

Denfeld Rejects Fleet Command In Bitter Letter

Asserts Work Would Be Handicapped By Past Criticism Of Sec. Matthews

Washington, Dec. 20—(AP)—The controversy over Admiral Louis E. Denfeld's dismissal as chief of naval operations—and his refusal of one lesser job—appears likely to simmer on until after Congress returns to the capital next month.

In a bitter letter to Navy Secretary Matthews, the four-star critic of Defense Department policies has turned down the post of commander-in-chief of U.S. Naval forces in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Denfeld's letter was made public by the Navy, at his request, yesterday. It recalled the secretary's report to President Truman that Denfeld was not loyal to his superiors and lacked proper respect for authority. In view of that statement, Denfeld wrote, other nations might not have the confidence in him that the commander of the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleet should enjoy.

The ousted chief of naval operations added:

"It is pertinent for me to observe, furthermore, from the events which have transpired since my testimony on 13 October 1949, that I would be under an undesirable restraint on the vital matter of frank discussion with the military representatives of other North Atlantic pact nations. My views on combined strategy, and particularly on naval participation in any arrangements whereby the countries concerned should be defended in the event of an emergency, might reopen the recent controversy to the embarrassment of my colleagues, my superiors and our government."

Although the tone of Denfeld's letter suggested he will retire from the Navy, the admiral reserved his decision on that question.

Raleigh Editor Tells Eisenhower Votes Available

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20—(AP)—Editor-publisher John A. Park of the Raleigh Times is hoping that General Dwight D. Eisenhower will change his mind about not being a candidate for President.

Park wrote Eisenhower today that "x x x I hope you were not definitely serious in your recent assertion that you would not be a candidate for President of the United States."

"The fact that you 'know little about the job' would seem to recommend the fresh viewpoint which you would bring to such a great responsibility, in case of election," Park wrote.

Continues Probe Of 2 Break-Ins

Ayden—Police Chief J. M. Whitehurst of Ayden is furthering an investigation today in the robberies of two local business houses.

Chief Whitehurst, who is being aided in his investigation by the Pitt County sheriff's department and City-County Investigator S. B. Dorsey, said this morning that no arrests have been made in connection with the robberies as yet.

The investigation was begun by Whitehurst yesterday after a grocery store and meat market in Ayden were reported entered.

Mapping The Future

The Meeting Between Stalin And Mao Tse-Tung; The Conquests They Can Claim And Losses Of The Western World; Planning Next Moves, Probable Conclusions

By JAMES MARLOW

Washington, Dec. 20—(AP)—Two important, well-dressed men are now chatting in Moscow.

One of them, Joseph Stalin, the world's No. 1 Communist, is having a birthday, his 70th.

And the other, Chinese Mao Tse-tung, the world's No. 2 Communist, traveled, he said, clear across Asia by train to help celebrate the birthday.

But it is reasonable to think that while they're sipping tea they're discussing something more important than blowing out candles on a cake.

It seems more than a coincidence that the Chinese began his journey just about the time his Communist followers had pretty nearly mopped up China.

In fact, while the non-Communist world is reflecting on the events of the first half of the 20th century, now coming to a close, the two men in Moscow may be laying plans that will shape the second half of the century.

For, if any one thing stands out in the past 50 years, it's this: The Western capitalist world has lost ground tremendously to communism and may lose a lot more in the next

Reconvening Congress To Underscore Election Issues

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY

Washington, Dec. 20—(AP)—Republican cries of "Socialism" in Washington, while Mr. Truman flexes his program at Key West, are heralding what may be the most interesting struggle in the new session of Congress.

The reconvening of Congress two weeks hence will signal a re-marching of forces for the conflict. The House and Senate face decisions on what Mr. Truman calls the "Fair Deal" and the opposition assails as the blueprint for a "Welfare State" or "Poor House State."

In Congress the issue is bound to cut clear for the Congressional elections next year, and for the Presidential campaign in 1952.

The struggle—with the public a sideline spectator until balloting time rolls around—may be fought on at least five fronts. These sectors are Mr. Truman's proposals for:

1. A vast expansion of the federal social security program.

2. A federal plan of health insurance that the opposition dubs "Socialized medicine."

3. An expansion of the government's housing program.

4. A new farm program.

5. Federal aid to education.

Perhaps the biggest fight of all will settle on taxes, when congress gets to considering how the government is going to pay for the things it is being called upon to do.

The Administration opposition already is booming for slashes in spending, to thwart any tax boosts. There may be actual cuts in tax excises.

It is expected that Mr. Truman will start a new drive for his controversial domestic program in the States of the Union message to Congress January 4 to 5. The program attained only limited objectives in the first session of the Democratic-controlled 81st Congress. Mr. Truman, enjoying his Florida vacation, returned to Washington today.

Defeat in Congress again faces the President on some major items of his "Fair Deal." Aware of this, some of his closest followers already are talking of "putting the issues off Capitol Hill" and putting them squarely before the voters next November when all the 435 House seats and one-third of the 96 Senate seats are to be voted on.

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Postal Clerks Swamped By Record Mailing Rush

Monday's Incoming Mail Estimated At 100,000 Pieces While Outgoing Letters And Packages Go Over 60,000

Letters and packages piled high in the Greenville post office yesterday as local mail clerks were swamped under what officials say is the largest volume of incoming mail ever received here in one day.

Postmaster J. Knott Proctor and Assistant Postmaster Luther Whitehurst estimated the incoming mail at 100,000 pieces, and added that outgoing mail also reached a new season's peak as between 60,000 and 65,000 letters and packages were dropped through the slots at the Greenville post office yesterday.

During the Christmas rush last year, the largest day recorded only 50,000 pieces of outgoing mail.

Stamp sales also reached a new high here during yesterday's rush, as Christmas mailers purchased between \$0,000 and \$5,000 two-cent stamps. Proctor said the heavy sale of stamps yesterday indicates that the post office can look for continued heavy mailing at least today and tomorrow.

Postal clerks worked late into the night last night to sort the heavy volume of mail and have it ready for distribution today. The tables were piled high with letters and Christmas cards, and brown-paper-wrapped packages littered the floor space in the post office building. Assistant Postmaster Whitehurst commented, "That's the most little packages I ever saw."

Although the mails are heavier than earlier during the Christmas rush, Proctor stated, "We see a decided improvement in the addressing of the mail, but it still could improve. We see quite a lot of mail with no stamps on it." The postmaster added that mail which has no stamps must be destroyed if no return address is listed. He also pointed out that many persons are attempting to forward third class mail (that which carries two-cent stamps), but said only mail which carries three-cent stamps can be forwarded.

The officials estimated that 2,500 pieces of mail received so far this season has been laid aside and can not be delivered because it is not fully addressed. Following the Christmas rush last year, the local post office had to destroy approximately 5,000 pieces of mail which was not addressed properly.

TO VISIT U. S. Paris, Dec. 20—(AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor sail for New York tomorrow on the Cunard Liner Queen Elizabeth.

Denmark Greet U.S. Lady Envoy

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 20—(AP)—America's first woman ambassador, Mrs. Eugenie Anderson, was greeted today by 3,000 Danes upon her arrival here on a cold morning to take up her diplomatic post here.

The lady envoy was met by officials of the Danish foreign ministry, members of the American embassy staff, she will head and a group of cheerfully curious male ambassadors.

Schedule For The Holidays

In keeping with our regular custom the Christmas Greeting edition of The Reflector will appear as a morning edition on Christmas Eve (Saturday) after which we will take holiday through Monday. The Greeting Edition will carry no commercial advertisements other than Greetings and all such copy for the edition must be received by closing time Wednesday.

Advertisements for Friday's paper as usual will be accepted throughout Thursday. All church notices for the Saturday morning's edition must be received by noon Friday and social items for the edition will be accepted until 3:30 p. m. Friday.

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Barkley Speech Indicates Encore

Speculation Stirred Of Truman-Barkley Ticket In 1952

Washington, Dec. 20—(AP)—Vice President Barkley's prediction that the Democrats will keep on winning forever stirred speculation today of a Truman-Barkley encore ticket in 1952.

If President Truman has decided he isn't going to run again, he hasn't told the politicians. The little signs by which a President's intentions are judged all seem to point the other way.

And no one in Washington doubts that if Mr. Truman does run again, the ebullient Barkley will be available for the second slot on the ticket. His friends can't imagine Barkley bowing out of the picture after four years of the kind of fun he is having being vice president.

As the Veep—a name his grandchildren tagged on him by running the letters "V.P." together—Barkley is cutting a wide political and social swath.

Barkley came up with his most optimistic forecast at Miami last week. He said it is his candid judgment that in the 1950 congressional elections, in the 1952 presidential race and "throughout the years of the future" voters will continue to give the Democrats a majority.

Southeast Asia Plans Complete

Manila, Dec. 20—(AP)—Plans for a conference of southeast Asian nations in March are almost complete, informed sources said today. It probably won't end up as the anti-Communist front it started out to be.

Sources close to President Epifanio Quirino said his original idea of a strong union to oppose the spread of Communism in Asia has been watered down considerably.

13-Year-Old Is Winner Of District Canning Contest

Sybil Jones, 13-year-old Pitt County girl, is the winner in the Northeastern district Junior 4-H canning contest. It was announced today by Majorie Shearin, assistant home demonstration agent.

Sybil received a cash prize of \$15 from the Savannah Sugar Refining company which sponsors the contest and presents similar awards to the winner in each of the six 4-H districts of North Carolina.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones of Vanceboro route one.

Sybil canned during 1949 a total of 97 quarts with help and a total of 139 quarts of food without help. The estimated value of her canning project is \$22.60, Miss Shearin said.

Sybil placed second in Pitt County during 1948. She has been an outstanding member of the Chiood 4-H Club for 2 years completing 10 projects which include: canning, cooking, clothing, frozen foods, and health improvement.

A one year subscription to the "National 4-H Club Magazine" is awarded the first, second, and third place winners in Pitt County for 1949, and the awards this year go



EUGENE PRICE

Eugene Price, 20-year-old sports editor and reporter of The Daily Reflector, has resigned his position with the Reflector effective December 30 to accept a position as press relations and research assistant for Congressman Heriberto Bonner of the first congressional district.

He will assume his duties with Bonner's staff in Washington, D.C. early in January.

A native of Elizabeth City, Price has been working for newspapers since 1946 when he began reporting for the Elizabeth City Independent. He was sports editor of the high school paper and graduated from Elizabeth City high school in 1947. Following his graduation from high school he continued to work for the Independent until the fall of 1948 when he entered East Carolina Teachers College.

Last year he worked for the ECTC new bureau and handled sports assignments for the Reflector. During the past summer he returned to the Independent in Elizabeth City and also was correspondent for the Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

He returned to the Reflector as sports editor last September and continued his studies at ECTC during his off hours.

More Practical Gifts Bought By Shoppers Of '49

But Local Merchants Disagree Over Comparison With Last Year's Rush

Christmas shoppers are buying more practical gifts this year than in previous seasons, a cross-section of Greenville department store managers reported yesterday.

Novelties and gifts with little practical value are being ignored as never before, the officials reported from amid a somewhat better than average Christmas rush.

The average shopper is demanding durable gifts, all the managers reported. The observation was voiced by Charles Blair of the Blount-Harvey Company, James Hubbard of Elinor's Department Store, Gene Skinner of Belk-Tyler's, C. R. McBrayer of J. C. Penney's and other department stores officials contacted.

But although they agreed on the types of gifts being purchased this year, the various officials could not strike a harmonious note when asked the familiar old question "How's business?"

Managers of most of the clothing stores opined that this year's rush season is somewhat better than last year. Some declared that they saw no noticeable difference. In the five and ten cent stores, business this year seems to have taken a slight decrease. Local reports were that sales were "slightly lower" than in the 1948 Christmas rush.

The explanation offered was: "They can't spend it if they don't have it."

But while they couldn't agree on just how much better this year's rush is than last year's, the officials agreed wholeheartedly that there definitely is a Christmas rush.

Six stores contacted reported a total of 78 "extras" employed for the rush season. Most of them are college and high school students who will work until the Christmas rush is over.

While the stores and Blount-Harvey's each put on 25 additional employees for the holiday season, Pen Extras began work at Elinor's, eight each at Belk-Tyler's and Penney's, and five at Brody's.

Two-Day Weeks For Coal Miners

Pittsburgh, Dec. 20—District presidents of the United Mine Workers said today the nation's 400,000 coal miners had rejected orders to work only two days on each of the next two weeks.

John Busarello, president of UMW district five; and James Mark, district two head, said miners would work on Wednesdays and Thursdays only because of the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Closed Saturday

The County Courthouse and all Pitt County offices will be closed all day next Saturday and Monday for the Christmas holidays.

The Pitt County ABC stores will be open during the regular hours Saturday. They will be closed all day Monday.

Shoplifting Is Charged Suspect

Police arrested John (Geach) Weston, colored, yesterday and charged him with shoplifting at J. C. Penney Company's store on Evans street. The warrant charges Weston with two shirts valued at \$10. Police said two clerks caught a man in the act of taking the shirts and recovered them, and he fled. Police said descriptions were given them and they arrested Weston. He will be tried in Police court Friday.

Inquest Tonight In Knife-Slaying

An inquest in the knife slaying of 22-year-old Andrew Barrett Moore, Negro of near Farmville, will be held in the Pitt County Court House tonight.

The Pitt sheriff's department and Farmville police officer J. A. Gregory arrested Luther Mitchell, 38-year-old stepfather of the slain youth, Saturday night in connection with the killing.

Mayor O'Dwyer Takes A Wife

Stuart, Fla., Dec. 20—(AP)—Mayor William O'Dwyer of New York and Elizabeth Sloan Simpson were married in a simple ceremony at St. Joseph's Catholic church today.

The Rev. Timothy J. Geary performed the ceremony. O'Dwyer is 59 and his Texas-born bride is 33.

The city commission late last night named the wedding day as "William O'Dwyer day" and proclaimed him as "permanent honorary mayor of the city of Stuart."

State REA Board Approves Utilities Loan Application

Peaceful Uses

Washington, Pa., Dec. 20—(AP)—The government is spending \$750,000,000 a year to harness atomic power for peaceful uses, according to a member of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission.

Summer T. Pike made the statement yesterday at a special convocation at Washington and Jefferson college.

"We are now attempting to develop an atom-propelled naval vessel, but the problem is safety from radioactivity in such a confined space," Pike said, adding, "the research is costly to the government but a good many factors are more important to the navy than operating costs."

Pike pointed out many problems remain to be solved before commercial use of atomic energy can actually be put into practice.

"Corporations such as Westinghouse and General Electric are doing costly laboratory and pilot plant work, looking to the future," he said.

Romulo Again In Peacemaker Role

Lake Success, Dec. 20—(AP)—Carlos P. Romulo, president of the United Nations Assembly, is making new efforts to break the East-west deadlock on atomic control, informed quarters said today.

The Philippines diplomat interrupted a physical checkup in Washington to bring to New York a series of proposals which, he hopes will lead to a compromise.

Romulo's move came as the six permanent members of the U. N. atomic energy commission prepared to resume secret talks. The six nations are the United States, Britain, Russia, France and Canada.

Informed quarters said Romulo would submit his proposals to Gen. A. G. McNaughton of Canada, this month's chairman of the group.

Romulo declined to disclose in advance the nature of his proposals. He said, however, they were much more concrete than his appeal a few weeks ago for a new approach to the problem.

The secret talks were first ordered last summer by the atomic commission, but after 10 minutes the conferees reported they had made no visible progress.

McNaughton was reported ready to take the initiative in a new move to clarify further the attitude of the Soviet Union.

Soviet Gov't Claims Immunity For Spy Suspect

New York, Dec. 20—(AP)—The Soviet government in a statement in Federal court today formally claimed diplomatic immunity for Valentin Gubitchev, Russian citizen facing trial on spy charges.

U. S. Judge Sylvester R. Ryan, presiding at a pre-trial hearing for Gubitchev and Judith Coplon, described the statement as without precedent in his memory in criminal procedure.

The statement was read to the court by Lev S. Tolokonnikov, first secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, after Gubitchev's lawyer had completed his argument on the immunity claim.

Propaganda Devalued

Proof Of The Relationship Between Chinese Communism And The Moscow Brand; 'Big Deal' Cooking; Rehabilitation Of China Is Next Necessary Step By Reds

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

The over-credulous, who have allowed themselves to be persuaded that Chinese Communism has no relation to the Moscow brand, can now disabuse their minds of this much advertised piece of propaganda.

The presence in Moscow of the Chinese Communist leader, General Mao Tse-tung, is in itself proof enough of the Chinese Russian relationship. Mao, who frequently has said that he adores Stalin, has hooted it for the Red capital as soon as possible after clinching his continental victory over Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces. There he is being received with all the honors due one of the world's powerful leaders.

Indications are that a big deal is cooking. An AP dispatch from Moscow says that a Sino-Soviet friendship pact appears almost a certainty. The two countries also are expected to work out trade and mutual assistance agreements. It is a moment of extreme satisfaction for Russia.

The Moscow newspaper Izvestia, Soviet government organ, editorializing in general terms about the situation in the Orient, says "American Imperialists are obviously underrating by a very wide margin the forces of the people's liberation movement in Asia." Maybe, but it strikes me America is pretty well aware of what is going forward in that theater. It only remains for us to make our Asiatic policy as complete as our awareness of the position.

Of course China represents only one phase of this Armageddon which is in full swing in the Orient between Communism and Democracy. However, it's a vital phase, and Mao's triumphal visit to the powers that be in Moscow is an important moment.

And, while we shouldn't underestimate the importance of the development, neither should we overestimate it. Mao is delivering a very sound military success to Moscow, but he isn't delivering political domination of China's half billion people.

China is far from Communist ideologically, just as it is far from being completely within Chiang Kai-shek's grasp.

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Utilities Loan Application

Utilities Heads Of Four Towns Meet At Wilson

Discuss Legal Aspects In Plan For Pooling Electrical Power Output

A step directed toward the creation of a loop system to pool the electrical output of the Greenville, Wilson, Kinston and Rocky Mount city-owned utilities plants was taken yesterday as representatives of the four towns met in Wilson to discuss the legal aspects of such a tie-in of power lines.

Superintendent Martin Swartz and Business Manager Larry Brown of the Greenville utilities, who attended the meeting yesterday, said it was conceded by the utilities experts from the four towns that the proposed pooling of current would be advantageous to each of the municipalities, but a large legal hurdle remains to be overcome before the plan can become a reality.

For several weeks the four cities have been considering the possibility of creating a cooperative through which the surplus power from the stand-by units of each of the plants could be utilized and sold to consumers. It was pointed out at yesterday's meeting the combined stand-by power of the four utilities plants is 32,000 kilowatts, and if the surplus power were pooled through cooperative lines it could be sold on a wholesale basis where additional power is needed.

Superintendent Swartz of the Greenville utilities said today, "The 32,000 surplus kilowatts will forestall the installation of new equipment in our plants for some time to come, whereas without the tie-in all of us will have to install new equipment in about 10 years."

He added that the formation of a cooperative to put the use of the surplus power to the four utilities plants would give the four cities combined bargaining power for Bugs Island electricity when it is available. "If this loop is established we can supply for Bugs Island current as one unit. We've got something to bargain with when all four towns are looped together."

Swartz said at yesterday's meeting the officials learned what legal arrangements will have to be made before the cooperative can be formed. A committee was appointed to work out the tentative plan for the interlocking of the power lines, and will present it to the governing board of the four municipalities.

Appointed to the committee were Chairman Kenneth Knight, superintendent of the Rocky Mount utilities; Martin Swartz, superintendent of the Greenville utilities; L. E. Johnson of Wilson, and C. W. Heard, city manager of Kinston.

Brown said the Greenville utilities at the present time has over \$700,000 invested in rural lines, and pointed out that all rural lines now owned by the city utilities are debt free and have no outstanding bonds or other obligations. The new lines will be additions to the 700 miles of rural lines of the Greenville utilities now serving customers in Pitt, Beaufort and Craven counties.

Officials say they expect the application to be approved by the federal authority within the next 60 days, and that construction on the new lines will begin as soon as the contract can be let after the funds are available.

Brown explained that the federal loan will carry a two per cent interest rate, and said the utilities will have the privilege of retiring the debt whenever the officials choose as soon as the funds are available. A 35 year limit is set for the repayment of the loan, he said.

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Besides, there will be a veritable flood of big crates containing the more unwieldy gifts—all the way from motorcycles to airplanes.

Take an average figure of \$5 per gift—that would be cheap for a birthday gift for Stalin—and the jackpot is worth more than \$5,000,000.

Shoes, socks, neckties, choice foods, wines, spirits, toys, dolls, books, automobiles, horses, motorcycles, airplanes, locomotives and even whole factories are among the many carloads of presents converging upon the Kremlin from the satellite areas and far territories of the U.S.S.R.

4 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS!

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Request By Greenville Utilities To Expand And Improve Rural Service May Be Modified, But General Outline Of Program Accepted

A \$910,000 loan application filed by the Greenville utilities for the extension of its rural power lines has been approved by state Rural Electrification Administration board.

The board's approval is equivalent to final approval by the federal REA.

State REA Chairman Gwyn B. Price said in Raleigh yesterday the request by the Greenville utilities to expand and improve its services to rural customers in Pitt, Beaufort and Craven counties has been tentatively approved, but the application has been held for further study and may be modified. The Associated Press reported, however, that Price said the general outline of the Greenville utilities has been accepted.

In Greenville today Larry Brown, business manager of the Greenville utilities, asserted, "The application with the pre-allocation data was forwarded to Washington the day after it was approved by the state authority." Brown and Utilities Superintendent Martin Swartz appeared before the state REA board in Raleigh last Thursday.

Social and Personal

All items for this page received after 10 A. M. will be published the following day. Dial 5284-4 A. M. to Noon; 1 to 4:30 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Warren and little daughter, Susan, of Raleigh, are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. C. M. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tripp have returned from Chicago where they attended the farmer's convention.

Miss Peggy Mitchell is home from Winston-Salem to spend Christmas.

Misses Polly and Joyce Day, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day, have returned home from Converse College to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Sugg Fleming of Knoxville, Tenn., arrived Saturday night to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Fleming.

Leon Brown Fleming, Jr., is here from Princeton, N. J., to spend Christmas.

Billy Sugg, medical student of the University of North Carolina, is spending the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Sugg.

Miss Betay Helen and Miss Frances Hobgood, members of the faculty of Wilson city schools, are spending the Christmas holidays in Greenville.

Dick Worsley has returned from Chapel Hill to spend the Christmas holidays in Greenville.

Capt. and Mrs. F. J. Murphy, Fort Ord, Monterey, Calif., arrived Sunday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moore.

Mrs. Bonner Guthrie, of Morehead, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram J. Mayo and little son, Hiram, Jr., of New York, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred F. Kennedy, Jr., 200 Library street and with Mr. and Mrs. Wiley S. Mayo, Sr., in Messic, N. C. Hiram Mayo is attending Columbia University and working towards his Ph.D.

Miss Mary Rose Crisp has returned from Sweet Briar to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Southall, of Ousley, Ga., have arrived to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Don Melton and family.

Howard Proctor, Jimmie Glenn and Shelley Beard, students at Davidson College, will arrive tonight to spend Christmas at their respective homes.

Christmas Program The Hopewell Pentecostal Holiness church will present its Christmas program Friday night, December 23, at 7 o'clock.

Buffet Suppers Discontinued The Thursday night buffet suppers at the Country Club have been discontinued until further notice.

Christmas Party at Christian Church The C. Y. F. of the Eighth Street Christian church will give a Christmas party Thursday night at 7:30 at the church. There will be refreshments and fun for everyone. The public is invited.

In Veterans' Hospital Sidney Higgs Skinner is a patient in Veterans' hospital in Fayetteville. His address is Ward 2-B, Room 215.

Ayden's American Legion Auxiliary



Pictured above are members of the American Legion Auxiliary of Ayden which is an active organization in the Ayden community. Standing left to right are Mrs. Louise Moseley, Mrs. Max McLawhorn, Mrs. O. C. Stroud, Mrs. Raymond Gaskins, Mrs. Brunson Tripp and Mrs. Harry Sullman. Seated (left to right) are Mrs. Ernest Joyner, Mrs. West Gooding, Miss Christine Stokes, Mrs. Charles Westbrook, Mrs. Marion Sumrell, Mrs. Callie Stokes, Mrs. C. C. Little, Mrs. Sadie Hatch and Mrs. Alton Rowe.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

TUESDAY
6:30 p. m.—Mrs. Clifton Edwards and Mrs. Owen Marshburn will be hostesses to the members of the Athenium Book club and their husbands at "Andalusia," the suburban home of Mrs. Marshburn.
7:30 p. m.—St. Elizabeth's chapter of St. Paul's church meets in the parish house.
8:00 p. m.—Chapter 149 of the Eastern Star will meet.
8:00 p. m.—Miss Eloise Tucker will entertain at dessert bridge to honor Miss Dot Savage, bride-elect.

WEDNESDAY
11:00 a. m.—Misses Lina Worthington and Muriel Shotwell will be hostesses at a Coca-Cola party at the home of Miss Worthington to honor Miss Dot Savage.
4:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.—Mrs. Roy Coburn and Miss Margaret Lee Duke will entertain at tea in honor of Miss Rosalie Taylor.
8:00 p. m.—Miss Ann Oakley will entertain in honor of Miss Dot Savage at dessert bridge.
8:00 p. m.—Junior Woman's club meets at the club house.

THURSDAY
4:00 p. m. to 6:00 p. m.—Miss Frances Aman will honor Miss Dot Savage at a coffee hour.
8:00 p. m.—Mrs. Alfred F. Kennedy and Mrs. Hiram Mayo, of New York City will entertain at the home of Mrs. Kennedy in honor of Miss Dot Savage, bride-elect.
8:00 p. m.—V. F. W. Auxiliary meets at the club house. A memorial service for Mrs. W. R. Skinner will be held.

FRIDAY
3:30 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.—Mrs. Lindsay Savage will entertain at tea in honor of Miss Dot Savage.
4:00 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.—Mrs. John G. Fleming and Mrs. I. J. Edwards, Jr., will receive at a tea at the home of Mrs. Fleming in compliment to Miss Rosalie Taylor.
6:30 p. m.—Kiwanis club.
6:45 p. m.—Exchange club.

SATURDAY
1:00 p. m.—Mrs. Evelyn H. Glenn and Mrs. Tim Payne will entertain at luncheon in honor of Miss Rosalie Taylor, bride-elect.

Memorial Service For Mrs. W. R. Skinner
The regular monthly meeting of the V. F. W. Auxiliary will be held Thursday night, December 22, at 8 o'clock at the club house. A memorial service for the late Mrs. W. R. Skinner, who was a member of the Auxiliary, will be held.

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Rotarians Hear Bethel Minister

By WYATT BROWN
"Is the Christ of your Christmas a babe or an adult?" was the question posed by Reverend Nick Grant, pastor of the Methodist Church in Bethel, last night in a brief talk to the local Rotary Club. "Our adoration as we stand around the cradle means nothing unless we follow the Man who says, 'Come follow me.'"
Rev. Grant went on to say that if one did not find a boost from Christmas but let it be disappointing it is because one has divorced Christmas from the source — the Babe. He pointed out that as people come to adore and bring gifts that it would be startling if the Christ said, "Let me take you at your word. Come follow me."
A mockery has been made of Jesus by leaving him a child and not thinking of Him as an adult who gave the Sermon on the Mount; people have been willing to adore the babe but never let Him grow up, the speaker advised. "It was His life as an adult that has made the good that is in life. Man's tendency is to like to think of the attractive child but to dislike to listen to that man who delivered the Sermon on the Mount."
The desperately ill world of today needs the Man of Nazareth and not just a Christmas dinner. Rev. Grant warned in concluding that there will continue to be fear and trouble throughout the world as long as the world is without Christ; there will be no recovery without Christ.

Guests of the club were Dr. Robert Sugg Fleming, Lawrence Perkins, Joe Bowen and Billy Bowen. Visiting Rotarians were Carl Plau of Washington, and Arch and Curtis Flanagan of Farmville. Leon Russell presented the program. Bancroft Moseley sought the cooperation of the Rotarians of the Junior Chamber of Commerce's drive in behalf of the adoption of the Hoover Commission report. He cited statistics and facts in support of siding with the commission. Ernie Webb, club president, presided.

Lydia Wooten Class Has Christmas Party

The Lydia Wooten class of the Methodist church met on Monday night, December 12, in the Ellington Bible class room. The husbands were guests at this meeting.
The meeting was opened by singing a Christmas carol, "Joy to the World." The devotional, the story of the first Christmas with selections from the scriptures was given by Miss Ramona Rouse. "O, Holy Night" was sung by Mr. Ralph Sullivan.
Several interesting contests were participated in by the members and their guests led by Mrs. J. O. Howard. Gifts were presented the husbands from under a Christmas tree by the president, Mrs. Leon Russell, assisted by Miss Sue Tucker.
Refreshments, lime ice and Christmas cookies were served by the hostesses.

Better Keep An Eye On Sleigh Christmas Eve

Baltimore, Dec. 20—(AP)—Dear Santa:
It would be a good idea for you to keep a sharp watch on your sleigh and pack when you come here Saturday night.
Two of your suits, plus two sets of long white whiskers, have been stolen from cars here in the past several days.
What's more, someone stripped an outdoor Christmas tree of all its lights.
Lloyd Kirkley and H. M. Bladwin of St. Michael's, Md., told police that Santa suits were taken from their parked automobile here.
Kirkley had been planning to take your part at a party.
Yes, Santa, you had better keep a sharp eye on things while you are in Baltimore.

Bethel Student Safety Winner

DeRoy White, 17-year-old 12th grade senior student at the Bethel High School, is the winner in the seventh week's "Student Safety Forum" over WPTF, Raleigh radio station, the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles has announced.
White is a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White, who live between Robertsonville and Bethel. He is captain of the Bethel High School basketball team; is active in other sports and is a school bus driver with a good record. Mrs. W. C. Latham is his home-room teacher.
Other winners over the state were Adeline Wain of Griffith High School, Winston-Salem, in the competition over WBIG, Greensboro; and Barbara Leatherwood of Hendersonville High School, Hendersonville, over WBT at Charlotte.
Six student finalists will get scholarships ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 on the Safety Forum, which is a 13-week series. Co-sponsoring the project are the Motor Vehicles Department and the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company.

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 - TABLE CLOTHS
 - GOBLETs
 - PERCOLATORS
 - CLOCKS
 - HANDKERCHIEFS
 - COSMETICS
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 - WRITING PAPER
 - NYLON HOSE
 - BED JACKETS
 - BED SPREADS

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 - DRESS SHIRTS
 - SPORT SHIRTS
 - SPORT COATS
 - PAJAMAS
 - NECK TIES
 - GLOVES
 - SCARFS
 - SWEATERS
 - SOCKS
 - SLACKS
 - BATH ROBES
 - HANDKERCHIEFS
 - RAIN COATS
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- BLOVES
 - HOSE
 - PERFUME
 - NECKLACES
 - PINS
 - NYLON HOSE
 - HANDKERCHIEFS
 - PAJAMAS
 - GOWNS
 - SLIPS
 - PANTIES
 - MATCHED SETS
 - ROBES
 - NEGLIGES
 - LUGGAGE
 - TOILET SETS
 - HANDBAGS
 - BEDROOM SLIPPERS

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 - PIPES
 - WHITE SHIRTS
 - SPORT SHIRTS
 - WOOL JACKETS
 - LEATHER JACKETS
 - SWEATERS
 - SCARFS
 - GLOVES
 - SHAVING CREAM
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 - HAIR TONIC
 - ROBES
 - GLADSTONE BAGS
- PLAY SUITS
 - DRESSES
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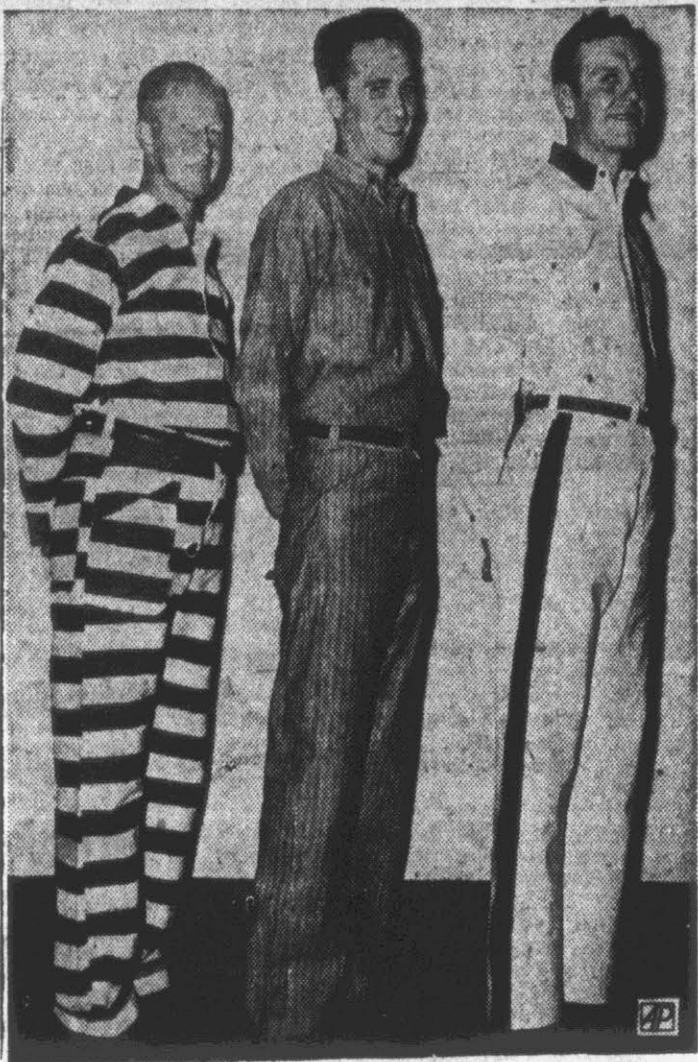
Discuss Plan Of Retailing School

The Directors of the Greenville Merchants Association in meeting on Monday night discussed the plan for a school of retailing at the University of North Carolina. The plan is to endow a School of Retailing in the sum of \$200,000, and when this has been accomplished the University will make the School of Retailing an integral part of the School of Commerce. Space will be allocated in the new school of Commerce building for which \$800,000 has already been appropriated by the State.

The Directors discussed the plan and regard it as favorable and will not take any action until a Representative from the University can appear before a meeting of the entire membership of the Association and explain plans fully. J. H. Blount, a member of the Committee from the N. C. Merchants Association on this school, will attend a meeting regarding same in Winston-Salem, Dec. 29th.

Ballots for the election of Directors for 1950 will be mailed to all members next week. President Bissette appointed a Committee composed of D. V. Whichard, Jr., C. W. Harvey, Jr., Bancroft Moseley and J. A. Taylor to tally the votes in January.

Prison Stripes Passe In Georgia



Three unidentified convicts at the Ben Hill prison camp near Atlanta model Georgia prison uniforms—past, present and future. At left is the uniform of stripes, used officially until 1942. The all-gray suit in the center is official at present. On the right is the newly approved uniform scheduled to become standard early in 1950. (AP Photo).

U. S. Meets Opposition In Fight On Dual Pricing

London, Dec. 20—(AP)—Britain and some other Marshall aid nations are fighting America's campaign to outlaw dual pricing in Western European trade.

Informants said the question would be one of those taken up by the Organization for European Economic Cooperation convening in Paris today.

Dual pricing means charging more for a product when it is exported than when it is sold at home.

Mostly it is now confined to British and West German coal, French and Belgian steel, British and Norwegian fertilizer, and French iron ore.

ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman opposes dual pricing as a restriction on free competition. For instance, higher export coal prices charged by Britain mean that the foreign manufacturer using the coal has a higher production cost. His goods must compete against those of a British manufacturer who gets the same coal at a lower price.

The American view is that dual pricing must go if Western Europe is to be bound together into one free trading area. Formation of a single highly competitive trade area is one of the goals of the Marshall Plan.

The OEEC nations decided Nov. 2 to look into the ways and means of ending dual pricing. Some estimates put Britain's possible loss on coal exports if dual pricing is eliminated at about \$28,000,000 a year.

Clark's Neck H.D. Club Mrs. Rosa Tetterton was hostess to members of the Clark's Neck Club December 6, at 2 o'clock with 12 members present. The regular routine of business was carried on after which Mrs. Amelia Capehart talked to us on "The Art of Staying Young." I am sure that each was more than interested from the expressions on their faces. Games were played and the singing of Christmas Carols were in order. The home was beautifully decorated in Christmas greenery for the occasion. Refreshments were served. The meeting was presided over by the president, Mrs. E. James.

Shiloh H.D. Club The Shiloh Home Demonstration club held its monthly meeting and Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Rachel Cannon Wednesday with Mrs. E. Gardner, presiding. The following officers were elected to serve for 1950: Mrs. Georgia Lawson, president; Mrs. Rachel Cannon, secretary; Mrs. Malissa Mitchell, asst. secretary; Mrs. Nancy Chapman, treasurer, and Mrs. Esther Tucker, song leader.

The group assembled around a beautiful Christmas tree to sing Christmas Carols. The Christmas poem was read by Miss Georgia Lawson, singing of more Christmas Carols was in order. Exchange of gifts by club members and plans were made to remember some unfortunate family during the Yuletide season. Hot chocolate and cake were the refreshments served. The meeting adjourned to meet in January at the home of Mrs. Mamie McLawhorn.

Pleasant Place 4-H Club The members of the Pleasant Place 4-H club gave a special Christmas program Monday at their regular meeting. The program was presided over by Warren Scott. Mrs. Amelia Capehart and Mr. T. T. Mitchell were the agents present; they had charge of the games for the day. Helens H.D. Club Our club was very highly entertained in the way of a Christmas party Dec. 15 at the most beautifully decorated home of Mrs. Helen Corey. The meeting was opened by singing of "Silent Night" led by the president, Mrs. Martha Ormond, after which the Club Collect was repeated in concert. A brief business session was held after which the Home Agent Mrs. A. S. Capehart discussed with us "The Art of Staying Young." In her discussion she emphasized the importance of taking an interest in life, learn to smile, talk more, watch conservation, don't crowd your living, find time to rest and relax, take part in as many community activities as possible and get a hobby.

A beautiful box was packed for the inmates of the County Home which consisted of a big holiday cake, nuts, fruits and candy. Members of the club also exchanged useful and beautiful gifts, meanwhile Christmas Carols were being sung by all. Ice cream and cookies were served by the hostess.

Pfc. Marvin Beacham In Air Force School Ft. Warren, Wyoming, Dec. 20—Pfc. Marvin R. Beacham, son of Mr. Eddie Beacham of 108 Pitt Street, Greenville, N.C., is presently training as an Air Force Technician at the USAF Technical School at Ft. Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. It has been announced by the commanding officer.

At this historic former cavalry post outside Cheyenne, the Air Force is training young airmen in the many specialties needed for air power.

Grand Coulee Dam on the Columbia River attracted 300,000 visitors last year. The insect, the chigger, is only 1-100th of an inch long.

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Negro Home Demonstration News

As part of the Family Life program for 1950 the lesson for December was on "The Art of Staying Young." It does not make any difference how many birthdays you have had, all of you are on the way to growing older. Some of you will celebrate eighty birthdays, but this does not mean you will be old, for age is a state of mind and not a matter of birthdays. We have all known some people who were old at thirty and others who were young at eighty. Everyone is glad that the years of life have been lengthened but the important thing is not how long you live, but how well you live. How good an old age you will have depends a great deal on your younger years, on your friendships, your interest in life and your community activities. These earlier experiences serve as props for people as they grow older. These discussions were held in thirteen home demonstration clubs as a part of their Christmas program.

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THE SIN OF RESPECTABILITY

We hear a great many reasons advanced as to what is the matter with the Church. May this be its trouble—it has become respectable.

At first glance this would seem to be a highly commendable state. Certainly no one fancies a lack of respectability in a relative or friend, nor would one want the Church to be stained with scandal. But the truth of the matter is that when the Church was evilly spoken against in the days of the Roman Empire, it enjoyed a vital spiritual life which came suddenly to an end as soon as the Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Empire. The more respectable the Church became, the more it grew away from the real needs of the people. It frowned on enthusiasm, left the propagation of the faith to ordained clergymen, became interested in the erection of great buildings and the acquisition of property, gave up all thought of divine healing, and in general became like the world. Today there often seems to be a wild scramble on the part of the Church to have the respect of the world and to be as far removed as possible from anything that might smack of fanaticism.

Respectability can kill the Church as quickly as sin—or perhaps we should say, as quickly as any other kind of sin.

THE CONGRESSMAN GETS HIS GIFT IN MAY

With only four shopping days before Christmas there are many Christmas lists which are being checked and rechecked to be sure no one is left without a remembrance.

In most families, however, more than a remembrance has been earmarked for Uncle Sam—the one guy in the nation that is on everybody's gift list.

Although Uncle Sam hasn't been getting his gifts wrapped in pretty red and green paper with all sorts of ribbon, he's been receiving more and better presents with each passing year.

Today the federal, state and local taxes are taking 25 per cent of the national income of this country, and over all it amounts to something like 50 billion dollars a year, based on the rate for the third quarter of 1949.

As far as the individuals are concerned, income taxes at the present time are giving Uncle Sam \$13 for every \$1 he got before the war.

In the over-all tax picture the federal government is taking in taxes seven times the amount of money it got before the war and the national income has increased only three times its pre-war level.

President Truman has been talking increased taxes and increased spending for the coming year. But when the Congress convenes next month to begin the new year, the honorable Senators and Representatives had better bear in mind that the people of the country pay tribute to each other at Christmas time; they pay tribute to Uncle Sam on March 15; and they let the Congressmen know at the polls in May primaries what they think of the men in the government.



Competition

AND JAIL FOR PARENTS.

We do not have any Juvenile Delinquency in our fair city and let's keep it that way. Wholesome recreation does not prevent crime but it is our best prevention for juvenile delinquency. I was a junior, got into everything and mostly doing the wrong things; and a teenager with the temptations of that day. I recall those days and so do you, and without a good father and mother, God only knows where I would have been today. Friends, Mothers and Fathers, don't neglect our need for Recreation facilities, but let's all get together and do the right thing for our youngsters.

We had \$8,500 for our program this year which runs to July 1st but we hope to get \$12,000 for our next year Recreation Program. Kinston has \$56,000 for their program, Wilson \$42,000, and New Bern \$41,000. Are our boys and girls worth as much as Kinston, Wilson and New Bern? Your Recreation Commission has done the best it could on a limited amount to work with and to make the program as effective as it should be, even with our increased budget, we are going to need some good volunteer workers from both white and colored people to give our boys and girls the program they deserve. Do your part and ask your neighbors to do theirs; and let's have a real program for another year.

Heber B. Tripp

Boyle's Column

By HAL BOYLE

New York—(AP)—To Joseph Stalin, care of the Kremlin, U.S.S.R. Dear Joe, Congratulations, old Tovarich of wartime, on your happy anniversary tomorrow. You'll wake up on the shortest day of winter to find yourself 70 years old—the life span allotted to man by the Bible you studied as a boy. They tell me it's to be the biggest birthday party in history, celebrated by ringing bells and booming guns, with caviar all around, and so much vodka on the house that a man couldn't drink his share with two straws. They say you couldn't

have won more gifts if you'd guessed the tune of the "Stop the Music" quiz.

I sure would like to attend your big hoedown. You Russians really know how to throw a party! The last one I attended was in 1945 when we linked up with your boys on the River Elbe. I was carrying a rifle for Uncle Sam at the time. We were shy of Caviar and vodka, but we tanked up on German wine and traded our rations back and forth.

It was a wonderful time. We laid aside our guns, your boys and our boys, and laughed and drank together on the river's bank—and nobody was afraid of anybody. None of us who was there can ever forget that first day of full peace and happiness after the long years of war.

Circumstances being what they are, I won't be with you in Moscow tomorrow. But I would like to send you a birthday gift—of advice. The advice, Joe, is to stop and look around. For a guy only two inches taller than Napoleon you've come a long way. You were born a poor Georgian boy, Joseph Visarionovich Djugashvili, whose father wanted him to become a cobbler and his mother a priest.

But you yourself chose to be a revolutionary, and chose as your party nickname—Stalin, "man of steel." You've lived up to your nicknames. Your iron will carried you through seven exiles to Siberia. You fought your way up through Bolshevik ranks, and you let 1,000,000 farmers starve to death because you thought you knew what was best for Russia.

Perhaps you did. You have reached heights of power unknown to any previous Russian ruler. You unified your country in uneasy peace—purging by blood all who stood in your path—and you saved your country in a mighty war. Every step of the way you said your acts were dictated by a desire to help the common man—the working class. Practically all leaders say that.

Well, Joe, now's the time to put up or shut up. What the common man in all

lands has yearned most for is a period of peace and prosperity stretching endlessly ahead for him and his children. The common man everywhere, including the Russian, is sick of shedding his own blood. The common man aren't mad at each other. And they won't be if their leaders won't sic 'em on. The Russian working man, like the American, wants a better house, better schooling for the kids, a few new gadgets around the kitchen to keep his old woman happy, and more meat on the table. And if you want to be remembered with real love by all the little Ivans of Russia, Joe, that's what you'll give them—instead of those more battleships and 1,000 more submarines. There are no enemies at your gates. You've got the power, Joe, and if you use it wisely maybe God will give you added years to turn your Russia into the wonderland of plenty you have promised so often. But you can't do it by building army on army. Remember what your yourself once said, Joe: History shows that invincible armies do not exist. Let's really start beating those swords into ploughshares, old timer. Sincerely, Pvt. G.I. Joe (retired to mister)

Around Capitol Square

SEED—The state prison department has for years "easing" out of the farming business. There are still maintained somewhat extensive operations at Caledonia and less extensive at Camp Polk near Raleigh, which used to be known as the Gray Farm. There are also vegetable garden plots at nearly all the prison camps throughout the state. So, despite reduced farming activities, the prison department uses a lot of seed. The division of purchase and contract last week bought \$13,428.13 worth of seed for the prison fields and gardens.

EXPENSIVE—Secretary of State Thad Eure's office postage account is getting nicked for something more than \$250, in one job which perhaps should be chargeable to the revenue department. The secretary of state is sending out registered letter notices at 28 cents apiece to 670 corporations whose charters are being revoked for non-payment of taxes due and failing to make required reports. Statutes require the secretary to give such notice to all delinquents certified by the revenue department. In addition to this registered letter notice to the corporations, a certificate of revocation must be sent to the clerk of court in the home county of the cancelled firm. Postage, stationery and stenographic costs are estimated at around \$500.

RE-INSTATEMENT—This kind of thing happens every year. Then immediately about half the corporations pay-up back taxes or file belated reports, get a green light from the revenue department, and the secretary of state has to send both the company and the clerk of court another letter notifying of re-instatement. Postage, stationery and clerical work on this part of the job will add another \$150 to \$200 to office costs. Experience has proven that processing each canceled charter costs about a dollar.

FEES—Formerly a \$10 fee for bringing a dead corporation back to life was charged by the secretary of state. That caused so much confusion on part of company officials who had tax receipts and thought they were back in good standing, and complicated issuance of deeds and other official acts of

Somebody Told Me...

Poetry:
Kissing's coming,
That we know,
For we have hung
The mistletoe.

The other day Frank Diener, the owner of People's Bakery, walked into the American Legion Restaurant, where he regularly eats lunch. The Legion waitresses, Margaret Pugh and Teeny Perry, have "hung the mistletoe," so the kisses came. The girls rushed up to Mr. Diener and laid a kiss on him. Teeny took the left cheek and Margaret the right. I have to mention that cheek business to bring out the innocence of the

corporation, so the fee was abolished several years ago. The secretary of state's office renders many other "free" services, but it does right well in collections, too. Receipts for the current fiscal year are estimated at \$225,000. The appropriation to maintain the department for the year is \$67,554. This means the general fund will get a "profit" of some \$160,000 on the secretary of state's operations.

INCOMING—Charles Parker, director of the state advertising division, thinks North Carolina highway maps ought to show roads coming into the state instead of going out. He suggests that all maps showing interstate highways, instead of having those little arrows indicating the extension pointing to New York, or Cincinnati, or New Orleans and giving the approximate mileage, the arrows should point toward North Carolina and have the words say "from New York 500 miles" or whatever the correct distance may be. Sounds like a good idea, because the state advertising division is concerned with bringing people into North Carolina, not sending them out. It's a small matter and only difference in cost will be the ink required to print four letters instead of two. There are times when "to or from" makes a lot of difference in the psychological appeal. The tourist trip should not start in North Carolina, it should end here. North Carolina need not go to any place for superb scenery, historic relics or vacation facilities.

Whether or not Mr. Diener knows the mistletoe was overhead is an unanswered question but he seems to have no regrets for pausing at that particular spot on the floor. When I went in the bakery Monday night to get his permission to print the story he said, "Sure, go ahead and write it up. A man can't help it if he happens to stop under the mistletoe, can he?"

He continued, "And I'll tell you something else that would make a column: Greenville in the early morning before daylight. If you could put the picture on paper it would be interesting." If there's anything I appreciate it's column ideas, but I explained to Mr. Diener that there would be a slight delay on that one. As yet I haven't reached that stage of insanity. But you never can tell; some day I might get up at 4 a.m. to get column material.

Then we got back to the mistletoe. Mrs. Diener was laughing about my plan to put the story in the paper. Of all the people who were looking on at the time of the kissing she seemed to get the biggest kick from it. It was quite comical to see Mr. Diener there wiping off lipstick and blushing.

Those Legion waitresses are not only full of Christmas spirit, but they are highly efficient the year around. One day Wife Rachel and I were eating lunch there with a couple new in town. We were telling our friends about the good waitresses at the Legion.

That day all four of us ordered the same meal, which made it hard to keep the waitresses straight. After the waitress took the order I said, "Notice how she'll keep all of the plates straight." Yep, they'll do it every time! Teeny or Margaret (I don't remember which one it was) that day mixed up the plates. Never before or since have either of them done it, but I suppose they had to prove that my mouth is too big. And I thank you.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Dock
5. Asiatic native
9. Everybody
12. Poker stake
13. Prepare for printing
14. Turnover
15. Burglar's hideout
16. Annoyed
18. Go up
19. Dry
21. Regular
24. Philippine
25. Domesticates
27. Declares
30. High mountain
31. Small island
32. Indian mulberry
34. Commands

DOWN

1. Fill out needlessly
2. King of the West Saxons
3. Greek letter
4. Tall
6. Lukewarm
7. Malady
8. Siamese coin
9. Overdue debt
10. Sidelong glance
11. Put cargo aboard a vessel
17. Principally Italian family
18. Oppos
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PUBLIC FORUM

Discussing problems of interest to this community. In all cases names must accompany any communication.

Dear Reader:
I hope that each of you read the full account on the front page of the Sunday News and Observer headed "Parents Held Responsible." In Eugene, Oregon, because of crimes by teen-agers, the city has recently passed a law with fines

RUSTY RILEY



THIMBLE THEATER — Starring Popeye



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BLONDIE — By Chic Young



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Veteran Farmer Trainees' Banquet At Grimesland Important Affair

By CHESTER WALSH

Lloyd Whichard, an assistant veteran farmer instructor at Grimesland, was master of ceremonies. The district supervisor congratulated the Grimesland veterans for their progressive work. He pointed out, incidentally, the importance of improving agriculture methods and said the results of the Veteran Farmer Trainee program at Grimesland show that the school is doing a great work in adult education. "It will bring about much more profitable farming methods in the section," Stokes declared.

W. E. Little, agriculture instructor at Grimesland, in a review of the Veteran Farmer Trainees' class at the school during the past year, enumerated many of its achievements and said "the program already has demonstrated the value of adult education in the Grimesland community. Little used numerous witty anecdotes and sayings to make his interesting message more convincing.

Memories of the late Will Rogers America's famous "ambassador of good will" were revived when John Rouse, a member of the Grimesland Veteran Farmer Trainee Class talked informally of the value of the training students receive. He discussed nearly every farming problem, relating in his own inimitable way the specific value of the farmer training course to him. Rouse's talk was sprinkled with much wit and humor and he provided 15 minutes of information on "how to farm" the veterans' way and a period of entertainment that seldom comes from a speech. John Rouse made his debut last night as an "after dinner speaker," the audience indicated by its constant applause. His "ode to permanent pastures" was a gem.

Toastmaster Lloyd (Incidentally) Whichard recognized special guests in a welcoming and cheerful manner. They included Chester Walsh, reporter for the Greenville Daily Reflector, who pledged the paper's support to the school and the Veteran Farmer Trainee Class. J. A. Cashwell, principal of the Grimesland High School, who felicitated the veterans on their good work in the farmer training course and said, "We cannot overestimate the value of adult education in Grimesland or any other community."

W. Connor Eagles of Greenville, U.S. soil conservationist and one of the instructors of the Veteran Farmer Trainee Class at Grimesland, paid tribute to W. E. Little, agriculture instructor at Grimesland, for his leadership and other good work.

George Perry, music instructor at East Carolina Teachers College, delighted the audience with several piano selections of Christmas carols. Craven Hughes introduced him. Perry also was accompanist for the group singing of Christmas carols.

Rev. C. G. Nickens, Methodist minister, said the invocation. Elton Moore was Santa Claus and distributed gifts from a tree to all of the guests. Veteran farm instructors at Grimesland are Lloyd Whichard, John Lewis, Craven Hughes and W. Connor Eagles.

At the conclusion of the program a motion picture, "The Windjammer," featuring Bob Burns, was shown.

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Tapping Hudson For More Water

New York Dec. 20—(AP)—City officials ordered "full speed" today on plans to tap the Hudson River for 100,000,000 gallons of water a day to help out in the shortage which threatens to last for years.

The Hudson tapping project which normally would take a year to complete and cost \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000—is counted on to supply somewhat less than one-tenth of the city's normal consumption of well over 1,000,000,000 gallons a day.

Formal city, state, and federal authorizations for the undertaking are required.

The plan—announced yesterday—is to run Hudson River water into the Delaware aqueduct at Chelsea, about 15 miles south of Poughkeepsie. The water would be purified chemically at its source, and make completely safe by routing through reservoirs.

The water shortage—most critical in the city's modern history—has been brought about by an increase in population, expanded uses of water, outgrown sources of supply and continued drought.

Another Source Of Supply Ends For Bootleggers

Raleigh, Dec. 20—(AP)—State ABC Chairman Robert W. Winston apparently has succeeded in drying up another source of liquor for Tar Heel bootleggers.

Winston announced he was informed yesterday that Illinois is planning a crackdown on its distributors who have been supplying liquor to North Carolinians in this state's dry areas.

"It's the best news since Maryland," Winston declared. By that he meant the action taken by Maryland last July. The Maryland action, taken at Winston's request, prohibits Maryland wholesalers from sending liquor into dry areas of North Carolina. The Maryland regulation cut off a flow of some 25,000 gallons a month, Winston figures.

Winston said the invasion of Elton Moore was Santa Claus and distributed gifts from a tree to all of the guests. Veteran farm instructors at Grimesland are Lloyd Whichard, John Lewis, Craven Hughes and W. Connor Eagles.

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Happy To Learn Old 'Murder' Is Baseless Worry

Kansas City, Dec. 20—(AP)—An itinerant horsehoeer learned yesterday that a policeman he thought he killed 38 years ago is still alive.

"It's sure a load off my conscience to know that policeman didn't die," said 54-year-old Paul L. Lovey.

Lovey was brought here for questioning after he told Las Vegas, Nev., officers he had killed a Kansas City policeman January 24, 1914.

In checking Lovey's story, police took him to the Kansas City Star's library to read some 1914 newspaper clipping on a shooting. One of the clippings mentioned a Patrolman J. B. Merritt.

"That's the man I shot," Lovey explained.

"Well, you didn't kill anybody then," said Police Lt. Harry Nesbitt. "Merritt recovered."

Ladies Of Jail Prepare Revue

Los Angeles, Dec. 20—(AP)—An all-woman prisoner revue, the first in Los Angeles County jail history, is scheduled for Friday night.

The jailhouse jollities will feature Christmas carols, a pantomime written by an inmate, and assorted song and dance acts.

Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz had a preview yesterday and pronounced it a fine show.

"Good," said one of the girls, "how about our taking it on the road?"

Prisoners Paroled For Holidays

Raleigh, Dec. 20—(AP)—The Paroles Commission announced yesterday the paroling of 15 prisoners.

The announcement also stated that another 25 or 30 paroles may be signed in time for those affected to go home for Christmas.

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WASHINGTON LETTER

By JANE HARR

Washington—Sherry, a strawberry blond cat, curled peacefully asleep under the laden table. Mme. Van Kleffens, wife of the Netherlands Ambassador, slim and chic in black posed for pictures. We ate—Indonesian food. There was something called "fricadeel," a minced meat dish of ground beef spiced with cloves and nutmeg. With this was served a native salad spiked with one fresh hot pepper (if you want it hot) a stringbean and liver dish a spring onion and shrimp dish and eggs fixed with a soybean sauce.

I noted a lush gob of something on my plate that looked like raspberry jam. I helped myself to a spoonful. "Ouch! Oh, my tongue!" I moaned. This was what the hostess called "sambel," or "hot stuff" made of crushed hot peppers, combined with salt, a sort of fish paste and vinegar.

The luncheon, attended by about 30 women, including a number of diplomats' wives was by way of launching a book of recipes concocted by Mme. H. G. Wattimena, wife of the Indonesian secretary of the Netherlands embassy. Mme. Wattimena wrote the cookbook to raise money to rebuild a Christian church destroyed by wartime bombs in her native Amboina.

Setting for the interesting affair was the suburban home of Baroness D. W. van Welden Rengers, young and pretty brunet wife of the Netherlands trade commissioner for Indonesia. As Jean Striebinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Striebinger of Cleveland, she met her husband eight years ago in Geneva, where both were studying international relations.

Dainty little women in Indonesian dress served the luncheon on dishes given the Rengers by the baron's father and mother. Made in China in 1710 from a design sent over from the Netherlands by way of a sea captain, the original service was for 72 persons. The younger Rengers have one-half of the set, which they keep in a huge cabinet of fine nut wood.

The pattern, according to Baroness Rengers, is called "Lange Leise" which means tall lady. There are tall ladies, two of them, in Chinese costumes, in the deift plates' design. The china, together with exquisite Venetian glassware, was shipped to the young couple from Holland in 11 cases. They will get the rest of the set when they find room to put it.

NOTICE OF SALE

In The Superior Court
 State of North Carolina
 County of Pitt
 County of Pitt and Town of Winterville, Plaintiffs

Jesse Green and wife, Callie Green, Robert Green and wife, Lillian Green, Daniel Green and wife, Virginia Green, Matilda Lewis and husband, Chady Lewis, Henry Green and wife, Rosa Lee Green, Lewis Green and wife, Ella Mae Green, Thurman Green, Maggie Green, Besie Hines and husband, Roosevelt Hines, Bertha Moore and husband, Alonso Moore and heirs of Maggie Green.

Under and by virtue of the Judgment made and entered in the above entitled cause in the Superior Court of Pitt County, dated the 25th day of November, 1949, the undersigned Commissioner will on the 30th day of December, 1949, at 12 o'clock, at the door of the Courthouse of Pitt County, Greenville, North Carolina sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to the confirmation of the Court, the property hereinafter described located in the County of Pitt, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows:

One lot in the Town of Winterville on Tyson Street, being the old home place of Maggie Green and being more particularly described in that deed recorded in Book N-9 page 89 of the Pitt County Public Registry.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1949.

ROBERT BOOTH, Commissioner
 Nov. 29 Dec. 6-13-20.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

North Carolina
 Pitt County

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust executed by Thomas Knight and wife, Martha Jane Knight, dated the 10th day of November, 1948, and recorded in Book H-25, page 2, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and said deed of trust being by the terms thereof subject to foreclosure, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder

Second Largest Wheat Harvest

Washington, Dec. 20—(AP)—The agriculture department's final crop report yesterday covering 1949 wheat production showed the harvest was the second largest of record, 1,146,000,000 bushels. It was topped only by last year's volume.

Topping last year's harvest was a corn crop of 3,377,790,000 bushels—a volume only 8 per cent below last year's record crop and 21 per cent above average. The crop assured more than ample supplies of the feed grain to provide for a high level output of meats, dairy and poultry products.

The 1949 harvest included also record crops of rice, dry beans and pears, and big crops of soybeans, grain sorghum, tree nuts, cotton-tinted wheat, oats, flaxseed tobacco apples, peaches, cherries, hops, cranberries, sugarcane for sugar, and truck crops.

Smaller than average crops were reported only for rye, buckwheat, barley, popcorn, sorghum forage and silage, dry peas, cowpeas, sweet potatoes, apricots and maple products.

Average consumption of meat in America in 1948 included 63 pounds of beef, nearly 68 pounds of pork, and 14 pounds of veal, lamb and mutton.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of K. S. Woolard, deceased, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Greenville, or their attorney named below, on or before the 12th day of December, 1950, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned Administrator.

This the 13th day of December, 1949.

CLAY A. BURNETTE, Administrator.
 L. W. Gaylord, Jr., Attorney.
 Dec. 13-20-27 Jan. 3-10-17.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

Know all men by these presents, that whereas Cecil Worthington and Lloyd B. Patrick have for the past year been operating as a partnership the grocery business known as "Reliable Sea Food and Grocery" of Winterville, N. C. and whereas by mutual agreement the partners have agreed to dissolve the partnership and Lloyd B. Patrick has sold his interest to Cecil Worthington.

Now Therefore, be it known that Lloyd B. Patrick is no longer responsible for any debts of The Reliable Sea Food and Grocery store of Winterville and all persons dealing with said business are hereby notified that Cecil Worthington alone is responsible for all liabilities of said business.

This the 17th day of December, 1949.

LOYD B. PATRICK
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for cash at the court house door in Greenville, North Carolina, at noon, on the 19th day of January, 1950, the property conveyed in said deed of trust, and described as follows, to wit:

Located in Swift Creek Township near the Town of Grifton, North Carolina, and lying on the northern side of the old creek road, beginning 300 feet from an iron stake at the southeastern line of the colored school property, thence N 51-00 E 355 feet with the line of Lot No. 12 to a branch; thence with course of branch 100 feet, more or less; thence S 55 W 378 feet to the old creek road, thence with the road 100 feet to the beginning, being Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the J. C. Gaskins heirs subdivision as shown on Map No. 2 recorded in the Pitt County Public Registry in Map Book No. 4, at page 68.

The high bidder at said sale will be required to deposit 10 per cent of his said bid, pending confirmation of the sale, to show his good faith.

This the 16th day of December, 1949.

L. W. GAYLORD, JR., Trustee.
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Oratorical Contest Plans For State Are Completed

Raleigh. —Plans for staging the thirteenth annual American Legion Oratorical contest in the high schools of North Carolina have been announced by H. L. Swain of Williamston, Department Oratorical Committee chairman. Swain said that all preliminary arrangements have been completed and that the contest this year will eclipse all previous efforts in the State. It is estimated that 2,000 Tar Heel secondary school students participated in the contest last year.

Only students who are enrolled in high school during the current school year, are eligible, Chairman Swain said. Students participate in contests through County, District, Division and State competition under Legion sponsorship. The State winner is awarded a \$100.00 U.S. Saving Bond and an opportunity to participate in regional competition leading to a chance at the national title and a \$4,000 college scholarship.

The schedule of contests is as follows: Each school participating will select a representative to enter the County contest on or before February 20, 1950. County contests will be held between February 20-25. District contests February 27 to March 4. Division contests March 6-10. The State finals contest will be held at the Legion Club in Lexington, N.C., at 7:30 p.m., March 17, 1950, under direction of Chairman Swain.

Chairman Swain said that these contests are a National Americanism Activity of the American Legion. The subject used must be on some phase of the Constitution of

First Woman In Cabinet Position

Canberra, Australia, Dec. 20—(AP)—The anti-Socialist Coalition took control of Australia's government with a cabinet including a woman member for the first time in the Commonwealth's history.

Premier Robert Gordon Menzies, Dame Enid Lyons and 17 other cabinet ministers were sworn in yesterday by Governor-General William J. McKell, representing King George VI.

Dame Enid, widow of former Prime Minister Joseph A. Lyons and first woman member of the House of Representatives, became vice president of the executive council.

Known throughout Australia as a public speaker, broadcaster and champion of women's rights, she will preside at cabinet meetings when Menzies is absent.

Sworn in with Menzies were 13 members of his own liberal party and five members of the country party. They had campaigned successfully on the same anti-Socialist platform against the labor party which had controlled the government since 1941.

Arthur William Fadden, leader of the country party and a former Prime Minister, was sworn in as deputy Prime Minister and treasurer, next to Menzies in rank.

Arrest Man Who Pushed Foot In Stalin Picture

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Dec. 19—(AP)—A Prague man who pushed his foot through a picture of Joseph Stalin was arrested today, eyewitnesses of the incident reported.

The man was in a group of persons who alighted from a tram on Prague's national street. They dashed for the curb where workmen were preparing to hoist the picture in celebration of Stalin's 70th birthday Wednesday.

Witnesses said the police claimed the man's act was an insult to the head of a friendly state.

The man said he was in a hurry and stumbled through the picture, spectators said.

Colored News

The family of Mr. Richard Teel wish to thank both colored and white friends for their kindness and sympathy during his illness and death.—THE FAMILY.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gorham announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion, to Mr. Joe Ivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ivey, of Washington, N. C. The wedding will take place on December 26 at 5:30 at the home of the bride's parents.

Chiggers or red bugs usually live low to the ground near rotten logs or tree stumps or blackberry brambles.

Try Comic-Book Idea To Describe American Heroes

Washington, Dec. 19—(AP)—The State department has turned to the comic book technique to tell non-Communist Asia about American heroes.

Officials said today that an experimental order for 260,000 copies of a picture story series on great Americans is scheduled for delivery next month.

They will be sent to South Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam (French Indo-China) and Indonesia. The hope is that through hand to hand circulation information about the history and background of the United States will be spread widely in areas under strong Communist pressure.

The new series will include 32-page pamphlets on the careers of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Walt Whitman, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Carnegie, Jane Addams, Thomas A. Edison and George Washington Carver, the Negro scientist and educator. "Ordering is in the native languages.

Liberal Vote By Harvard Council

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 20—(AP)—The Harvard University Student Council voted 7-6 last night to ban discrimination for "color, race or nationality" in the membership of all college organizations.

The council also voted to ask the university to protest against the so-called loyalty oath required by the navy from candidates for Naval Reserve Officers' training.

Proponents of the anti-discrimination measure said adoption would make it possible to put into the charters of student organizations.

President Li Is Operated Upon

New York, Dec. 19—(AP)—China's acting president, Li Tsung Jen, was reported resting comfortably today, following an operation for stomach ulcers.

Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center announced after the operation yesterday that Li's condition was excellent.

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- Cocoanuts, lb. 7c
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Dissinger Has Early Start In Talent Hunt For Next Year's Baseball Team

Already Negotiating With Two Pitchers; Business Manager Blackiston Indicates Club May Change Its Name

Roy Dissinger, believing that most baseball clubs wait until too late in the year to start hunting good ball-players, is in South Carolina this week looking over prospective players for the Greenville 1950 entry in the fast Coastal Plain baseball league.

Business Manager Dallas Blackiston, here this week to make preliminary plans for the season, said yesterday that Dissinger, the Greenville, former Kinston hurler, has already been contacted by two pitchers who might be brought to Greenville.

Howard Aldershaw, a right hander in the Georgia State League, and Ray Keys, former Kinston hurler, have already been contacted by Dissinger. Aldershaw had a 10-6 record with an eighth place club in Georgia.

Dissinger will be on a constant vigil for good pitchers and other promising material when his baseball season in February, Blackiston reported.

The new business manager meanwhile, indicated that a change in the name of the Greenville team is in the making. The new operators feel that a more tangible name than "Greensies" can be found. Blackiston is currently gathering information on the early history of the city in hopes of finding a name with some historical significance.

Blackiston's duties here this week consists of looking into the 1949 club to determine how many of the old players can be kept here and how many positions will be vacated. "Right now we don't have any idea of what we have," Blackiston explained.

Won The Game, But Father Died

Columbus, O., Dec. 20—(AP)—A Columbus Linden-McKinley high school basketball player scored the winning field goal for his team last night unaware that his father, a spectator, died minutes before.

Arch J. Weber, 53, collapsed while watching son Johnny and his Linden-McKinley teammates play Arlington high. The elder Weber died of a heart ailment.

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Larger Audience For Bowl Games

New York, Dec. 20—(AP)—The football bowls expect to stuff some 70,000 more customers into their games Jan. 2 than a year ago giving them something of an all-time record bulge.

All four of the major post-season attractions—Rose, Sugar, Cotton and Orange Bowls—have found or built new seating space and are counting on crowd increases ranging from 2,000 to 10,000.

The Rose Bowl at Pasadena, granddaddy of this New Year's head-knocking business, is arranging for a turnout of 103,000 to see the game between unbeaten California and Ohio State's Big Ten champions.

This is some 10,000 more than usually cram the big California arena for the game.

The Cotton Bowl at Dallas, featuring Rice's southwest titlists against North Carolina's Southern Conference kinglys, has issued tickets for 75,500—a jump of 8,500.

Around 65,000, an increase of 5,000, are expected to attend the Orange Bowl offering at Miami. This is an inter-sectional clash between Santa Clara and Kentucky.

The Sugar Bowl hopes to squeeze at least 2,000 more people into the giant park at New Orleans so that 83,000 can see undefeated, untied Oklahoma tangle with Louisiana State, conqueror of three conference champions.

Mikan Stretches Scoring Lead Over Alex Groza

New York, Dec. 20—(AP)—Big George Mikan of the Minneapolis Lakers continues to stretch his scoring lead over Alex Groza of Indianapolis, National Basketball Association statistics showed today.

The Lakers' pivot man has tallied 651 points for a 23.3 average. Groza has 62 for 24.3. Both men have identical scoring percentages, hitting for 44.8 of shots attempted.

But Dick McHen of Waterloo leads in shooting percentage with 46.5. The Iowan is averaging 16.1 points a game.

Andy Phillip of Chicago is the top playmaker. He has 126 assists, followed by Jim Seminoff of Boston with 117 and Dick McGuire of New York with 104.

Groza has dropped in the most points in a single game, 43 against Rochester last month.

There were two Adamsons, two Urbans and two Fiaccos on the 1949 Syracuse University football team, but none were related. However, Jim and John Foley, junior backs, are

Sport Slants By Pap



Wily Wildcat... Pap

In his enthusiasm over the fine showing of the University of Kentucky's Wildcats which earned them a bid to meet Santa Clara in the Orange Bowl, Earl Ruby, sports editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, proposed Coach Paul Bryant for coach of the year honors and would name Quarterback Babe Parilli the sophomore find of the 1949 season.

Ruby is eternally grateful to Coach Bryant because he made the other Southeastern coaches quit laughing when the Kentucky football team was mentioned.

In raising Kentucky football out of the doldrums, Bryant established himself as one of the most capable young coaches in the game. The former Alabama star knows his football and knows how to handle

College And High School Basketball Standouts To Play Semi-Pro Cagers

The Stokes Clowns, a team composed of college and high school basketball standouts, will meet the Wendell semi-pro All-Stars in the Stokes high school gym Wednesday night at eight o'clock.

Team officials from both squads point to the encounter as a close contest. Wendell's charges, brandishing a record of 10 consecutive wins and no defeats for the season will be invading the court of a team which has played but one game together.

Monday Scores For Basketball

By the Associated Press
Oklahoma 67 CCNY 63
St. Johns 67 Wash. State 44
Syracuse 80 Princeton 48
Virginia 59 Gettysburg 57
Louisville 81 Denver 70
Ohio Wesleyan 75 Maryland 71
Manhattan 71 Connecticut 56
Seton Hall 62 New Mexico 44
Villanova 49 Loyola of Baltimore 45
Iowa 64 Notre Dame 62
Detroit U. 61 Hillsdale 48
Niagara 65 St. Francis (Bkn.) 58
Vanderbilt 49 Temple 45
George Washington 63 Washington & Lee 61
Michigan 54 N.C. State 46
Indiana 65 Oregon State 60
Utah 65 Lawrence 48
Cornell 78 Rutgers 46
Bowling Green 74 William and Mary 58

Oklahoma Quint Try New Tactics

New York, Dec. 20—(AP)—Oklahoma Coach Bruce Drake is a man who never uses the same basketball tactics from one year to the next.

Last night his team sprang a new revolving offense against City College in Madison Square Garden that broke a man loose for easy drive-in shots more than a dozen times. The Sooners won 67-63.

"Shocky Needy (his scout) and I have been working on it for a couple years," he said. "This is the first time it's come out so well."

In intricacy, the pattern rivals that of the sliding T of Oklahoma's Sugar Bowl football champions. Time and again, Playmaker Paul Merchant would start off the bewildering and cutting that the bewildered in good City College five, hitherto unbeaten.

"Merchant is just about the greatest ball handler I've coached," Drake said. The little guard scored 20 points and turned in an excellent floor game.

Only Two Losses

Wake Forest, Dec. 20—With the exception of Russell Batchelor, catcher, and Vernon (Precher) Mustian, crack relief pitcher, Wake Forest will have its brilliant squad intact for the 1950 baseball season.

The Deacons reached the finals in the national Championship tournament at Wichita, Texas, last spring before losing to Texas. They won 38 games and lost only 6 for the best all-around record in this institution's history.

Beginning Probe Of John Maragon

Washington, Dec. 20—(AP)—A grand jury delved today into the life story of fabulous John Maragon, the onetime immigrant boy who shined shoes, frequented the White House, and now is accused of lying to Senate investigators.

The government called nearly a dozen witnesses to lay the basis for a possible perjury indictment against the man who made a friend of President Truman's military aide, Maj. Gen. Harry Vaughan.

To Approve Rent Control Removal

Raleigh, Dec. 20—(AP)—Governor Scott is approving decontrol of rents at Charlotte, the governor's office reported today.

The governor's office said that a resolution from the Charlotte city council requesting lifting of rent ceilings there probably would be forwarded today to Federal Housing Expediter Tighe Woods with the governor's approval.

Bob Considine, New York sports columnist, was selected for the year's sports writing award.

Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns has passed and run well over five miles in four years of All-America football Conference play.

Wolverines 'Take' State Wolfpack On Home Floor

By The Associated Press
The question of whether N. C. State's basketball team could be taken" was answered today.

The Wolfpack, good as it is, can't match the speedy Wolverines took state into camp last night, 54-46, and on the Wolfpack's home floor at Raleigh, to boot.

All of which, of course, was small consolation to Southern Conference quintets, who have yet to prove that they, themselves, can turn the tables on State. And this they must do if the Wolfpack is to be denied its fourth conference cage title in a row.

State's defeat last night was especially bitter for Coach Everett Case, who all along had tabbed Michigan as the most dangerous foe on the Wolfpack card. Case, however, hadn't expected to see his tall team lose by blowing a 10-point lead, which is exactly what they did.

N. C. State held a 25-15 lead at halftime and apparently had the struggle well in hand. Then Guy Vander Kuy and Don McIntosh started grabbing the rebounds after intermission for the Wolverines and the complexion of the game changed fast.

Can Michigan do it again to the

proud Wolfpack? That question will be answered no later than tonight when the two teams meet again in State's new coliseum.

In the only other game on tonight's card, Duke travels to South Carolina for a tussle which counts in the circuit standings. No other games are carded for conference teams until after Christmas.

George Washington's Colonials nipped Washington and Lee's luckless Generals, 63-61, in last night's only intra-circuit clash.

Games In Farmville And In Grimesland

Interscholastic Athletic Association games last night saw the Eppees High girls defeat Farmville 13-12 in Farmville. The Eppees boys defeated their Farmville hosts, 45-22.

In Grimesland, the Winterville girls bowed, 12-10, to Grimesland, while the Winterville boys took a 30-26 victory over Grimesland.

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Cases Tried In Police Court Monday Morning

In Police Court Monday, Judge J.W.H. Roberts found Henry Smith, colored, not guilty of reckless driving.

Fred Worthington, colored, assault on a female, was given six months on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of \$25 and pay hospital and doctor's bills. He was placed on probation for two years.

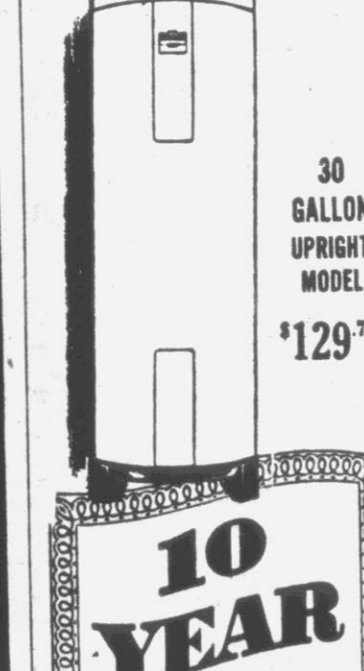
Reckless driving: Jerry W. Britt, \$15; Herman O. Baker, \$15. Leonard T. Johnson, colored, of Farmville, was given 18 months on the roads for shoplifting at Grant's store in Greenville.

Drunk: T. W. Rouse of near Winterville, 30 days in jail or pay \$15. Forrest E. Sprinkle, (and profane language), \$15.

52-Point Average

Wake Forest, Dec. 20—Although Wake Forest's basketball team has averaged 52 points per game, the Deacons find themselves without a victory in four contests to date. They have been beaten by margins of one, three, seven, and nine points, respectively in their first four outings. Quantico Marines provide the next test for the Deacons at Quantico, Va., Thursday night.

Costly Pet



Mrs. C. A. Outler fondles one of the 102 chinchillas which she and her husband have brought from California to their fur-raising ranch near Columbus, Ga., at a cost of nearly \$100,000. The little fur-bearers, which look a bit like rabbits, are almost worth their weight in gold. (AP Photo).

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By Tom T. Ness

Chapter 27
It was late in the afternoon when Fred Staley arrived at the city room to begin his daily stint of work.

"Last night," he said to his fellow newsman, "you promised to give me the low-down on your present assignment, which I suppose is the Daniels killing."
Hackett briefly reviewed the murder case, giving his colleague the highlights only.
Staley said: "So either a rare book or four thousand bucks was the killer's motive. What do you intend to do now?"

Hackett swung a leg over the corner of Staley's desk. "I'm driving to Plymouth by way of Squam Lake within the hour."
Staley laughed. "You're certainly a glutton for driving. Well, if there's anything I can do for you, Larry, let me know."
"Thanks, Fred," Hackett put his hand in his coat pocket and produced the rabbit's foot he had found in the antique shop. Toying with it, he said: "You might get in touch with Inspector Lavin when he gets back from Springfield tonight. Tell him to go to the antique shop and see Scott, who promised to talk. Also tell him to see if anything is hidden in a small chamber above the dial of an old grandfather clock that stands against the partition of the back room. The chamber is exposed when the clock door is open."

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"Well, Larry, cherchez la femme, as Inspector Lavin might say . . . if he were Leoco."
It was almost dark before he covered the intervening miles to Holderness. He drove through the village and brought up in front of a small hotel on the bank of Squam Lake.
"Is that you, Larry?" came from the dark parlor of the Out-Now Inn veranda.
"Yes," replied the newsman idling his motor.
"Well, Larry," the young newspaper photographer began, "when Fred Staley phoned me your message last night, I wondered how you expected me to snoop around Plymouth and The Eighth Gable without a car. I thought the matter over very seriously and decided to—"
"Go fishing," put in Hackett with a smile.
"Sure," grinned Andrews. "I rented a rowboat with a motor, and this morning I chugged up to the other end of the lake and anchored less'n a hundred feet off shore, near a shack. I had no sooner cast my line when Goldlocks herself came out of the shack to give me the once-over. She didn't know me, of course, so she went back in. After fishing there long enough so she wouldn't think I was just snooping, I chugged back to Holderness and it was then I got you on long distance."
"Suppose we cruise up the lake to the cabin, in your one-lung Le-viathan."
"Okay."
"Within two hundred feet of their objective the two prowlers abandoned the boat and made their way circuitously through the grove to the north side of the cabin."
"No talk from now on," whis-

pered Hackett. "Stay close to me so I can signal you when to leave."
A woman was seated on a studio couch near a window in the south wall, her face concealed by a newspaper she was reading. The light of the oil lamp gradually became dimmer. Suddenly dropping the newspaper to the floor the woman leaned toward the table and turned up the sputtering wick.
Andrews whispered: "What did I tell you! It is Florence Sayre."
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Proposes Borrowing \$5 Million To Meet General Fund Deficit

Raleigh, N.C., Dec. 20—(AP)—North Carolina's assistant budget director has recommended that the state borrow \$5,000,000 to meet a general fund deficit. Money from the general fund pays most of the state's expenses.

Assistant Budget Director D. S. Coltrane made the recommendation in a letter to Governor Scott yesterday. Scott is the state's budget director.

Coltrane pointed out that the deficit is of temporary nature and is certain to be offset when income tax returns start flowing in next March.

Coltrane said he arrived at the \$5,000,000 figure after conferring with Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw, State Auditor Henry Bridges, and State Treasurer Brandon Hodges.

The proposed loan probably will be negotiated sometime in January. It now appears, according to Col-

Christmas Music Christian Church

"The Christ Child," a Christmas music program, was presented at Eighth Street Christian Church Sunday afternoon before an overflow congregation. It was presented under the direction of Mrs. Herbert L. Carter. George Perry was organist.

Following is the program:
Organ prelude.
The voice of Him That Crieth—Ralph Sullivan.
The People That Walked in Darkness—Pat McLawhon.
Arise, Shine—Chorus.
Behold, a King Shall Reign—Pat McLawhon.
He Shall Feed His Flock—Women's Chorus.
The Angel Gabriel Was Sent—James R. Pittman.
Hail, Hail!—Ralph Sullivan.
How Beautiful Upon The Mountains—Mixed Quartet and Chorus.
My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord—Rosamond Minges.
Sing, O Heaven!—Chorus and Mixed Quartet.
Nativity (Adeste Fideles)—Chorus.
Organ Interlude.
O Little Town of Bethlehem—Chorus.
And There Were In The Same Country—Rosamond Minges.
And, Lo! The Angel of the Lord—Agnes Fullilove.
Fear Not—Pat McLawhon.
And Suddenly—Marguerite Wilson.
Glory To God In The Highest—Chorus.
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear—Chorus.
And It Came To Pass—James R. Pittman.
Let Us Now Go—Male Quartet.
Holy Night, Silent Night—Chorus and solo by Ralph Sullivan.
And The Shepherds—Marguerite Wilson.
Praise The Lord—Chorus.
The following singers participated on the program:
Sopranos—Mrs. J. D. Wilson Jr., Mrs. Hoyt Minges, Mrs. Joe Lupton, Mrs. A. D. McArthur, Mrs. H. G. Haney, Mrs. James Briley.
Alto—Mrs. K. A. Whitley, Miss Agnes Fullilove, Mrs. Elmo Savage, Mrs. Earl Kittrell.
Tenors—James Ray Pittman, Herman Gaylor, Ralph Sullivan.
Basses—Robert Moye, Pat McLawhon, Robert Gaskins.

Continued Mild

Mrs. Carl Malden, local weather observer, reported today that temperatures in the Greenville area Monday ranged from a high of 67, to a low of 52 degrees.

Official cross-country weather bureau records of the temperature for the 24 hours ending at 7:30 a. m.:

	Max.	Min.
New York	54	38
Washington	74	51
Detroit	38	36
Denver	54	13
Mobile	73	46
Little Rock	67	57
San Francisco	50	43

Old Pumper Is Again Repaired

A spokesman for the Greenville Fire Department reported today that one piece of fire fighting equipment which has been sidelined for the past several weeks, because of a faulty starter and improper brakes, has now been put back into service.

The piece of equipment, an old pumper, which firemen stated as having given trouble for the past years, recently had to be pulled, and pushed to two fires. The first time was to the big warehouse fire some two weeks ago, the second time for the fire at the Greenville water and light plant. It took the truck some twenty minutes to reach the fire at the plant because of the faulty starter and locking brakes.

The truck, which was purchased in 1922, has been repaired so that it will be useable if it is needed, firemen stated today.

Parts for the old truck can not be found, and makeshift repairs have to be made to the truck to keep it in operating condition.

N. C. Lost 'Corn War' But Set New Harvest Record For State

Raleigh, Dec. 20—(AP)—North Carolina lost the corn war to Virginia. But the Tar Heel state harvested 35 bushels per acre—a state record.

Virginia's yield was placed at 47 bushels an acre in the season's final estimate. The estimate was released yesterday by the federal-state crop reporting service, whose figures were used in deciding the winner of the contest.

The contest was based on the biggest improvement in harvest per acre compared with the average harvest per acre during the 10-year period from 1937 through 1946.

North Carolina, in the season's final estimate by the service, produced 75,565,000 bushels of corn this year. This exceeds last year's harvest of 69,006,000 bushels by 10 per cent and tops the 10-year average by more than 42 per cent.

The state's highest yield average prior to this year was 31.5 bushels an acre in 1947.

Virginia, in harvesting 47 bushels an acre, increased its average over the 10-year period by 19.2 bushels.

North Carolina's average yield for the base period was 21.8 bushels an acre, and its gain 13.2 bushels. For both states, this year's yields represent an increase of four bushels over last year.

The outcome of the contest had been anticipated by earlier forecasts. However, a drought in Virginia gave Virginia a greater lead than predicted a month ago.

The corn war began last February on a challenge by Virginia's Governor William M. Tuck. Governor Tuck accepted on behalf of Tar Heel farmers.

Virginia officials will receive a large trophy donated by the National Fertilizer Association, at a luncheon in Richmond, December 29.

Truman Appears In Good Health After Vacation

Key West, Fla., Dec. 20—(AP)—President Truman flew back to Washington today from a three-week Florida vacation.

He took off from the nearby Boca Chica airport at 8:44 a. m. (EST) on a flight estimated at from three to four hours.

He was in fighting trim—except for the waistline—to do battle in Congress for his "Fair Deal" and stump for it in the 1950 Congressional elections.

Tanned, relaxed and cheerful, he looked in good health in spite of the "hay window" which apparently was of less concern to him than to his physician, Brig. General Wallace H. Graham.

Mr. Truman is going down the line in his "State of the Union" message for virtually every measure Congress denied him last year.

The measures include civil rights proposals—topped by the fair employment practices bill—the National health program, expanded social security and additional power and reclamation projects, among others.

Aides emphasized there will be no "turning back" from the course he advocated in his 1948 speechmaking campaign and that he is ready to take the stump again next year to help elect candidates to Congress who think along his lines.

Final decisions are yet to be made on whether to seek elimination of war-time excess taxes and to advocate higher taxes on profits to offset them and attempt to balance the budget for the fiscal year starting next July 1.

Mr. Truman has called a full-scale cabinet session at the White House for 10 a. m. Thursday to dis-

Oil Stove Flares Up Damaging One Room

An oil stove flared up in a house occupied by Charles L. Seamer yesterday afternoon and did moderate damage to one room. The house is located in back of the Railway Express Office.

The stove filled the room with smoke. Firemen, for a time feared the entire house might be on fire. Firemen used the booster line from the small truck to battle the blaze.

Poultry and Eggs

Raleigh, Dec. 20—(AP)—(NCDA) Fryers and broilers steady at 22-24. Eggs weaker; A large 42.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, Dec. 20—(AP)—Mild selling pressure depressed prices in the stock market today by fractions to around a point. There was nothing serious enough in the offerings to cause declines of any magnitude in major groups of securities.

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Cases Tried In County Court At Today's Session

In Pitt County Recorder's Court today, Judge Dink James found John Williams, colored, guilty of simple possession of non-tax-paid whiskey after Solicitor Charles Wiebbee had agreed to this plea instead of as charged in the warrant. The court gave Williams 60 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of \$25, costs deducted.

Frank Peaden pleaded guilty of issuing two worthless checks. He was given 90 days on the roads, sentence suspended on condition that Peaden pay the checks by January 16.

Leroy Pittman and Jack Cherry, both colored, pleaded guilty of larceny. The court gave them four months on the roads, suspended on condition that they work regularly and support their families and pay costs. Pittman was ordered to dispose of his car.

Willie Williams Jr., colored, pleaded guilty to larceny and the court gave him four months on the roads, suspended on payment of \$25, costs deducted. He was placed on probation for two years.

Non-support: John Johnson, colored, and Karasko Jackson, colored, both cases continued.

Abandonment and non-support: Theodore Brown, ordered to pay \$15 by Friday and catch up on his payments within two weeks.

The case against Alonzo Cooper, colored, charged with reckless driving, was dismissed after the prosecuting witnesses, Ascyer Savage and George Fleming, failed to appear.

Toney Waller Jr., colored, convicted of speeding, lost his driver's license for 10 days.

Vandals Sought For Car Damage

Police today quoted Raymond Fleming, colored, 1810 South Greene street, as saying that vandals damaged his automobile, parked on Albemarle Avenue, last night when he attended a theater.

Fleming told police that when he returned to his car both license plates had been bent over, that the glass on a rear door had been smashed and that the windshield wiper was damaged. Police are investigating.

Order Arrest Of Drivers Who Delay Firemen

BY CHESTER WALSH
The police department has issued orders to the officers to strictly enforce the law requiring vehicles to clear the way for the fire trucks when answering a fire alarm.

Hereafter warrants will be issued against motorists who clutter up the path of fire engines and delay arrival at a fire.

Warrants also will be sworn out against motorists who crowd too close to the scene of a fire and hinder firemen in their work.

Police Chief Lester D. Page said the law requires all vehicular traffic to go to the curb when fire equipment is passing.

Another order to the police is to hold parents responsible for damage caused by their children shooting air rifles in the city. Numerous complaints have been made to police about boys breaking window glass in various buildings with air rifles.

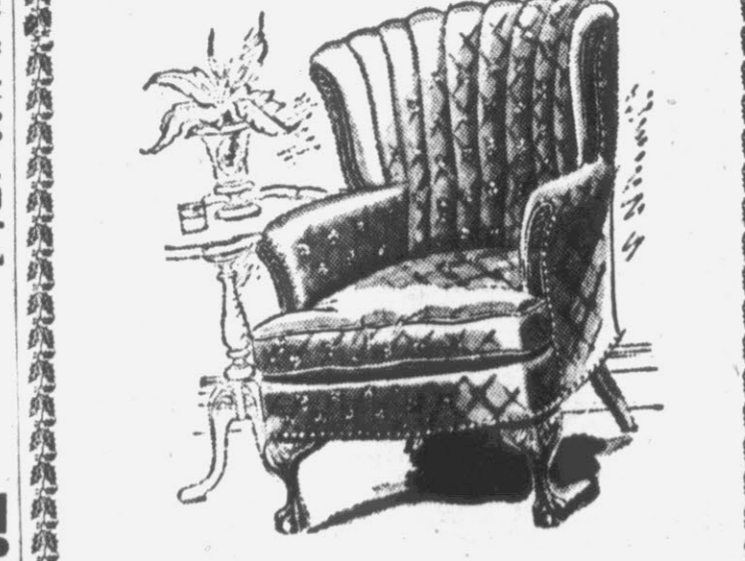
Chiggers usually are not found in hardwood groves, and thus oaks or elms are better spots for picnic grounds to avoid these insects.

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Heavy Fighting In Chengtu Area

Hong Kong, Dec. 20—(AP)—Heavy fighting was reported south of Chengtu today by the Chinese central news agency.

A government dispatch said Nationalist troops repulsed attacking Communists in the battle. The action reportedly took place in a triangular area of southwestern China below Changtu, recently abandoned as the Nationalist capital.

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then the picture began to change rapidly. Now under the thumb of communism are: China, Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Soviet Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Northern Korea and Eastern Germany.

The population of the world is about 2,264,000,000. Of that total one in every three—or about 777,000,000 people—is living under communism.

So, as the second half of the century opens, the first big question to be faced is this: Where will communism push next?

The Western European countries, backed by the United States, stand as a bulwark, at least for the time being, against any Communist desire to move west to the Atlantic Ocean.

And in China the Communist government of Mao Tze-tung would seem to have its hands full for a while in straightening out affairs in China which it has just taken over.

But the southern fringe of Asia, not now Communist, may look like a reasonably soft touch to Stalin and Mao Tze-tung for the next move.

Along the southern edge of Asia are four countries with a total population of around 461 million people: India, 400 million; French Indo-China, 27 million; Thailand, 17 million; Burma, 17 million.

With pressure from Communist China, and from Communists within those countries, the last three—Indo-China, Thailand, Burma—might seem good spots for a push. At least Stalin and Mao Tze-tung will probably consider the problem while standing around the birthday cake.

India, with its vast population, may seem too big a nut to crack any time soon. But the point is: Since Communists look ahead 50 years or 100 years or any number of years, the two well-dressed men in Moscow are probably having some very interesting talks which will affect all of us.

Propaganda . . .

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Shek's Nationalist fold. Untold millions of China's people are lowly folk who aren't politically conscious. They are interested in an ideology which fills the stomach. Nobody yet has given them what they want.

It's seven years ago this Christmas season that I had a long talk in Chungking with General Chou En-Lai, then Communist Liaison dip-

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