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Plan Improvement For Pitt Schools

Pactolus School To Be Rebuilt And Plants In Farmville, Winterville, Fountain, Grifton And Bethel Will Get Repairs And Additions In '48

The Pactolus School building, destroyed by fire last October, will be rebuilt during 1948, the Pitt County Board of Education announced today.

The board has employed D. W. Griffith, architect, to design the building and several conferences have been held with the patrons of the school to determine the type to be constructed.

In order to obtain additional funds for constructing the Pactolus school, a \$75,000 bond issue will have to be voted. A public hearing on this will be held Monday, January 5, and shortly thereafter registration will begin, with the bond election date to be set for some time in February.

It is estimated that the new school building will cost about \$108,000, with \$33,000 of this coming from fire insurance and \$75,000 from sale of bonds.

Improvements submitted in other districts to the voters and overwhelmingly approved during 1947 for school improvements are as follows: Renovations and additions at the Winterville white and Negro schools, \$65,000.

Renovations and additions at Farmville, white and Negro schools, \$200,000. Farmville recently voted a tax levy for supplementing state standards at the schools there.

Improvements and new equipment for the Fountain school lunch room will cost about \$3,000.

The Grifton school will have a new lunch room and equipment costing about \$7,000.

The Bethel school will make major improvements costing \$27,500. Supt. of County Schools Don H. Conley said 24 school buses have been replaced by new units. The county is still operating 14 1938 models, eleven 1939's and twelve 1946's. When these old models are replaced the county school transportation system will be at pre-war efficiency.

General Defends Economic Policy For Japanese

Tokyo, Dec. 31—(AP)—General MacArthur, in a New Year's statement today, defended his economic policies in Japan against American critics who had charged they led toward socialism.

Allied economic policy, he declared, "has required the breaking up of a Japanese system under which a minority of feudal families owned and controlled most of Japan's commerce, industry and natural resources. This feudal system, he said, "was indeed so complete a monopoly as to be in effect a form of socialism in private hands."

The statement was his first public answer to charges in the United States that his policies were leading toward socialization of Japan. Senatorial demands for an investigation of occupation policy had been heard in Washington in the wake of the blasts of the critics.

"MAN OF THE YEAR"

New York, Dec. 31—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall today was named "man of the year" by Time, the weekly newsmagazine, which called him the "man who had the biggest rise in fame during the year, and who, more than anyone else, changed the news for better or worse."

Abdication Of A King

No Mystery In Mihai's Stepping Down From Romania's Throne; King In Name Only, Bolsheviks Held Control; Concerning Department Of That Nation's Kings

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Young King Mihai's abdication of his throne has no mysterious significance, for Romania already was under the domination of Moscow and he was monarch in name only by the grace of the Bolsheviks until he had served their purpose and they were ready to declare another Red republic.

Mihai's personal tragedy merely represents the final step in the grand coup which the Russians have executed in taking over Romania for, to all intents, it is now a part of the Soviet empire.

Romania is rich agriculturally, as is testified by her great fields of corn and other grains, and she has petroleum, perhaps a doubtful asset for a small country with powerful neighbors. But she is even more important strategically.

Not only does Romania have a coastline on the Black Sea but she houses the mouths of the mighty Danube, which winds back across the Balkans and on into central Europe—a navigable river which is capable of handling heavy traffic.

The taking over of Romania is a prime example of the dogged persistence with which the Communists pursue the hunt. As far back as 1940 they were causing unrest in that country, and the authorities uncovered a widespread Soviet espionage organization. Some 140 ab-

MOLOTOV SAYS U.S. SPOILED LONDON TALKS

Blames American Delegates For Collapse; Claims Meeting Not Fruitless

London, Dec. 31—(AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov threw the blame for the collapse of the London foreign ministers' conference on the United States today and declared that only the efforts of the Russian delegation kept the conference from being entirely fruitless.

His statement, given to the Russian press in Moscow at a news conference and broadcast by the Moscow radio was largely an echo of what he said at the Big Four meeting in London, which ended on Dec. 15 after 17 sessions without agreement.

He charged that the American delegation "undertook to disrupt the entire work of the London conference" because "for some reason" the United States was anxious to delay settlement of Germany's future.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall, in a broadcast report to the United States on Dec. 19, blamed Molotov for the failure of the London conference, asserting that the Russians displayed "no apparent wish to reach a settlement."

At present, he declared "allegations are being made that the discussion concerning the preparation of a German peace treaty at the London session was fruitless, although this does not correspond to the facts."

"This session chiefly through the efforts of the Soviet delegation, adopted a number of decisions in which progress was made in coordinating the attitudes of the four governments in regard to the procedure for the preparation of a peace treaty with Germany."

"For some reason, this is now being passed over in silence. Consideration of this matter was not, however completed, since the American delegation hurriedly undertook to disrupt the entire work of the London conference. x x x"

'Biggest Haul' By Wake's ABC

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31—(AP)—Wake County's ABC enforcement officers yesterday made what they called their "biggest haul in years."

The officers netted three complete distilleries and more than 1,200 gallons of mash in raids in lower Saint Mary's Township, near the Wake-Johnson County line.

Three stills were found, two of which were ready for operation but none of the operators was caught.

Romanian Royal Family Applies For Passports

Bucharest, Romania, Dec. 31—(AP)—The Romanian royal family of ex-king Mihai I applied today for 60 passports to leave this newly proclaimed democratic republic.

Mihai, who abdicated in a surprise move yesterday, came back to Bucharest with his mother, former Queen Helen, from the royal castle at Mt. Sinaia, where they spent the night.

The 26-year-old former monarch conferred for an hour with Dr. Petru Grom, premier of the Communist-dominated government.

Grom said in an interview with foreign correspondents that Mihai was free to come and go as he pleases. He said that if Mihai wants to go abroad he probably has personal reasons, hinting at the reported romance of Mihai and Danish Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma.

(Official Swiss sources said they expected that Mihai would enter Switzerland. Princess Anne said in Copenhagen that she had received no direct word from Mihai since he quit the Romanian throne. She went back to Denmark after a trip with Mihai and his entourage recently from London to Switzerland.)

Mihai planned to return to Mt. Sinaia to spend New Year's Eve with his mother.

As the young ex-king prepared to leave his homeland Parliament was summoned into session to launch the work of drafting a constitution for the "democratic republic" of Romania, which was proclaimed by the Communist-dominated cabinet immediately following his abdication.

So far as courage goes, Mihai's colorful father has plenty of it, only he would seem to have directed too much of it in wrong directions. The former King Carol, now living in Portugal with his wife—she who was Magda Lupescu—will be recorded as one of the notable royal lovers of history. At the age of 21, during the first World War, Carol sloped with a Romanian provincial commoner, Zita Lambirina, and married her, to the consternation of the whole country. He even wanted to abandon his rights to the throne but his father, King Ferdinand, (Continued on Page Six)

Million Dollar Warehouse Fire



Firemen play streams of water on flames sweeping through a downtown warehouse in Philadelphia. Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000. Debris from a crumbling wall fell on a fire engine and injured three firemen. The falling wall also hit a live trolley wire which fell across another engine, charging it with electricity. Three hundred firemen from 40 engine companies fought the flames for four and a half hours. (AP Wirephoto).

Greek Army Pushes Nearer To Konitsa

Athens, Dec. 31—(AP)—Refugees of the Greek army have driven to within four miles of beleaguered Konitsa, Athens press reports said today, but guerrillas encircling the city were reported to have launched a desperate assault on the town itself.

The reports said the rebel attackers were being pounded by artillery fire.

Earlier, the War Ministry said guerrilla resistance before Konitsa was "petering out" and military observers said the city was virtually out of danger.

The army rammaged guns and men to within light artillery range of the rebel besiegers last night and began lobbing shells into guerrilla positions north and west of the town, which Gen. Markos Vafides' forces sought to seize as the capital for a Greek Communist state.

Military informants said a Greek relief column was within three miles of the strategic Bourasni Bridge, 11 miles west of Konitsa, one of the key points in the defense of the city. Rebel units on Vigla heights, dominated (Continued on Page Six)

Washington, Dec. 31—(AP)—Increased government spending and decreased revenues during the next fiscal year may result in a shrunken budget surplus of as little as \$2,500,000,000 compared with this year's prospective \$6,000,000,000, government analysts said today.

Canon City, Colo., Dec. 31—(AP)—One more convict was killed and another was wounded today as armed men pushed through snow and sub-freezing cold in search for desperate prisoners still at large after a bloody escape from the Colorado penitentiary last night.

The score stood: Two convicts shot to death, two wounded, four recaptured, four still at large.

Washington, Dec. 31—(AP)—President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower predicted today that meat will be next spring's "most crucial" shortage item. He said, as he has before, that he believes the government should have power to ration it, if need be.

Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 31—(AP)—Deposed royalty of Italy, Bulgaria and Russia followed the flag-draped coffin of former King Vittorio Emanuele III today to his temporary tomb in the Chapel of St. Catherine's Cathedral.

Chicago, Dec. 31—(AP)—Three newspapermen testified today that James C. Pettillo told a convention of the AFL American Federation of Musicians in 1946 that "I have intentionally violated the Lea act and I am waiting for a U. S. marshal to come and get me."

NO COMMENT Moscow, Dec. 31—(AP)—The Soviet press and radio reported without comment today that Henry A. Wallace's announcement Monday of his intention to run as an independent candidate for president.

POST OFFICE TO CLOSE Postmaster J. Knott Proctor today announced that the Post Office will be closed on Thursday, January 1, as on all other regular legal holidays.

1948 IN A NUTSHELL Business: Watch out after November 2, 1948. Commodities: Wholesale price peak in sight. Taxes: Personal income taxes will be somewhat lower. Labor: Bagworkers to use Taft-Hartley Bill as check on labor leaders. Real Estate: Increased suburban building. Politics: Election year propaganda. Stocks: A year for switching. Bonds: Low-coupon rate, long-term bonds will be lower.

Business and Financial Outlook 1948 1. 1948 will be, more or less, a duplicate of 1947. Certainly there will be no "depression" as so many pessimists are talking about, but fundamental conditions will become increasingly less favorable. Watch out after November 2, 1948. General Business 2. The above paragraph applies mostly to gross business. Certain industries will show smaller net profits. This means that, in some cases, dividends may be less in 1948. Remember some things may be allocated or rationed again in 1948. 3. The reconversion from war to peace has been entirely completed; war surpluses are pretty well disposed of; and 1948 will even show a resumption of military purchases.

Britain To List All Non-Essential Employees For Work London, Dec. 31—(AP)—All young men and women in Britain who are not essentially employed must register between Jan. 19 and 24 so that the government may assign them to work it considers vital to the job of rebuilding the nation's shattered economy. The dates were announced by the Labor Ministry last night. Affected are all men between 18 and 24 and all women between 18 and 20. Classified as non-essential workers are night club employees, entertainers, bookmakers and those engaged in similar pursuits.

U.S. ISOLATES ATOMIC WORK TESTING AREA

Nations Notified To Keep Ships, Planes And People Out Of Vicinity

Washington, Dec. 31—(AP)—The United States put all nations on notice today to keep their ships, planes and people out of the Eniwetok atomic weapons testing area, starting one month from now.

The State Department was busy replying to embassies and legations a formal warning from the Atomic Energy Commission. In something of an understatement, that notice said "hazards" will exist in a 39,000 square mile area surrounding the Pacific atoll beginning January 31 and "throughout the calendar year 1948."

The total area is roughly half that set aside for the Bikini atom bomb experiments of 1946. However, the commission's announcement said that "if necessary" warnings of any hazards outside the designated danger area will be given in the event that such dangers are created by activities conducted within the danger area."

This was taken to mean that the 39,000-square mile area is a basic zone to be expanded temporarily as tests are conducted. Winds and currents, which might carry radioactive clouds or water generally move westward from the Marshall Islands through most of the year.

At the State Department it was explained that while individual "danger areas" were being warned of, a "larger area" there was no need for a similar notice to the United Nations.

The U.N. was notified of this country's intention to create a restricted zone around the Eniwetok area a month ago when the United States publicly disclosed selection of the atoll for its atomic proving grounds site.

Reduce Prices As An Example For Business

New York, Dec. 31—(AP)—The General Electric Company, expressing the belief that business must show the way in reversing the inflationary spiral, will cut prices from three to 10 per cent on many home appliances beginning tomorrow.

The move—first break in the upward price march by a major manufacturer—was hailed immediately by government spokesmen as an important anti-inflationary step. They urged other industries to follow suit.

The price cuts, announced yesterday by GE President Charles E. Wilson, will affect about 40 per cent of the firm's total business, including its output of refrigerators, ranges and home radio and television receivers.

Coincident with the GE cuts, mid-winter sales, listing substantial reductions in some merchandise, were under way in two Chicago mail order houses, Sears Roebuck & Company and Montgomery Ward.

Food Train Is Greeted In Rome

Rome, Dec. 31—(AP)—Rome put out its flags today to welcome the Friendship Train bringing food given by Americans.

The train will leave tomorrow for Florence, Bologna, Milan, Udine and Gorizia.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi, Foreign Minister Carlo Strozzi and Vice Premier Giuseppe Saragat participated with U.S. Ambassador James C. Dunn and the reporter, Drew Pearson, sponsor of the train, in welcoming it to the shabby Roman railway terminal.

Babson's Forecast For 1948

4. Inventories, quoted both at their price values and their volumes, will increase during 1948. Both raw material piles and manufactured goods will be in greater supply during 1948.

5. Notwithstanding the above paragraph, some allocations or priorities may be reinstated in 1948. The public is sick of high prices and will make demands for some price controls in the case of certain products in short supply.

6. The retail price of some goods, other than food products, will be higher during 1948 as the final turn has not yet been reached for all types of goods.

7. We expect to see the peak in wholesale commodity prices sometime during 1948. We, therefore, advise going easy on inventories especially on borrowed money.

8. Retail price changes will lag after wholesale price changes. This explains why we expect retail prices on food quality merchandise to hold up for awhile after wholesale prices begin to decline. But 1948 will be a year of war preparations.

Return Of Demo Machinery To Party 'Regulars' Hoped

Wants Early End Lists Of Traders

Secretary Anderson To Recommend Soon That Gov't Cease Publishing Names Of Commodity Traders; Cites 'Heartaches' Of 'Small Fry'

Washington, Dec. 31—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said today he will recommend soon that the government cease publishing names of grain and other commodity traders.

Anderson told this to reporters at the White House after a call on President Truman.

Mr. Truman at a news conference earlier had said he does not know his personal physician, H. Graham, his personal physician, did anything wrong when Graham's broker speculated in wheat futures on his account.

Anderson said he would recommend an end to publishing the names because of the "heartaches" being caused many innocent commodity holders by imbecile.

He said he would do it as soon "as everybody is satisfied we are not trying to shield anyone."

Speculation is not illegal, but President Truman has spoken out against "gambling" in grain.

Anderson made it clear that he had not discussed his proposed recommendation with the President this morning. He quoted a reporter from a letter he had received from a small town doctor who had invested some savings in corn and later in cotton, losing money in both.

The letter from the doctor, whose name was withheld, closed with these words: "I am sorry I am not extroverted enough to take this in stride but life does not hold the promise for me to try to live down this public stigma after losing the money."

"My family will have my insurance at least, and they can move elsewhere. My wife says I act like a man condemned but she does not know it is only a reprieve until the day my name is published."

"You hold much potential happiness or heartache in your hands, Mr. Secretary. May God guide and have mercy on us both."

Anderson said he had had hundreds of letters from people all over the country—small fry—who had invested small savings in commodities with no intention of doing wrong.

Ship Hit 'Sea Monster' Off Coast Of North Carolina

Editor's note: The following story was written by the captain of the S.S. Santa Clara, Grace Line vessel at the request of the Associated Press and radioed to New York following the ship's report to the Coast Guard that it had struck a "sea monster" in the Atlantic off the North Carolina coast.

By J. Fordan. Master of the S.S. Santa Clara, Dec. 31—(AP)—By radio—On Dec. 30, 1947, the Grace Line steamer, Santa Clara, was clearing through sunlit calm blue seas 118 miles due east of Cape Lookout, enroute from New York to Cartagena.

The Santa Clara has just crossed the Gulf Stream when William Humphreys, chief mate, John Rigney, navigating officer, and John Axelson, third mate, assembled on the starboard wing of the bridge to take the noon sight at 11:55 a.m.

Suddenly John Axelson saw a snake-like head rear out of the sea about 30 feet off the starboard bow of the vessel. His exclamation of amazement directed the attention of the other two mates to the sea.

The creature's head appeared to be about two and one half feet across, two feet thick, and five feet long. The cylindrical-shaped body was about three feet thick, and the neck about one and one half feet in diameter.

As the monster came abreast of the bridge it was observed that the water around the monster over an area of 30 or 40 feet square was stained red. The visible part of the body was about 35 feet long.

It was assumed that the color of the water was due to the creature's blood and that the stem of the ship had cut the monster in two, but as there was no observer on the other side of the vessel there was no way of estimating what length of body might have been left on the other side.

From the time the monster was first sighted until it disappeared in the distance astern, it was thrashing about as though in agony. The monster's skin was dark brown, slick and smooth. There were no fins, hair or protuberances on the head, neck, or visible parts of the body.

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# Social and Personal

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Rebecca Parks, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Parks, is getting along nicely following a mastoid operation yesterday in Pitt General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Whitehurst have returned to Dahlgren, Va., after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Garris.

Cadet Graham Flanagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Flanagan has arrived from Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia, to spend the Christmas vacation at his home. He will return to the Academy on January 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Nunn and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heidenreich have returned after a trip to Cambridge, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Penn., where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams and little son of Newton, Iowa, are visiting Mrs. Adams parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moye.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. House have returned from Louisville, Ky., where they have been to attend the marriage of their son, Daniel Murray House, to Miss Patricia Ruth Logan of Louisville, while en route they were joined by their daughter, Mrs. Thomas R. Baldwin of Pearisburg, Va., who accompanied them to Louisville.

Friends of Mrs. Annie Pittman will regret to hear that she has suffered a broken arm while visiting her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Post, 2836 11th Ave. So. Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fleming and daughter, Ruth Ellen, have returned to their home in Wendell after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. Fleming's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sugg Fleming.

Mrs. Ronald Slay arrived Tuesday night from New York to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Kizer.

Birth Announcement  
Mr. and Mrs. George Lautares announce the birth of a daughter, Estre Ann on Sunday, December 28 at Pitt General hospital.

Engagement Announced  
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Youngblood announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Kathryn, to Mr. Jack Branson Berard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Berard, of 856 Ocean View Avenue, Norfolk, Va. The wedding will take place in February.

Teenage Dance  
The Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a teenage dance on Friday, January 2, from 8 to 11 o'clock at the Woman's Club. The dance will be well chaperoned and all teenagers are invited. There will be a 15 cents admission charge.

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY**  
9:15 p.m.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bundy will entertain at a reception at the Woman's Club honoring the Harper-Bundy wedding party.

**THURSDAY**  
4:00 p.m.—Miss Faye Duval will be hostess at a coca cola party honoring Miss Joyce Briley, bride-elect.

5:00 p.m.—Miss Virginia Rouse will be at home in compliment to Miss Phyllis Shuff.  
8:00 p.m.—Miss Eloise Warren and Miss Frances Page will entertain at a linen shower at the home of Miss Warren in honor of Miss Joyce Briley.

**FRIDAY**  
1:00 p.m.—Mrs. C. A. Bowen will entertain at luncheon in compliment to Miss Phyllis Shuff.  
3:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Woman's Club at the club house.

8:00 p.m.—Rehearsal for the Frye-Briley wedding at the First Presbyterian Church.  
8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.—Teenage dance sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club at the club house. All teenagers invited.

9:30 p.m.—Mrs. E. L. Briley will entertain the Frye-Briley wedding party and out of town guests at a cake cutting at the hut at the Third Street school.

**SATURDAY**  
1:00 p.m.—Mrs. S. M. Crisp will be hostess at a luncheon shower in honor of Miss Phyllis Shuff.  
4:30 p.m.—The wedding of Miss Joyce Briley and Mr. Richard R. Frye will take place at the First Presbyterian Church.

**Swartz-Williams**  
In a simple ceremony solemnized on Friday, December 26, Mrs. Fionia Eddins Williams of Durham became the bride of Martin Swartz of Greenville, N. C. The vows were spoken at the home of the bride before the Rev. Robert Bradshaw of Greenville.

The bride and bridegroom entered together unattended. The bride chose for her wedding an original model brown gabardine suit with brown accessories. At her shoulder she wore three cymidium orchids. For traveling she added a brown, three-quarter length coat trimmed with leopard.

After a short wedding trip to unannounced points, the couple will be at home in Greenville.

**Miss Bundy Honored**  
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**Jarvis Memorial Church**  
A Watch Night service will be held tonight at Jarvis Memorial Church, beginning at 11 p.m. and lasting until 12:01 a.m. This service will take the place of the regular midweek prayer service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**Miss Briley Honored**

On Saturday, December 27, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Kenneth Holder and Mrs. James Briley entertained at a buffet luncheon in compliment to Miss Joyce Briley, bride-elect of January, at the home of Mrs. Holder.

The living room was tastefully decorated with Christmas greens and a Christmas tree, and the luncheon table was centered with an arrangement of holly and red striped candles.

Mrs. Norman A. Warren poured coffee and assisted the hostesses in serving lunch to approximately eight of Miss Briley's friends. Mrs. Holder and Mrs. Briley presented Miss Briley with gifts of silver in her chosen pattern.

**Inter Se Party**  
The real Christmas spirit prevailed at the Country Club on Tuesday evening, December 16, when Mrs. Wendell Smiley and Mrs. Sam Underwood entertained the members of the Inter Se Book Club and their husbands at a charming Christmas party.

Cheerful log fires burning in the fireplaces at each end of the club house, Christmas greens and candlelight made an appropriate setting for the delicious supper. Afterwards, the group sat around the fire and enjoyed exchanging stories and singing carols.

**Holiday Dance**

Approximately 600 college students of eastern North Carolina gathered at the Greenville armory Monday night in formal evening clothes and beautiful evening dresses to attend the holiday dance of the Eastern Carolina club of the University of North Carolina. Roy Cole and his orchestra from Chapel Hill played for the dance which brought to Greenville the club members and their guests from all parts of the state.

The armory gym was decorated with blue and white crepe paper carrying out the university colors, with the stage and orchestra platform outlined with pine and Spanish moss. The blue and white colors of Carolina were carried throughout the dance decorations with even the coat checks being printed in light blue ink on white cards.

Roy Cole with his orchestra, well known throughout the state, filled the armory with music, sweet and slow, and fast and furious while the vacationing college students danced, sang and renewed old acquaintances. Cole's musicians rendered several special selections during the evening including a medley of Carolina songs which brought the dancers about the band stand singing songs of praise to their Alma Mater.

The Eastern Carolina club, formed at the University this fall, is made up of some 150 members from this section of the state representing 13 of the fraternities on the Carolina campus. On entering the dance,

members of the club and their dates were presented lapel tags with the respective fraternity colors attached. Ford Worthy of Washington, acting president of the Eastern Carolina club, commented after the dance: "The Greenville members of the organization did a fine job of preparing for the dance, and everyone here has certainly had a fine time. It is our hope that the holiday dance of the Eastern Carolina club will become an annual affair."

**Attended Erwin-Glass Wedding**  
Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. Knott Proctor, Mrs. Lee Hannah, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrington, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. James Ficklen, James Ficklen, Jr., Warren Ficklen and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Little attended the Erwin-Glass wedding in Danville, Va., on Tuesday.

**Erwin-Glass**  
The wedding of Miss Frances Sanders Glass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Gregory Glass of Danville, Va., to Jesse Harper Erwin, III, son of Mr. Jesse Harper Erwin, Jr., and Mrs. Edmund McCullough Cameron of Durham, N. C., was solemnized at high noon on Tuesday, December 30, at the First Presbyterian Church in Danville. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John K. Roberts, D. D., assisted by the Rev. Chester Alexander of the First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, N. C.

A recital of pre-nuptial music was rendered by Mr. L. Hampton Benton at the organ. The program included "The Bridal Song," Goldmark; "Liebestod," Wagner; "Be-cause," d'Hardot; "I Love Thee," Grieg.

The traditional "Bridal Chorus" by Wagner was used for the processional, and Mendelssohn's "Wedding

March" for the recessional. During the service Mr. Benton played very softly "Claire De Lune" by Debussy.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of candlelight satin fashioned with a close fitting bodice, a high neckline, marquisette yoke outlined with heading of seed pearls giving an off shoulder effect, long sleeves to a point over the hands and full skirt ending in a long sweeping train. Her full length veil of bridal illusion was caught to a bonnet shaped head-dress of illusion and trimmed with clusters of orange blossoms in back. She carried an arm bouquet of white Basco-hybrid orchids and lilies of the valley.

Miss Anne Glass, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Misses Susan Buchanan, Sybil Cameron, Martha Erwin, all of Durham, and Miss Nancy Glass of Danville. They wore identical gowns of Burns beauty taffeta styled with rounded neckline, outlined with a soft fold, fitted bodice, long sleeves, and full flared skirt with a shirred peplum. Their headresses were circles of matching Burns illusion shirred in folds and caught in back with Chieftain pink chrysanthemums. They carried arm bouquets of the same flowers tied with forest green satin streamers.

Mr. Jesse Harper Erwin, Jr., of Durham served as his son's best man. The groomsmen were Frank McCallum, Felham Manor, N. Y.; Newton Duke Angier, Durham, N. C.; James S. Ficklen, Jr., Greenville, N. C.; Roger Gant, Jr., Burlington, N. C.; Joel Williams Murphree, Wilmington, N. C.; A. Hewitt Ross, Smithfield, N. C. and Ned Newsum, Durham, N. C.

Mrs. Glass, mother of the bride, wore a gown of Blue Jay crepe fea-

turing an embroidered motif of matching crystal heading. Her hat was of Blue Jay trimmed with ostrich tips. She wore a Fantasia orchid. The groom's mother wore a creation of navy blue lace, with a Fantasia orchid.

Following the wedding the parents of the bride entertained at a reception at the Danville Golf Club. Winter greens, ethereal arrangements of calla lilies and Chieftain white chrysanthemums added to the beauty of the club setting.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis N. Dibrall, Sr., Mr. W. G. Glass and Mr. Jesse Harper Erwin, Jr., received at the front door. Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Rose of Smithfield, N. C., presented the guests to the receiving line, which consisted of the bride's mother, Mrs. Willis Gregory Glass, the groom's mother, Mrs. Edmund McCullough Cameron, the bride and groom and the bridesmaids.

Assisting throughout the club rooms were Mr. and Mrs. A. Berkeley Carrington, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John G. Boatwright, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Carr and Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Brown, all of Danville, Mr. E. M. Cameron of Durham, and the groomsmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harper Erwin, III, left immediately following the reception on a southern wedding trip. On their return they will make their home in Burlington, N. C. For going away the bride chose a dressmaker suit in heavenly blue gabardine. She used brown accessories.

The bride attended Mary Baldwin School in Staunton, Va., later attending and graduating from Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. The groom is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, having previously attended the Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Va.

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The bride and bridegroom entered together unattended. The bride chose for her wedding an original model brown gabardine suit with brown accessories. At her shoulder she wore three cymidium orchids. For traveling she added a brown, three-quarter length coat trimmed with leopard.

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## Backfield Honors To Feature Passing Attacks In Bowl Games; Many Brilliant Aerialists To See Action All Over Country

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR  
New York, Dec. 31—(AP)—Picking the Bowl game stars on New Year's Eve is like selecting your Christmas turkey on the Fourth of July but it's a safe bet that most of the backfield honors in tomorrow's gridiron classics will be distributed among the boys who flip the passes.

After a season in which all the collegiate records for completing and throwing forward passes were broken, it was only natural that teams owning the most high powered aerial artists should wind up with lucrative bowl assignments.

Unless they are hobbled by very bad weather, an extra good defense, or both, it is highly probable that the Gilmers, Laynes and Conerlys will outshine the fellows who think the only way to advance the ball is to carry it down the field.

In addition to the assortment of established hurlers, most of whom could cap a brilliant season with one more display of aerial wizardry, there is always the possibility that some obscure fourth-string sub might steal the show as Southern California's Doyle Nave did against

Duke in the 1939 Rose Bowl fray. Michigan's favored Wolverines may be handicapped in the serial department when they collide with Southern Cal in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., tomorrow if All-America Bob Chappius, their principal pitcher, fails to recover fully from a practice injury received this week.

Chappius threw 84 passes during Michigan's all-victorious nine-game season, completing 48 of them for 745 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Operating against him, the Trojans will have Jim Powers who connected on 46 of his 89 passes for 581 yards and five touchdowns, as well as George Murphy who tried 71 forward passes and completed 42 for 422 yards and a touchdown in the bargain.

The most brilliant display of aerial fireworks may be touched off in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans when Texas and Bobby Layne hook up with Alabama and Harry Gilmer.

Gilmer tossed 93 passes in Alabama's ten regular season games and completed 57 of them for a percentage of .613, highest among all the collegiate passers. His completions covered 610 yards and five touchdowns.

Layne did even better in all respects except accuracy. He made good on 63 of the 115 passes he tried, accounting for 965 yards and nine touchdowns.

Penn State, which depended almost entirely on a running game for the perfect record it will carry into the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex. may

discover that All-America Doak Walker is merely the second best passer on the Southern Methodist team it takes on tomorrow.

Walker completed 30 of 52 passes for 344 yards and two touchdowns but his teammate Gil Johnson, hurried 77 passes, completing 43 of them for 564 yards and five touchdowns.

Kansas goes into the Orange Bowl tussle at Miami, Fla., with a well known passer in All-America Ray Evans, whose 30 completions in 60 attempts netted 598 yards and four touchdowns. But Georgia Tech, the Jayhawkers' Orange Bowl foe, boasts a tosser with an even better record. He is Jim Still, who completed 42 out of 74 for 545 yards and six touchdowns.

The Delta Bowl at Memphis, Tenn., of course, will have the top collegiate grid battery of all time in Mississippi's Charlie Conerly and Barney Pools. Conerly set new records by throwing 233 passes and completing 133 of them for 1,367 yards and 18 touchdowns and Pools caught 52 of them, including eight of the touchdown heaves.

In the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., it will be Georgia's Johnny Rauch, who outranked all the Bowl game passers except Conerly by completing 86 of 181 for 1,252 yards and ten touchdowns against Virginia of Maryland, who succeeded on 32 of 69 heaves for 524 yards and six touchdowns with a club that moves chiefly along the ground.

Passes also may play an important part in the East-West All-Star game at San Francisco, with All-America Johnny Lujac, of Notre Dame leading the eastern backfield forces and Herman Wedemeyer, former All-America at St. Mary's, heading the western crew.

Lujac tossed 109 passes for the all-victorious Irish, completing 61 for 791 yards and nine touchdowns, while Wedemeyer also tried 106, but connected on only 47 for 691 yards and five touchdowns.

The remainder of the Bowl lineup tomorrow will find William and Mary and Arkansas in the Dixie Bowl at Birmingham, Ala., Texas Tech and Miami (Ohio) in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., North Texas and Nevada in the Salad Bowl at Phoenix, Ariz., West Chester (Pa.) Teachers and Missouri Valley in the Cigar Bowl at Tampa, Fla., San Diego State and Hardin-Simmons in the Arbor Bowl at San Diego, Calif., and Catawba vs. Marshall (W. Va.) in the Tangerine Bowl at Orlando, Fla.



**PHEASANT HUNTER** — Phil Cavaretti of the Chicago Cubs displays one of the pheasants he bagged near Huron, S. D., during a shooting excursion in the baseball off-season.

## Kramer Notches Initial Triumph Against Riggs

Cleveland, Dec. 31—(AP)—Jack Kramer believes he'll wind up the victor in his professional tennis tour if the lighting is as good as it was here last night when he notched his initial triumph over Bobby Riggs, king of the professionals.

The 1947 amateur champion and Davis Cup hero credited better lighting at the arena for the deadly accuracy of his overhead which played a major role in his 6-4, 6-4 decision over bounding Bobby.

"The lights are spaced farther apart here and I didn't have any trouble following the ball," Kramer remarked after his victory.

Big Kramer never missed with his devastating overhead as he broke Riggs' service twice for the first win in the third match of their transcontinental tour.

Kramer also had a pleasant surprise following his upset victory when Promoter Jack Harris presented him with a check for \$17,500, almost a third of the \$50,000 he has been guaranteed for the extended tour that may run into 16 months if European stops can be arranged.

Last night's crowd of 5,664 was the largest ever to see a tennis game in Cleveland. The gate totaled \$9,227.

Kramer still was visibly bothered by a heavy head cold, but in addition to his fine overhead he flashed a nice drop shot to score several crucial points.

## Midgets Play Bobcats; Intermediates In Game

By WAYNE SMILEY  
Midgets vs. Bobcats  
Greenville's Midget Phantoms play host to the Winterville Bobcats in the high school gym at 8:00 o'clock tonight.

The Midgets who are coached by Bill Kittrell again this year will be slight favorites tonight due to the 38-16 defeat they handed Winterville earlier in the season. The game should be a much closer affair this time, for until Linwood Hooks, Winterville's ace guard fouled out, the score was as close as 13-12.

Starting lineups tonight, for Greenville: Eddie Farley and Glenn Scott at guards; Jimmy Cheatman, Billy Wooten as forwards and Donald Tucker at center; for Winterville: Linwood Hooks and Lex Keeter, guards; Ed Evans and Whigates, forwards; Bobby McGlohon at center.

Intermediates Play  
The Intermediates will be tested again tonight following the Midget contest. They will play the Winterville Intermediates who threw a scare into them in their last meeting. Greenville barely nosed out their rivals in the last 20 seconds; with the score tied up, Virginia Haynes received a pass from Julian Vainwright and made the two points which meant the game for Greenville. Winterville led throughout the contest until the last quarter when the locals tied the score and moved ahead to win.

It is doubtful whether Julian Vainwright, ace guard for Greenville, will play due to a cold.

Starting lineups: for Greenville, Guards Billy Tucker and Larry Flye; Forwards Leon Moore and Lyman Ormond; Center Bobby Odema. For Winterville: Forwards Johnny Hooks and Robert Kittrell, Guards Donald McGlohon and Edward Buck, and Phillip Mellon or Whitehurst at center.

## Crusaders Edge Out N.C. State

New Orleans, Dec. 31—(AP)—Basketball fans in this city of the Sugar Bowl stood convinced today that the Holy Cross Crusaders have lost none of the class that made them national collegiate champions last season.

The eastern magicians of the maples showed them why last night as they beat a brilliant North Carolina State team 56-51 in an overtime game that for thrills and fine play never has been surpassed in 10 years of Sugar Bowl basketballing.

Mid-winter sports association officials have managed to pick well-matched teams so often as to indicate they have Swami foresight. This is evidenced by the close scores of the past—in only two games was the margin more than six points and it wasn't until last night that anything approaching a runaway appeared in the records.

Tulane's speedy Greenies licked Oklahoma 49-32 in the first game on the program, dashing in and out among the slower Sooners to wipe away an eight-point Oklahoma lead just before half-time and having no trouble from there on out.

## Portsmouth Police Holding Man On Charge Of Murder

Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 31—(Special)—Police today were holding Mort Bailey, 47, shipyard worker, on an open charge of murder in connection with the death here last week of Carlton (Teny) Rawls, 36, former Kinston, N.C., resident, who is believed to have befriended the man by attempting to drive him to his home. Bailey's bond was fixed at \$2,500 pending trial January 14, after the coroner's jury found that Rawls died of "shock and loss of blood."

Rawls was bludgeoned by a bottle, and his injuries were fatal, with death coming a few hours later, before he could be questioned by police. He had screamed when hit, however, and his hand had fallen on the horn of his car, which attracted immediate attention.

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The alleged crime took place on Broad Street, a short distance from Rawls' home, between 9:30 and 10 p.m. on December 22. Bailey reportedly was under the influence of whiskey when the police picked him up in the Rawls car.

Funeral services for Rawls were conducted from the Snelling Funeral Home in Portsmouth at 3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery. Rev. Kermit Traoler, Disciples of Christ minister, officiated. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rawls of Portsmouth, three brothers and two sisters, the latter being Mrs. F. W. Pate and Mrs. Catherine Cates of Kinston.

The deceased was a brother of Vernon M. Rawls of Greenville.

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**New Ball League Is Going Concern**  
Morganton, Dec. 31—(AP)—The Western Carolina Baseball League, North Carolina's newest Class D loop, was a going concern today. John D. Moss of Kings Mountain was named president of the organizational meeting here yesterday. Comprising the league are Morganton, Shelby, Marion, Lenoir, Newton-Connover and Forest City. Hendersonville was accepted as a seventh member contingent upon acquisition of an eighth club.

## N.C. College Basketball Goes Into Full Swing

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS  
North Carolina college basketball teams prepared to swing into full action today with the advent of the New Year following a post season Christmas layoff.

Two of the state's most formidable cage outfits, N. C. State's Southern Conference champions and Duke's Blue Devils renewed their campaigns last night.

The Staters dropped a 56-51 decision in overtime in New Orleans' Sugar Bowl sports carnival to Holy Cross' NCAA champion five. Duke romped over Hanes Hosley, 70-46, at Durham. Tommy Hughes, who bucket 20 points and big Ben Collins, 12 were high shooters for the Dukes.

The University of North Carolina's unbeaten White Phantoms break the holiday hiatus in Maryland appearing against Loyola in Baltimore tonight.

Under the early Roman law, a husband could execute his wife, and a father his daughter, for adultery.

## Dutch Artist Dies In Prison

Amsterdam, Dec. 31—(AP)—Hans van Meegeren, 57-year-old Dutch artist, died of a heart ailment last night, six weeks after being sentenced to one year in prison for selling spurious old masters—so expertly faked that they fooled some of the world's best art experts.

Van Meegeren frankly admitted at his trial that he had painted the pictures, but said he had done so not for the money but to convince the world that he was a great artist. Buyers of his work included the late Hermann Goering and the Rotterdam Museum.

Charles VI of France issued an edict in 1397 forbidding common people to play cards on working days.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE EADS  
Washington-American railroads had to prepare weeks ahead for their greatest quick-travel rush of the year.  
The railroads now operate under ordinary conditions about 17,500 trains a day, with a passenger train starting on its run somewhere in the United States every 4.9 seconds. They had to estimate a 35 to 40 per cent increase in traffic during the Christmas-New Year's season.  
In plotting for the handling of this increase, each large railroad called a meeting of its chief passenger agent, traffic and operating men and a sleeping car company representative.  
The purpose of this conference, explains the Association of American Railroads, was to determine as accurately as possible how much passenger traffic was expected during the holiday season, on what days, and at what hours it would be heaviest and at what points it would be concentrated.  
Estimates submitted by passenger traffic representatives at key cities are based on several factors: Rail traffic during the corresponding period on the previous year, the current trend of general economic conditions, the day of the week on which Christmas and New Year's fall and local situations.  
If the holidays fall on a day in the middle of the week, Mary Jones, traveling from Washington to Philadelphia, will have to hurry back Christmas or New Year's night to her government job.  
When, like this season, with both holidays on Thursday, and many business concerns giving Saturday as a half-holiday, many travelers take the extra day off, returning on Monday. It all has lots to do with the concentration of equipment, especially where there are large movements of students from and to schools.  
Terminals in large cities which serve more than one railroad also make special preparations.  
Well in advance of the holidays there's a meeting of representatives of the terminal company, the rail lines involved and the sleeping car company.  
Just as soon as the rush begins, railroad passenger agents keep watchful eyes on the traffic and are in constant touch with the operating department.  
Special attention is given to making full use of regular equipment. In other words, railroads don't want trains going out half-filled. Cars are added and removed from trains as conditions warrant, and extra sections are set up and run on short notice.  
This flexibility of service gives the railroads an advantage in handling peak traffic, an official of the association says.

**Babson Forecast**  
Continued from Page One  
... put money into improvements, and prepare for real trouble some day.  
The supply of certain vegetables, fruits, and fish products...



price of these should fall off barring war preparations will accelerate.

**Labor Outlook**  
25. 1948 will see an average hourly wage rise of 5 per cent to 7 per cent. Lower income taxes should increase buying power, but this will be about offset by further rises in the cost of living.

26. There need be no more unemployment in 1948 than in 1947; but "Unemployment Insurance" will be taken advantage of by too many unprincipled people.

27. Wages will gradually see that the Taft-Hartley Bill puts a checkrein only on their labor leaders, but not on their labor ship. So the bitter hatred against this bill will gradually subside. The bill is merely an "SEC" for labor leaders who need it today as investment bankers needed the SEC which was started ten years ago.

28. Any labor legislation during 1948 will be to amend the Taft-Hartley Bill and to raise minimum wages.

**Inflation**  
29. The Inflation Era which we have forecast for several years will remain at this stage until November 2, 1948. There will be no reckless printing of currency or government borrowing in 1948.

30. 1948 will see a public reaction against "feather bedding," "workless" jobs, and union rules which prevent in slow-ups. More labor-saving machinery will be installed. The public is gradually realizing that inflation can be beaten only by increased production.

31. Sometime during 1948 production in many lines will have caught up with consumption which will prevent price increases in such lines.

32. There will be many inflation and price investigations during 1948. Both the Democrats and Republicans will try to lay the blame for high prices on the other party.

**Stock Market**  
33. We believe that 1948 will be a year of switching, for various reasons. One of these will be an attempt to get out of stocks of companies which have most of their assets in big "vulnerable-in-case-of-war" cities into companies whose assets are well distributed and safe from attack.

34. The Administration will try to keep the Dow-Jones Industrial Average between an upper ceiling of around 185 and a floor of around 165. Commodity speculators will be curbed.

35. The wisest will not try to pick any special "winners" in 1948; but will diversify broadly and those who have too many stocks will gradually build up good reserves, in cash or Governments, for the big break which will come someday.

36. Careful buyers of stocks will insist on making full payment and avoid borrowing during 1948.

37. We are definitely bearish on low-coupon rate, long-term bonds. Many of these will sell at even lower prices in 1948 than in 1947. Money rates will gradually increase.

38. If Congress gives good reduction in Federal taxes to investors in high brackets, 1948 will see a further falling off in the prices of most municipals and other tax-exempt bonds. As indicated above, however, we do not expect such a desired tax reduction.

39. In view of the large decline in many preferred stocks during 1947, this rate of decline should begin to level off during 1948.

40. Investors will give much more attention to diversification in 1948 and not become too heavily interested in railroad securities, telephone issues and other public utilities, many of which are now selling too high.

**Real Estate**  
41. City real estate will continue to hold firm through 1948, due to less available space caused by pulling down structures to save taxes, to provide parking spaces, etc. There also is a disinclination to build city property in view of the present high inflationary building costs.

42. Suburban real estate will continue in greater demand with still higher prices during 1948.

43. Big commercial farm acreage may sell for less during 1948; but subsistence farms located close to established communities will hold up in price.

44. General building should increase during 1948. Young people are gradually getting accustomed to high building costs and tired of living with their mothers-in-law.

45. Both office and residential rents will be higher in 1948. Property owners are entitled to receive higher rents. Only as such are granted will there be as much building as there should be.

46. Mortgage rates during 1948 will continue about the same as in 1947. These rates are very favorable for those who have the courage to build. However, in 1948, it will be harder to obtain mortgage loans.

**Falities**  
47. Both President Truman and the Republican leaders will be playing politics up to November 2, 1948. It is now too early to forecast the outcome of the Presidential election. The Republicans, however, have so bungled the price controversy that Mr. Truman has a fair chance of re-election.

48. Congressmen returning from Europe will determine our foreign policy and take it out of the hands of the State Department, the Brass Hats, and even the President himself.

49. Unless illness or accident interfere, Mr. Truman will be the Democratic candidate, with the possibility of Mr. Marshall being on the ticket with him.

50. We forecast a greater interest in sane religion, temperance and civic righteousness during 1948, with continued reaction against demagoguism, intolerance and dogma.

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  - 7:30—Veterans News
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  - 8:55—Pitching Horseshoes, MBS
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(GROAN) TH' WIND'S DONE SUDDENLY STOPPED SAID!

...DROPPED KICK...

LOOK AT THEM FATFISHES CHARGE!

BET THEY AIN'T EXPECTIN' A...

HAW! WELL SMOOTH THAT RAT MBBATT!

AN' FRY HIM IN FAT!

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**ACROSS**

- Having started
- Perceived
- Limbo
- River; Spanish
- Follow
- Affirmative
- Mission
- Rages
- Witnessed
- Attendant at a wedding
- Ourselves
- Dwain in certain skins
- Two halves
- Southern constellation
- Ventilates
- Preceding night
- Cubic meter
- Paining
- Animals
- Pericardium
- Bamboo-like
- Grasses
- Before; prefix
- Grit
- Where play
- starts in golf
- Pronoun
- Abridgement
- Synbol for
- nickel
- imbecile
- Part of a church
- Physician
- Dosed
- Mother;
- Targalog
- Prepared
- Greek letter
- Serpent
- Minister's home
- Animal's mother

**DOWN**

- Seaweed
- Conflagration
- Ancestors
- Domestic fowl
- Permanent
- Whirl
- Catkins
- Restrain
- Scottish city
- Pay
- Billiard shot
- Babylonian deity
- Conjunction
- Gentlemen
- showers
- Went too far
- Jewish month
- Social affairs
- To be; French
- Assistant
- Lithian coin
- Other
- Maintains
- Kind of chess
- Flowering shrub
- Asiatic country
- Huge poet
- Chart
- Near
- Briete
- Kind of chess
- Headpiece
- Forever
- Artists

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MONUMENTS — GREENVILLE  
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HEADQUARTERS FOR WEATHER  
Red, purple built tiny toy Edwards shoes for children, fitted by X-ray. The Bootery, Dial 2508. 17-26

FOR SALE—BEAUTIFUL BUILDING site, 3 miles out on Washington highway. Now with sign on it. Apply Rivers Filling Station. 320 ft. road frontage, 200 ft. deep. Apply Rivers Filling Station. 23-8

BRING YOUR MUSKRAT HIDES to W. E. Warren at J. Pollard's Store, Fleming's Cross Roads. Get the highest prices. W. E. Warren. 26-18

LOST—IN FRONT OF MEMORIAL Baptist Church or in church last Sunday morning, a purple crumpled belt with steel embroidered medallions. Finder return to 106 E. Ninth Street or Reflector office and receive reward. 26-tf

FOR SALE IMMEDIATELY — 50 barrels corn, 1 pair goc. mules 6 years old, mowing machine, disc harrow, 6 tobacco trucks, 3 sets oil cures complete with tanks and other small implements. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware, Dial 3793. 12-17-tf

PICKED UP ON EVANS STREET between 9th and 10th on Christmas Eve night, a man's bag containing shirts, socks and underwear. Finder please call M. C. Ward at 910 Evans Street, Dial 2980. Reward is offered. 26-3

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WE HAVE OUR NEW 1948 T. W. Wood and Son garden seed. All varieties. Also Bell and McNair's certified tobacco seed and a few Rim-knob locks. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware, Dial 3793. 12-28-tf

JUST RECEIVED 5 REMINGTON portable model 8 Typewriters. Ideal Christmas gift. Price including tax and carrying case with lock \$88.65. Tuff Office Equipment Co., 119 E. Fifth St. 12-17-tf

VALUABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY for sale: One house and large lot in the business section on main street in Williamston, N. C., located just across street from Post Office, and joins the B. S. Courtney furniture store, has 105 feet on main street, and 210 feet deep, suitable for 4 nice stores, nice hotel or automobile business, with extra large back lot for residence or parking space. This is a chance to purchase nice main street business property in one of Eastern Carolina's best towns, Williamston. J. W. Green, P. O. Box 463, Telephone 2948-8, Williamston, N. C. 30-3

SPORTSMEN—WE HAVE HUNTING clothes to fit you. "Drybak" and American Field also, hunting hats, caps and boots. Lee's Sport Shop. Sat.-Wed.

WANTED TO BUY — FRESH milk cow, 4 gallons or better. George H. Clapp, Honeycutt's Market. 28-6

FOR RENT — A 3-HORSE CROP close in. George H. Clapp, Honeycutt's Market. 28-6

FREE REMOVAL — DEAD AND disabled horses, mules cows and hogs. Phone 3101, Greenville, N. C. Norfolk Tallow Co., Inc. 12-4-tf

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FOR RENT UNTIL JUNE 15—2 bed room furnished home, electric kitchen, on paved highway, near Greenville. Contact K. F. Robinson, Western Union, by January 1. 30-2

IMPROVED BOTTOM SPECIAL Tobacco Seed for sale. For 29 acres 3 years average per acre, 1640 lbs. Sold for \$816.00 net per acre. One cusec \$1.00; 1-2 lb. \$7.50; 1 lb. \$14.00. Sam R. Moore, Pinetops, N. C. 30-6

FOR SALE—1946 4-DOOR CHRYSLER, low mileage, in perfect condition. For sale, 1946 Ford 4-door Ford in perfect condition. Dial 4369. 30-2

WANTED — BIOLOGY-CHEMISTRY teacher, Wheat Swamp School, Lenoir County. Contact J. T. Forrest, principal, Trenton, Route 1, or Wheat Swamp School. 30-2

SMALL CROP FOR RENT NEAR Bell's Fork. See J. W. Evans. 30-3

THERE WILL BE A DANCE AT the Army on Wednesday night from 8:30 until 12, sponsored by the American Legion. 30-2

FOR RENT — 3 HORSE CROP, good house on hard surface road. Electric lights in house, near school, good tobacco allotment. Write P. O. Box 228, Greenville, N. C. 30-2

WANTED — UNFURNISHED apartment, two to five rooms. Call 3386. C. C. Edwards. 30-3

1939 FORD FOR SALE, NEW MOTOR, new tires. May be seen at Ricks Service Center, Corner 9th & Evans. 12-17-tf

FOR RENT—ONE LARGE FRONT room furnished for one or two persons, convenient to bath. Two blocks west to Post Office off Third Street at 210 Greene, Call or phone 3398. 12-30-tf

FOR SALE — ONE SLIGHTLY used gas apartment heater. Telephone 2386. 26-eod-4ts

DESIRE TO RENT OR BUY A home for family of four on college side of the city. Write George, Care P. O. Box 408, Greenville, N. C. 31-3

FOR SALE—NEW DODGE PICK up truck, three-quarter ton. Can be seen at 204 Woodlawn Ave., Greenville. Phone 3489. 31-3

TWO WOOD BUILDINGS 24x40 and 24x30 for sale for immediate removal from Memorial Baptist Church site. Can be moved or torn down for salvage. See N. C. Brooks. 31-3

FURNISHED ROOM FOR GENTLEMAN, near business section, reasonable. Dial 2752.

ONE LARGE FRONT BED ROOM for rent to gentleman, 525 Greene St. 31-3

WANTED—PART TIME DEPENDABLE bookkeeper, also stenographer for spare time work. Must do accurate neat work. Write "Bookkeeper-Stenographer," P. O. Box 382, Greenville, N. C. 31-3

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NOTICE! NOTICE!  
Saul, the king, interfered with Samuel to his injury so, take warning.  
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This notice begins in 1917.  
LYDIA J. KING & MITTIE KING  
31-3

## Lions Hear W. J. Bundy At Weekly Meeting

The Greenville Lions Club, at its weekly meeting Monday night, had as its guest Mr. Dick Bundy, local attorney and president of Susan Temple. Mr. Bundy paid high tribute to the club for the fine work it is doing, primarily in aiding the blind, but also for the many other interests it takes in civic activities. Noting that practically all civic clubs have as their aim the betterment of society, Mr. Bundy briefly outlined the tremendous task which the shriners have undertaken in giving aid to crippled children. As a part of this program, the shriners have established and maintain 15 hospitals located throughout the U. S. and Canada, manned by the most competent surgeons and physicians. In order to qualify for admittance to one of these charitable institutions, a person must possess only the following requirements: Be under 14 years of age, crippled, a possibility of improvement, have a sound mind and have no means with which to pay for such care. One's race, color or creed is immaterial. During the year 1946, these hospitals admitted 8,000 patients; gave 28,000 physical therapy treatments, performed 4,800 operations on 2,700 children, took 11,000 X-rays, made 1,776 highly precise brace fittings, treated 30,858 persons in the outpatient clinic, and 2,800 children who had to be carried into one of these hospitals by stretcher were able to walk out.

## Beaufort Jailer Again Locked Up By An Escapee

Washington, N. C., Dec. 31—(AP)—Beaufort County Jailer John Berry says that what happens to a man once can certainly happen again. Reason: Berry has been locked up twice in the county jail by escaping prisoners within the last two weeks.

Latest to lock up the jailer was Waldo Buck of Blount's Creek, who escaped Monday night. Using an improvised key made from heavy wire, Buck slipped out of the jail and locked up Berry while the jailer was making his nightly rounds. Berry was first locked up two weeks ago when two Negroes—Benjamin Carr and James Edwards—made their escape when Berry went to the cell of the prisoners to feed them.

Both Carr and Edwards have been apprehended, but a search still is under way for Buck.

## Decorations Stored Until Christmas Comes Next Year

Carroll Carpenter of Hickory, nationally known decorator, who installed the Christmas decorations on Greenville streets, was here yesterday with his crew and took down the Yuletide greenery. The material will be stored in Carpenter's warehouse until next Christmas. He plans to lengthen the garlands and otherwise improve them.

Paul Scott reported that through funds of the Lions Club, nineteen Christmas baskets were furnished to needy families of Pitt County. Among other things, each basket contained 1 picnic ham, 10 pounds of flour, 10 pounds of meal, 5 pints of beans, 5 cans of peaches, 5 pounds of sugar, 2 cans of peas, 1 pound of candy, 1 bag of oranges 1 dozen apples, 2 large cans of tomatoes, 2 cans of corn, 3 pounds of lard, 1 pound of coffee, 2 cans of string beans, 2 cans of lima beans, 2 pounds of black-eyed peas and a large box of vanilla wafers.

STATE OFFICES CLOSE  
Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 31—(AP)—All state offices will be closed tomorrow, in accordance with the annual New Year's custom.

## J. B. Hackney Resigns Position On Council

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 31—(AP)—John B. Hackney, who has served as Scout executive of the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, for the last three years, has resigned his position effective February 1, N. M. Schaum, council president, has announced.

Hackney will become deputy regional Scout executive.



## IS YOUR CHILD HANDICAPPED?

Many children go thru school—and thru life—severely handicapped by an unexpected but serious defect in vision. Make sure your child's sight is right before school starts. You owe it to the child and to yourself.

## For Sale At Auction

JANUARY 10, 1948  
AT 10 O'CLOCK A.M. AT FARM

To the highest bidder, Farm containing 74 acres, more or less. Tobacco allotment, 1947, 18.6 acres, teams, hay, corn and all implements included. Five tobacco barns, three oil burners, three houses and out buildings, half mile from city limits located on 14th Street Extension. I reserve the right to reject all bids.

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Truck No. 3 ..... Elmer Nelson, West Greenville

Truck No. 4 ..... Ervin Batts, Colored Section

### Vets Organize To Obtain VA Hospital Plant

Goldboro, N.C., Dec. 31—(AP)—Veterans groups of Eastern North Carolina have organized to concentrate efforts for securing for their section a proposed \$15,000,000 Veterans Administration hospital facility.

At a meeting here yesterday attended by Rep. Herbert Bonner First North Carolina District, C. H. Board, commander of the Wilmington American Legion Post, was named chairman. Other members of a committee are Floyd M. Chadwick of Morehead City, a vice commander of the Legion, and Ken Noble of Wilmington, chief of staff of the State Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This committee will arrange for a veterans' delegation to visit the new Veterans Administration in Washington about January 14 in company with Congressmen Kerr, Bonner, Clark and Barden.

### Prepare Groundwork In Event Greek Showdown

#### 40 Years Ago Today

Goodbye to the old year, 1947 is nearing its finish. The days are getting a little longer.

The wind howled and moaned last night. Miss Bessie Haskett went to Washington Tuesday evening to the ladies of the Zeta Zeta Club in Ayden for a dance in the opera house Friday evening complimentary to their young gentlemen friends. After the dance an elegant supper was served.

The delegation will urge that the hospital be located in any of the cities which asked it, provided such city be east of Raleigh.

#### Abdication Of . . .

(Continued from Page One) finally got the marriage annulled. Then Carol married lovely Princess Helen of Greece and she is Mihai's mother. However, Carol soon fell violently in love with Madame Lupescu, abandoned his throne for her and was divorced by his wife. To give Carol credit, he has stuck to Magda through thick and thin, and they were married recently in Brazil when it seemed that she was about to die.

A fear that Carol got his great-lover traits from his dad, King Ferdinand. A friend of mine who knew Ferdinand well told me that His Majesty had a warm penchant for Romania's beautiful gypsy girls and was quite content to leave many affairs of state in the hands of his very able and world famous wife, the late Queen Marie. Talking of love, of course it is natural that Mihai's reported desire to marry a Danish princess, Anne of Bourbon-Parma, should be coupled with his abdication. He is said to have requested the sanction of his government and to have had it refused. However, there is no reason to believe that this had much, if anything, to do with his surrender of the throne. Mihai was forced out to make way for another sovereign—Communist totalitarianism.

#### Pope Sees '48 Decisive Year

Vatican City, Dec. 31—(AP)—Pope Pius XII declared today the year 1948 will be one of "very grave decisions, perhaps irrevocable." The Pontiff added, however, that he did not share the view of those who would "count this new year in advance among the most calamitous of history."

The Pope spoke in French to diplomats accredited to the Holy See in his first public audience since his recent slight illness.

Famed for his light operas, written with W. S. Gilbert, Sir Arthur Sullivan also composed such hymns as "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Should we expect repayment from countries which might be badly crippled if they tried to pay back? Mr. Truman says "No."

But there's a way in which some of the countries may be able to pay back: in raw materials we don't have in this country.

For example: rubber and tin. Some of the European countries could pay us back in raw materials from their colonies.

Then we could store them in case of an emergency, such as war. We were short of rubber and tin in World War II.

Fighting point No. 5—Mr. Truman thinks the Marshall Plan should be carried out by a new government agency—he asked Congress to create it—called the Economic Cooperation Administration.

It would have a staff of experts under a top man, called an administrator in this country. In Europe there would be a kind of roving ambassador to see that the European countries carried out the plan as agreed upon.

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The two airmen Lt. Vern H. Arnett, Santa Ana, Calif., pilot, and Lt. Frederick I. Sheets, Keyser, Va., disappeared Christmas Day, two days after the crash of their plane 95 miles north of Nome when they set out together to seek aid at the Eskimo village of Shishmarff, 50 miles from the stricken plane.

Six other members of the crew were rescued Monday by Alaska coast patrol, William Munz and Frank Whaley, both of Nome.

Munz, who returned to the crash scene yesterday with his ski-equipped plane, said he saw "what I think was one dead paratrooper and possibly two" lying in the snow about 1500 feet from the burned plane.

"There was also another 'chute' lying nearby, which might have covered the third missing man in the snow," he added.

None of the three men, a doctor and two paratroopers from Ladd Field, has been seen since they leaped to the aid of the stranded survivors last Saturday night.

#### Greek Army . . .

(Continued from Page One) inating the bridge, were defeated yesterday.

Military observers said Konitsa would be saved now, unless an international brigade reportedly formed in Albania, five miles to the north, were thrown into the fight as a Communist face-saving gesture. The conservative newspaper Ethnos said such a brigade was moving toward the Greek frontier, but confirmation was lacking.

#### Truman Silent As To Wallace

Washington, Dec. 31—(AP)—With a shake of his head, President Truman replied no comment today when asked about Henry A. Wallace's candidacy for president.

Reporters sought several times at Mr. Truman's news conference to get his reaction to Wallace's third party move. But the President would not comment on what Wallace has said, or on what his former secretary of commerce has said in criticism of the Administration.

#### Vandenberg May Set Off Furore

Washington, Dec. 31—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg is likely to touch off a Republican scramble in Michigan with a forthcoming announcement that he does not want to be his state's "favorite son" candidate for president.

Politicians long have known that Vandenberg planned eventually to ask the Michigan Republican organization not to give him its formal backing at the Philadelphia nominating convention in June.

#### HOTTEST DAY

Sydney, Australia Dec. 31—(AP)—The Old Year is bidding Sydney a warm farewell. This is the hottest day of 1947.

The mercury climbed to 94 degrees before noon and although it was a working day, thousands knocked off and went swimming.

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#### Prepare Groundwork In Event Greek Showdown

Washington, Dec. 31—(AP)—The United States laid the groundwork today for a showdown with Russia and its satellites if they "recognize" the new guerrilla rump state in Greece.

Asserting that such action would be "clearly contrary to the principles of the United Nations Charter," Undersecretary of State Lovett implied that one counter move might be to supply the Greek army with more American equipment.

Beyond this he left wide open the question of what new action this government might take to carry out its effort to help Greece resist foreign Communist pressure.

But diplomatic authorities said that if the Soviet bloc in the Balkans—with or without Russia—extended diplomatic recognition to the Communist "free state" the U. S. might:

1. Divert a larger share of the \$300,000,000 Congress appropriated for Greek aid to military purposes.

2. Increase the U. S. military mission now on the scene from its present strength of 30 officers and authorize a more active role than the Greek army staff.

3. Ask Congress for authority and funds to extend military aid beyond June 30, the present deadline.

4. Seek active assistance from other nations through the United Nations. If blocked by a Soviet veto in the Security Council this conceivably might be done under Article 51 of the charter, conceding the right of self defense of any member state.

#### Generalissimo Says Chinese Reds Assisted

Nanking, Dec. 31—(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek charged today that China's "present Communist menace comes as much from without as from within"—plainly implying that Soviet Russia is helping the Chinese Reds.

"Unless checkmated," he told his people in a New Year's radio message, "it will cause the downfall of our nation, make unity impossible and reduce our people to serfs."

The reference—the first from so high a source directed at off-reported but unconfirmed Russian help—was the Chinese leader's only mention of any foreign influence in China's bitter civil war. It came in one of his longest speeches since the end of conflict with Japan—an overall grim review of China's position.

#### Marshall Plan . . .

(Continued from Page One) Some of our help will be a gift, probably most of it. But some will be in the form of loans.

How much do we get back? No one knows. There'll be a lot of bitter words over this.

Should we expect repayment from countries which might be badly crippled if they tried to pay back? Mr. Truman says "No."

But there's a way in which some of the countries may be able to pay back: in raw materials we don't have in this country.

For example: rubber and tin. Some of the European countries could pay us back in raw materials from their colonies.

Then we could store them in case of an emergency, such as war. We were short of rubber and tin in World War II.

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Raleigh, Dec. 31—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets slightly stronger with with tops of 26.25 at Rocky Mount, Greenville, Smithfield, Mount Olive, Goldsboro, Fayetteville, 26.00 at Clinton, Warsaw, Lumberton, Chadbourn and 26.50 at Richmond.

#### Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 31—(AP)—(NCDA)—Raleigh egg and poultry markets steady; U. S. grade AA large 67; fryers and broilers 34.

#### Grain Market

Chicago, Dec. 31—(AP)—Grains maintained a firm undertone in light dealings on the board of trade today. Price changes were small. Wheat closed 1 cent lower to 1 1/2 higher, May \$2.95-\$2.96, corn was 2 1/2 lower to higher, May \$2.52-\$2.53, oats were 1/4 lower to 1/4 higher, May \$1.19, and soybeans were 3 to 4 cents higher, March \$4.04.

#### N.Y. Cotton

New York, Dec. 31—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 to 65 cents a bale higher.

Futures were lower today in a soses hiontr Uhdruetaoin short session expiring at noon. Trading was active and confined mostly to year-end evening up operations. The market showed early strength on mill covering and commission house demand for the new crop months. The rally, however, encouraged considerable profit taking and some hedging, with nearby deliveries showing the largest decline. There was a good deal of switching from near the later months.

The textile and spot cotton markets were quiet, reflecting holiday influence. Futures closed \$1.35 a bale lower.

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#### FINAL STOCKS

Allegheny	3 3/4
Al Chem and Dye	189 1/2
Allis Chal Mfg	39
Am Roll Mill	32 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	56 1/2
Am Tob B	68 1/2
A O L	49
Bendix Aviat	103
Begh Stl	23 1/2
Boeing Alrpl	46 1/2
Case J I	58 1/2
Caterpil Trac	43 1/2
Ches and O	63 1/2
Chrysler	182
Coca Cola	40 1/2
Coml Credit	4 1/2
Curt Wright	50
Firestone	56 1/2
Goodrich	56 1/2

Goodyear	43 1/2
No Am Aviat	8
Penney J C	26 1/2
Republic Steel	26 1/2
Std Oil N J	14 1/2
Stewart Warner	103
Un Carbide	23 1/2
Unit Aircraft	2 1/2
Unit Corp	78 1/2
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