rubber	52
US Smelt and Ref	55
US Steel	59
Vanadium	22 1/2
Vick Chem	49 1/2
Warner Pic	13 1/2
Western Union A	44 1/2
West El and Mfg	116
Woolworth	40 1/2

**Important Group To Attend Meet**

London, Jan. 23 - (AP) - Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden will take with them to the "Big Three" conference the largest staff of political, economic and military experts that ever has accompanied them to such a meeting, it was disclosed today.

It was hinted here that some junior members, especially translators and secretaries from Whitehall, already might be on the way to a secret meeting place.

The forthcoming conference - with American and Russian delegations expected to be at least as large as the British - is expected to be the largest and perhaps the longest ever to be held among the major powers.

**Cases Tried Today In Superior Court**

In Superior Court Monday afternoon Dennis Anderson of near Farmville was convicted by a jury of driving a car while drunk in Farmville. Judge Walter Bone of Nashville sentenced him to three months on the roads. Anderson lost his license for a year.

J. D. Carr, colored, of a rural point, failed to answer when called as a witness yesterday afternoon and the court imposed a fine of \$20 for contempt of court.

The forenoon session was taken up today hearing testimony in the case against Jasper Lee Davenport charging him with receiving stolen property. It was testified that Davenport bought a number of tires from Willie Taft, colored, knowing that they were stolen.

It was testified that Davenport bought the tires from Taft several months ago. Taft was convicted in Police Court of stealing the tires from Scott's Service Station. He was given a year on the roads. He served some of the sentence and was later paroled by the governor.

Taking of testimony in the case against Emmet Shirley, charged with driving a car while drunk, was begun shortly before recess.

**Vote To Probe ...**

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dent's son, Col. Elliott Roosevelt, to his actress wife, Faye Emerson, at Hollywood was allowed to outrank them in travel priority, has shocked every right-thinking citizen.

At his suggestion, Bridges, asserted, the committee will inquire into "a train of strange facts and incidents" which he said included the delivery of the dog "Blaze" to Miss Emerson by an army truck, "chauffeured by an army major in uniform."

Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) of the full committee appointed Senator Stewart (D-Tenn) chairman of the sub-committee. Senators Bridges, and Maybank (D-SC) will serve with him.

**Sentenced To Hang**

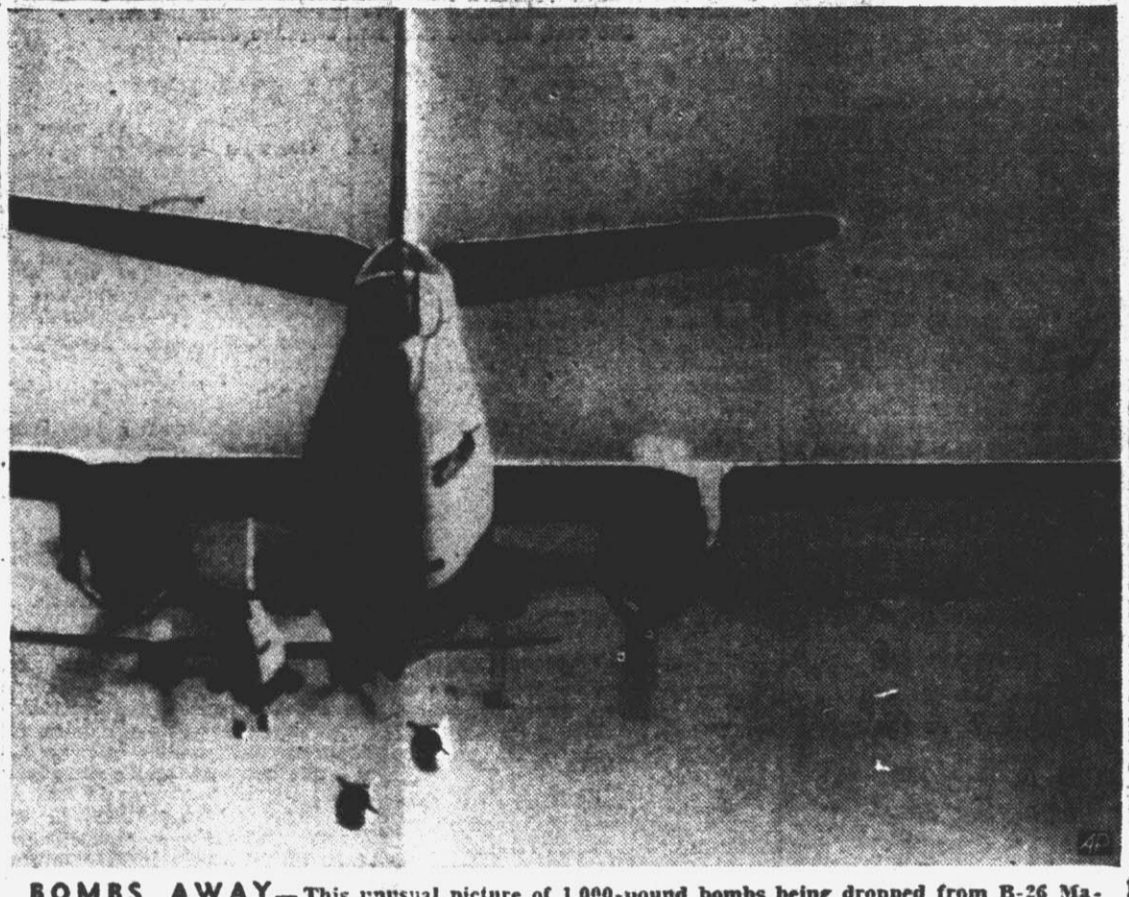
London, Jan. 23 - (AP) - Private Karl Gustav Euten, a 22-year-old American paratrooper of Cambridge, Mass., and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, an 18-year-old British strip tease dancer, were sentenced today to hang for the robbery driver of George Heath, a London taxi driver known as "the man with the cleft chin."

**Hog Market**

Raleigh, Jan. 23 - (AP) - (NCDA) - Hog markets steady to slightly stronger with tops at 14.45 at Clinton, 14.25 at Rocky Mount and 14.10 at Richmond.



**MEMORIAL IN ATHENS** - The archbishop of Athens arrives at the tomb of the Greek unknown soldier for memorial services for men of the British and Greek navies who died in action.



**BOMBS AWAY** - This unusual picture of 1,000-pound bombs being dropped from B-26 Marauders over Germany was made from the bombardier's "greenhouse" of another plane.

**Reds Pushing ...**

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main rail-highway junction at the entrance to the Polish corridor 87 miles below Danzig. It is 65 miles northeast of Poznan.

This thrust, by part of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's forces sweeping across Poland from Warsaw, chopped a principal rail route from Berlin feeding supplies to German defenders of East Prussia, the Prussian military caste homeland being carved up by two tremendous offensives.

Stalin's order on Bydgoszcz saluted 20 generals and 27 other commanders, and described the city as a powerful stronghold on the lower reaches of the Vistula river.

A Swiss dispatch said German commanders from all fronts had met at German supreme headquarters Saturday to plot steps to halt Stalin's steamroller drives, and that far-reaching decisions had been reached concerning employment of reserves from other fronts.

Already, said a dispatch from the western front, German divisions have been shifted from Gen Eisenhower's front to meet the Russians in the east.

A German broadcast meanwhile said the Russians to the south might have "temporarily" reached the Oder River in the heart of Silesia, but had been knocked back from that great water barrier crossing eastern Germany.

Mocow radio placed the Red army 150 miles from Berlin. The German high command admitted Marshal Gregory Zhukov had reached the area east of the city, more than halfway from Warsaw on the direct route to Berlin.

In German Silesia, the Nazi commander said Russians were attacking heavily on a line within 15 miles of Breslau, but claimed these blows were checked. Breslau lies on the Oder River.

Berlin placed the Soviet attacks between Oels, 15 miles northeast of Breslau, and Namslau, 28 miles due east.

**Administratrix's Notice**

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of the late J. B. Lane, Jr., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned or her attorney on or before the 9th day of January, 1945, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This January 8, 1945.

**RAY ANDERSON LANE,**  
Administratrix.

Albion Dunn, Atty.  
Jan. 9-11w-6wk.

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Having qualified as administratrix on the estate of Mrs. Martha O. Whichard, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased, to exhibit same, itemized and verified, to the undersigned executor or her attorney within twelve months from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

This the 27th day of Nov., 1944.

**C. H. MCGOWAN,** Executor of the Estate of L. M. Buck.  
S. O. Worthington, Atty.  
Dec. 16-11w-6wk.

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This the 12th day of January, 1945.

**JAMES O. WHICHARD,**  
Adminr. on the Estate of Mrs. Martha O. Whichard.  
J. B. James, Atty.  
Jan. 13-11w-6wk.

**Notice Serving Summons by Publication**

North Carolina - Pitt County

In the Superior Court

David Allen

-vs.-

Margaret T. Allen

**THE DEFENDANT,** Margaret T. Allen, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of said county in the court house in Greenville, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 16th day of February, 1945, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded.

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**SCHOOL BILLS IN ASSEMBLY**

**One Measure Provides Teacher Sick Leaves.**

Raleigh, Jan. 23 - (AP) - School matters again came to the fore in the Legislature today with the introduction of bills in the Senate to increase the compulsory school attendance age from 14 to 16 and in the House to provide a nine-day sick leave with pay for teachers and principals.

In line with a measure introduced last night in the House, Senator Matheny of Rutherford sent up a measure increasing the attendance age from 14 to 16. It has the support of Governor Cherry and teacher organizations throughout the State.

Rep. Sellars of Alamance sent up the measure providing sick leave, and also directing the State to pay a substitute teacher in such a case \$3 a day. Under the present law, a teacher absent because of illness must pay her own substitute. The sick leave would not be accumulative, as in the case of state employees.

Sellars also introduced a measure bringing up to date a law providing for the creation of juvenile courts in cities of more than 10,000 population. The law was based on the 1930 census and Sellars proposed it now be based on the 1940 census.

The House passed a measure by Reps. Vogler of Mecklenburg and Wallace of Montgomery providing for staggered terms of public welfare boards throughout the State.

Reps. Gass, Welfare and Gobbie of Forsyth sent up a bill to provide that each taxpayer take an oath in listing his property. A false oath would be perjury.

Rep. Fields of Avery introduced a bill to allow the town commissioners of Sparta to issue wine and beer licenses within their discretion.

The joint Appropriations Committee today gave consideration to a general education budget totaling \$87,836,280, as it resumed hearings and received representatives of the departments of public instruction, education, public schools, industrial rehabilitation, vocational education, textbooks, vocational training schools and administration.

The Committee yesterday began its last full week of hearings on planned expenditures for the 1945-47 biennium, and considered appropriations totaling \$170,000 recommended for four North Carolina orphan homes by the Advisory Budget Commission.

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**SMITHFIELD TO PLAY HERE**

**Phantoms Prepare for Game with All-Stars Thursday Night.**

By DAVE CLARK  
Coach Snaz Clark ran his charges through a long scrimmage session yesterday in preparation for Thursday's game here with the Smithfield all stars.

Smithfield will keep the Phantoms jumping to maintain their consecutive victory record for it is said to have one of the best ball

clubs in the state. It is not a high school team, but employs several college athletes. The All Stars will be sparked by Bernie Mock, captain of last year's UNC five and high scorer in most of Smithfield's games this year.

They have been defeated by Rocky Mount by only a very slim margin and Thursday's game should be one of the year's most exciting contests.

The Phantoms now have four straight wins to their credit and are shooting for nothing but wins from now on.

The Greenies looked about as good as usual in most departments yesterday, but their passing was not quite as it has been.

Harrington, Futrelle and Lur (in stood out in the scrimmage and probably will do most of the scoring in Thursday's game.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

**New Thrills and Excitement**

SIX MEMBERS OF THE MURDER JURY ARE DEAD... *Who Dies Next?*

SCOP-CHASER—A nose for news led him into trouble!  
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**Truck Convoys Head For China**

Mylkyna, Burma, Jan. 23—(AP)—The first convoy of trucks to carry war supplies to China in two and a half years was ready to leave here today for Kunming over the new Ledo road, declared officially by military traffic.

Lt. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan, commander of the India-Burma theater, announced last night that the road had been cleared of Japanese troops and was ready to handle convoys. The fall of the Chinese border town of Wanting eliminated the last remaining obstacle to military passage.

The convoy preparing to leave on the final leg of its winding journey of more than 1,000 miles through mountainous jungle to Kunming arrived at Mylkyna last week after covering the 262-mile stretch from the western terminus at Ledo.

**Loans For Veterans**  
Charlotte, Jan. 23—(AP)—The Charlotte Loan Agency of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is ready to handle applications for business loans by veterans of World War II, under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights. John A. Campbell, manager of the local agency announced today.

**Buy More War Bonds**



**MADE IN JAPAN**—Betty Bowen, employee at Good-year's Akron, O., plant, sits in a captured Jap life raft alongside other Jap equipment turned over to the factory by the Army—life vest, airplane tires and airplane brake.

**ABC Officers Raid And Destroy Stills**

Capt. S. Bowen Dorsey, county ABC officer, reported today the recent capture and destruction of three liquor stills in the county. None of the stills was in operation at the time of the raids. No arrest was made. The stills were destroyed and a quantity of beer was thrown out.

One of the stills, a 250-gallon outfit, was found near the Craven county line. Another was found on Henry Peadar's place in the Belvoir section. The third still was found in lowgrounds on the north side of the river near Greenville. Capt. Dorsey and Officer J. L. Taylor made the raids.

**ABC Officers Raid And Destroy Stills**

maintained the one tender spot in the Allied front and supreme headquarters touched on it gingerly, when at all. (German broadcasts asserted that most of the Haguenau forest had been overrun and that the Seventh army front had "collapsed.")

A first army staff officer estimated that the Germans had suffered at least 150,000 casualties and lost from 800 to 900 tanks since their offensive started in mid-December. Prisoners alone passed the 50,000-mark today.

Men of the 7th armored division, commanded by Brig. Gen. Robert W. Hasbrouch, entered the communications center just a month and two days after Field Marshal von Rundstedt captured the place and thousands of Americans.

St. Vith is the hub of seven highways and two railroads and the Germans were fighting desperately to hold it, their last stronghold of any consequence in the last five to six mile strip of the bulge.

On the southern flank of the Ardennes salient was under attack and the Germans rushed up tank elements in an effort to hold back the attackers while pulling out the last of their infantry and supply columns.

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**Allied Forces ...**

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14 armored vehicles destroyed and 18 damaged; 62 railcars destroyed and 23 damaged. These figures did not include exploits of the 19th and 29th attack forces, which had not reported.

The air-ground teamwork was perfect, with the planes plunging their bombs into some enemy positions scarcely 300 yards from First army tanks.

Northeast of St. Vith, Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway's 18th airborne corps was having trouble keeping up with the fast pace of enemy retreat. West of the town, the 30th division neared Maldange and Braumlauf. The 84th division driving up from the southwest pushed a mile and a half east of Beho.

The British Second army to the north moved to within less than two miles of the Roer and the road junction of Heinsberg, capturing nine towns within 32 miles of Dusseldorf.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third army closed swiftly against the ramparts of the Siegfried line opposite the Our river bounding Germany and Luxembourg. In all of more towns fell to the Americans, British and French—the latter moving up through deep snow into the Colmar pocket.

The Seventh army front from Bwoche to north of Strasburg re-

**U. S. Warship ...**

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major ships was damaged." No further details were given concerning this first officially reported ship casualty in Adm. William F. Halsey's last two months of lightning attacks on Indo-China, China coast ports, and Formosa.

Reports of enemy shipping damage were still incomplete, Nimitz said, but at Takan naval base, where intense antiaircraft fire was met, two large ships were left burning, as were docks and the industrial area.

Nimitz reported the third raid in two days against Japan's Kuriles Islands, north of the homeland.

Dicks and buildings at Yap, in the western Carolines, were struck by Navy bombers, which destroyed a small craft at Babelthuap in the Palau.

**Seek Lower ...**

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let they were in for bad news in the form of increased military demands and unprecedented restraints on their freedom of production and distribution.

But, prior to the meeting, officials of both OPA and WPB made a mystery of their plans.

As to prices, OPA acknowledged that it would take "suggestions for broad price action to halt the increase in the cost of living due to rising prices of textiles and apparel."

OPA is pledged to set easily enforceable dollars-and-cents ceilings at retail on every item of clothing for which WPB sets specifications and makes special fabric allotments.

Bowles gave notice last night that retailers and wholesalers would have to "absorb their share of cost increases wherever possible" instead of passing them on to the public.

In a conference preliminary to the WPB-OPA session, Bowles told representatives of the dry goods, department store, furniture and hardware trades that most wholesalers and retailers are in a financial position to absorb cost increases, as manufacturers have done since Pearl Harbor.

Department stores are making dollar profits before taxes roughly ten times their 1936-39 earnings, Bowles said, while both retailers and wholesalers of clothing, furniture and hardware are "experiencing highly favorable earnings."

**Officers In ...**

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how the black market operator made contact with railway battalions. He said he was approached in the cafe by a civilian asking to buy cigarettes.

"I sold him one pack for 50 francs

**The Movies Today**

PITT—Ann Sheridan, Alexis Smith in "Doughgirls."

STATE—"Phantom Lady," with star cast, also novelty.

ties but failed.

On the extreme northeast, at Rosario, where bitter fighting has been in progress for 10 days, American warships in Lingayen gulf supported Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider's 158th regimental combat team and Maj. Gen. Leonard P. Wing's 43rd division. The warships' guns joined with land artillery in blasting the enemy's ridge positions barring the way to Baguio, where Japanese leaders are believed to have their headquarters.

The sky-dominating American airforce, for which the ground arm already has seized five airfields since invasion day, swept all before it from the front line to the south end of Luzon.

**Americans ...**

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which opened the reinvasion of the Philippines, with the exception of the sixth Ranger battalion. Even those specialists in hand-to-hand fighting, reconnaissance and demolition had confined themselves to securing tiny islands off Leyte gulf prior to the major landings.

Lt. Col. Henry Mucci's Rangers, it can now be disclosed, duplicated that feat by landing at night on Santiago Island at the extreme northwest tip of Lingayen gulf prior to the big invasion. An estimated 6,000 Japanese fled south down the west coast of Luzon. Today's communiqué reported that a push down that coastline, along a road which leads to Bataan peninsula, has reached Infanta on Dasol bay.

The west shore drive and the Manila push, occurring on opposite sides of the Zambales mountains are in the right flank sector assigned to Grissold's 14th corps.

On the left flank, Maj. Gen. Innis V. Swift's First army corps expanded the American position eastward.

Maj. Gen. Edwin D. Patrick's Sixth division, which first battled the Japanese last July on the northwest tip of Dutch New Guinea, are Maj. Gen. Charles L. Mullins' 25th (Tropic Lightning) division, veterans since Guadalcanal, beat off high Japanese counterattacks before advancing.

The towns of Anao and Cuyapo were captured. Anao is in northern eastern Tarlac province on a road which leads off the Manila-Bagui highway at a point just below American-held Moncada. Cuyapo is further up the same road in Nueva Ecija province.

The Japanese made several attempts to sneak in demolition par-

**ABC Officers Raid And Destroy Stills**

Capt. S. Bowen Dorsey, county ABC officer, reported today the recent capture and destruction of three liquor stills in the county. None of the stills was in operation at the time of the raids. No arrest was made. The stills were destroyed and a quantity of beer was thrown out.

One of the stills, a 250-gallon outfit, was found near the Craven county line. Another was found on Henry Peadar's place in the Belvoir section. The third still was found in lowgrounds on the north side of the river near Greenville. Capt. Dorsey and Officer J. L. Taylor made the raids.

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14 armored vehicles destroyed and 18 damaged; 62 railcars destroyed and 23 damaged. These figures did not include exploits of the 19th and 29th attack forces, which had not reported.

The air-ground teamwork was perfect, with the planes plunging their bombs into some enemy positions scarcely 300 yards from First army tanks.

Northeast of St. Vith, Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgeway's 18th airborne corps was having trouble keeping up with the fast pace of enemy retreat. West of the town, the 30th division neared Maldange and Braumlauf. The 84th division driving up from the southwest pushed a mile and a half east of Beho.

The British Second army to the north moved to within less than two miles of the Roer and the road junction of Heinsberg, capturing nine towns within 32 miles of Dusseldorf.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U. S. Third army closed swiftly against the ramparts of the Siegfried line opposite the Our river bounding Germany and Luxembourg. In all of more towns fell to the Americans, British and French—the latter moving up through deep snow into the Colmar pocket.

The Seventh army front from Bwoche to north of Strasburg re-

**U. S. Warship ...**

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major ships was damaged." No further details were given concerning this first officially reported ship casualty in Adm. William F. Halsey's last two months of lightning attacks on Indo-China, China coast ports, and Formosa.

Reports of enemy shipping damage were still incomplete, Nimitz said, but at Takan naval base, where intense antiaircraft fire was met, two large ships were left burning, as were docks and the industrial area.

Nimitz reported the third raid in two days against Japan's Kuriles Islands, north of the homeland.

Dicks and buildings at Yap, in the western Carolines, were struck by Navy bombers, which destroyed a small craft at Babelthuap in the Palau.

**Seek Lower ...**

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let they were in for bad news in the form of increased military demands and unprecedented restraints on their freedom of production and distribution.

But, prior to the meeting, officials of both OPA and WPB made a mystery of their plans.

As to prices, OPA acknowledged that it would take "suggestions for broad price action to halt the increase in the cost of living due to rising prices of textiles and apparel."

OPA is pledged to set easily enforceable dollars-and-cents ceilings at retail on every item of clothing for which WPB sets specifications and makes special fabric allotments.

Bowles gave notice last night that retailers and wholesalers would have to "absorb their share of cost increases wherever possible" instead of passing them on to the public.

In a conference preliminary to the WPB-OPA session, Bowles told representatives of the dry goods, department store, furniture and hardware trades that most wholesalers and retailers are in a financial position to absorb cost increases, as manufacturers have done since Pearl Harbor.

Department stores are making dollar profits before taxes roughly ten times their 1936-39 earnings, Bowles said, while both retailers and wholesalers of clothing, furniture and hardware are "experiencing highly favorable earnings."

**Officers In ...**

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how the black market operator made contact with railway battalions. He said he was approached in the cafe by a civilian asking to buy cigarettes.

"I sold him one pack for 50 francs

**The Movies Today**

PITT—Ann Sheridan, Alexis Smith in "Doughgirls."

STATE—"Phantom Lady," with star cast, also novelty.

ties but failed.

On the extreme northeast, at Rosario, where bitter fighting has been in progress for 10 days, American warships in Lingayen gulf supported Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider's 158th regimental combat team and Maj. Gen. Leonard P. Wing's 43rd division. The warships' guns joined with land artillery in blasting the enemy's ridge positions barring the way to Baguio, where Japanese leaders are believed to have their headquarters.

The sky-dominating American airforce, for which the ground arm already has seized five airfields since invasion day, swept all before it from the front line to the south end of Luzon.

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