

Weather Report
Little change in temperature today and tonight; lowest temperature tonight near 38 degrees. Temperatures today—Highest, 45, at 3 p.m.; lowest, 38, at 6:30 a.m. Full report on page A-2.
Fuel oil consumption should be 77 per cent of allowance for period ending January 4.

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FIRING SQUAD EXECUTES DARLAN'S ASSASSIN

President Signs Bill Lifting Tax On Institutions

Restores Exemption To Property of D. C. Non-Profit Groups

President Roosevelt has signed the bill restoring to the District tax-exempt list non-profit institutions here, the White House announced today.

The bill would restore to the exempt list hospitals, charitable, religious, educational and scientific institutions declared taxable by the Commissioners within the past two years.

A committee of local officials appointed by the Commissioners went over the exempt list in December, 1940. They issued a series of decisions holding that properties with a total value of approximately \$25,000,000 were not legally entitled to the exemption heretofore granted them, under a strict interpretation of District statutes. The taxes that would be payable if total valuation from all the institutions would be \$450,000.

Backed by McCarran, District officials, however, felt that about half of the properties they declared taxable should have the exemption restored by clarifying the old exemption laws. With this in view a measure, rewriting the old laws, was introduced in the Senate.

The Senate District Committee, after extensive hearings, decided the exemption definitions favored by the Commissioners were too narrow. They were re-drafted into the McCarran-Hunter bill, quickly approved by both House and Senate.

Local officials informally contend the bill in final form, restored exemption to all of the properties they held to be taxable, and made possible additional exemptions.

The Board of Trade, through its Municipal Finance Committee, supported the McCarran bill. It pointed out that, since District officials themselves advocated restoring exemption to about half the affected properties, the revenue involved in taxing the remainder would be \$225,000 a year out of an annual income requirement of \$600,000.

The Commissioners made a last-minute effort to narrow the scope of the bill in several respects, but without success. Among the provisions to which the Commissioners objected was too broad were the restoring of exemption to religious study houses, as distinguished from churches, and allowing institutions to retain on the exempt list their surrounding land owned on July 1, 1942.

Congress stipulated, however, that if any such land later is sold, instead of being used for institutional expansion, back taxes would have to be paid, up to a limit of 50 per cent of the profit from the sale.

Granting another point opposed was the exemption to buildings of organizations engaged in administration, co-ordination and unification of activities, locally or otherwise, of institutions or organizations entitled to exemption.

Old Laws Too Narrow. Up to now exemptions have been governed by a series of old statutes passed at various times. The local officials who made the recent survey took the position that the definitions in some of these old laws were not broad enough to justify the exemption heretofore extended to some hospitals, charitable homes and headquarters of religious societies.

'V' Sign Leader Calls For Chalked '1918's To Taunt Germans

By the Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 26.—"Col." Britton, the BBC broadcaster who led the "V" sign campaign which nettled the Germans for months, advocates now the use of the symbol "1918" to taunt the Nazis.

"Col." Britton urged his listeners in German-occupied countries last night to chalk up the figures on walls, saying they would be a "reminder to the Germans of their tradition of defeat."

Public Co-operation Asked by Camalier to Speed Oil Deliveries

Says Consumers Should Turn In Coupons as Quickly as Possible

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.) Renah F. Camalier, newly appointed consultant to Whitney Leary, District OPA rationing officer, said this afternoon, after conferring with national OPA officials, that he planned to seek increased public co-operation in his task of solving Washington's fuel oil problem.

"The oil situation in Washington is very desperate," he said. "It calls for co-operation from both the public and the Government to meet the situation and prevent suffering."

His conference today was with assistants to Leon Henderson, price administrator, with whom he recently discussed the fuel oil problem at length.

Manpower Shortage. He revealed that his reaction to today's conference was that there was some friction in the District which slowed down deliveries and caused the present confusion. He said he had learned that there was a lack of manpower and womanpower, both in the offices and on the trucks.

One object, Mr. Camalier also reported, will be to urge consumers to turn their fuel oil coupons over to the dealers from whom they buy immediately after they are freed from rationing boards.

"I am told the reluctance of the public to write the numbers of their rationing sheets upon each coupon and to send them to the dealers has slowed deliveries by at least 40 per cent," he said. "Delay in doing this puts that much more work on the truck driver."

He added that he knew of one company in the District that had eight trucks idle today because it was unable to get drivers for them.

U. S. Flyers Bag 12 Japs to One On China Front

Don't Need Road To Supply Air Force, Says Chennault Aide

By NELSON M. SHEPARD. Back from the air front in China, Col. Merriam C. Cooper, chief of staff to Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, the former Flying Tiger, disclosed today that members of the China Air Task Force are shooting down 12 Jap planes for every one they lose in combat.

American air power is on the "up and up" from China to North Africa, the veteran flyer said on his return to Washington after visiting various fronts around the world.

Col. Cooper declared an Allied air force large enough to whip the Japanese China could be maintained easily without the necessity of re-taking the Burma road by being supplied by air cargo planes.

Land Forces Need Burma Road. That is the situation affecting the aerial warfare, he pointed out, but in the case of supplying the land forces, he said the reopening of the Burma road would be a great help.

The combat score of the China task force is considerably less than the 20-1 maintained by the famous American volunteer group which Gen. Chennault commanded in China before its transition into the American volunteer group which he now leads.

Col. Cooper explained that by his praise of the P-40 he did not mean the China air task force would not be glad to get any other planes.

Referring to the air fronts around the world he has recently visited, Col. Cooper said American air power is still lacking in vision to win the war, but is improving and looking "better everywhere."

"We are beginning to be an efficient fighting force and as a Nation we are doing a hell of a good job," he said. "That is my feeling impression—that everything is running smoothly and we seem to be doing better in every theater of war."

Cities Plane Development. The development of air transportation, Col. Cooper said, has been one of the great achievements of this war and is really improving by "leaps and bounds." A year from now, he predicted, it will seem fantastic when the record of air transportation is realized.

Col. Cooper, who mentioned only incidentally his own part in the activities of the China task force, spoke repeatedly and enthusiastically about the amazing record and personality of Gen. Chennault. "It is a pleasure to be in the theater of war and I am anxious to get back," he added.



TAKING ORDERS FROM YANKS, NOW—German flyers, captured in the North African offensive, pose for Signal Corps Photographer Lt. Robert Longini at Fedala, French Morocco

Old Gangland Feud Probed as Motive In Chicago Slaying

Tavern Owner Found Murdered, Apparently Dumped From Auto

By the Associated Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Possible motives of trouble with remnants of the Capone mob or of robbery were investigated by police today as they hunted the slayer of Robert E. McLaughlin, 42, cafe owner whose brother was killed in a gang feud 12 years ago.

McLaughlin's body, with three bullet holes in the head and neck, was found on the North Side yesterday. Police said it apparently had been thrown from an automobile. His large automobile was found yesterday afternoon a short distance from his tavern which had been closed since a fire damaged it December 13.

Police said they learned McLaughlin had lived in fear of attack since his brother, Eugene (Red) McLaughlin, an ex-convict, was shot and dumped into a drainage canal in 1930.

Robbery was considered a likely motive after police learned Robert McLaughlin, intoxicated and displaying a large amount of money, was seen in taverns a few hours before his death. Only \$1.05 in coins was found in his pocket.

Police Lt. Thomas Sheridan said a woman had told him McLaughlin had been in the company of two men. His body was found at 8:25 a.m. Police indicated they knew the identity of the men and would question them.

Police weighed conflicting reports as to whether remnants of the Capone mob were involved in the slaying. McLaughlin was president of the Checker Cab Co. in the turbulent years between 1926 and 1931. A week after he assumed the presidency, his predecessor, Joseph Wokral, was slain.

Joseph, last survivor of the three McLaughlin brothers, is a Municipal Court bailiff. He said he could offer no motive for the killing and knew of no enemies of his brother.



This German officer wears an expression of displeasure as he is photographed by Lt. Longini. Note American flag on the lieutenant's sleeve. These are being used by the natives may easily distinguish Americans.

Nazis Acknowledge Argentine Request On Envoy's Immunity

No Action Indicated On Protection Waiver Asked by Court

By the Associated Press. BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 26.—The German government acknowledged through its Embassy today the receipt of the Argentine Supreme Court's request that Capt. Dietrich Niebuhr, Nazi Naval and Air Attaché here, waive diplomatic immunity protecting him from appearing in court to answer charges of espionage which resulted in the sinking of several merchant ships in the Atlantic.

The German disclosure did not indicate whether the request would be heeded. Capt. Niebuhr figures in charges before the court as a suspected recipient of information allegedly delivered to the German Embassy concerning the movements of ships which called at Argentine ports and later were sunk.

Presumably, if the German government refuses the request, the Argentine government's only alternative would be to declare Capt. Niebuhr persona non grata. Argentina and Chile are the only two Latin American countries still keeping diplomatic relations with Germany.

It also was disclosed that the congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities was preparing legislation aimed at preventing funds from being made available by foreign representatives to Argentine publications deemed by the committee to be in the service of Nazism or Falangism.

Flying Fortress, In Death Dive, Fells Nazi Plane

By the Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 26.—Although falling fast in its final, steep death dive, a Flying Fortress which was reported missing after the raid last Sunday on Romilly-sur-Seine was disclosed today to have taken one more Nazi fighter with it.

Staff Sgt. Jack D. Snell of Sedalia, Mo., told interrogation officers of the 8th United States Air Force about it after returning from the same raid.

"Four forts were flying in close formation under incessant attack," Sgt. Snell said. "Finally, the rear plane started downward in its final, steep dive."

"Closing in to make sure of the kill came an enemy Focke-Wulf 190."

"I saw the top turret gunner spin his guns into position and open fire. All of a sudden the Hun came apart in the air. I guess it was the last gun the fort fired."

Flying Forts Blast Big Jap Merchantman, Damage 3 Small Craft

Planes Make First Flight From Guadalcanal Under Direction of Navy

Army Boeing Flying Fortresses, making their first flight from Guadalcanal to Rabaul, scored three direct hits on what was thought to be a large Japanese transport and several near-hits on three small cargo ships, the Navy announced in a communique today.

A force of Japanese fighter planes took off from Rabaul but did not attack the American bombers. This important Japanese harbor, 560 miles from Guadalcanal, often has been attacked by Army planes operating from the Australian command, but this is the first time that planes under the Navy command have participated in the bombing of Rabaul. Rabaul is in the Bismarck archipelago.

Three Direct Hits. The raid occurred December 25 (East longitude time). While they were certain that three direct hits were made on the big vessel, the flyers could not definitely ascertain that the target was a transport and said that it might have been a cargo ship.

Rabaul, next to the Island of Truk, is regarded as probably the most valuable Japanese base in this area of the Pacific. It is from Rabaul that the Japanese have launched many of their raids on the Solomons.

French Council Meets to Name New Leader

Allied Officials Pay Tribute to Admiral's Funeral

By the Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 26.—Reuters reported from Algiers that a firing squad this morning put to death the 22-year-old assassin of Admiral Jean Darlan, quickly carrying out the sentence of a court-martial.

The assassin previously had been scheduled to face the firing squad at dawn.

CBS Correspondent Charles Collingwood also reported to New York that the sentence of death had been executed.

Mr. Collingwood said Admiral Darlan's funeral was held with considerable military ceremony this morning and was attended by the highest Allied officers, including Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Mark W. Clark, who stood with Mme. Darlan around the casket after the services in the Algiers Cathedral as American, British and French troops marched past.

"The body, which had lain in state in the fort of the government palace, was moved into a chapel where it now lies, he said. The name and motive of the assassin as yet were uncertain. He was described, however, as French nationality with an Italian mother still living in Italy."

ALGIERS, Dec. 26 (AP)—The 22-year-old assassin whose bullets cut down Admiral Jean Darlan on Christmas eve was scheduled for swift execution today as the imperial council named by Darlan was called to choose his successor as high commissioner of the French African colonies.

The Morocco radio said all five surviving members of Admiral Darlan's imperial council would be present at the meeting to pick a successor. They are Gen. Jean Marie Bergeter, Gen. Henri Honore Giraud and the three Governors-General of French North and West Africa, Yves Chatelet of Algeria and Auguste Nogues of Morocco.

Police powers in French North Africa were taken over yesterday by Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, French military commander now regarded as one of the possible successors to Darlan's political leadership in the colonial empire.

The consequences of this violent removal of Admiral Darlan, former Vichy collaborationist, whose assumption of African colonial leadership brought bitter protests from divided French factions and other quarters, still were unclear. It appeared, however, that the way now was open for greater unity among the French fighting beside the Allies.

Bergeter Calls for Unity. Gen. Jean Marie Bergeter, close associate of the dead admiral, urged all Frenchmen to unite "for the only fight that counts—the liberation of France."

French justice move almost instantly to punish the assassin. At 6 p.m. it was possible to report that Admiral Darlan's death, the court-martial sentenced him to death. The young killer, when at first he believed his attempt had failed, said: "I am sorry I missed my mission. Then, when informed Admiral Darlan had died, I said: 'So much the better, you may kill me now.'"

Mexican Ratification Of Finance Pact Hailed

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Thomas W. Lamont, chairman of the International Committee of Bankers for the Mexican debt, yesterday sent a telegram to President Manuel Avila Camacho of Mexico and to Finance Minister Eduardo Suarez expressing appreciation for that country's ratification of a new financial agreement.

Late News Bulletins

Germans Condemn 25 French for Sabotage

LONDON (AP)—Reuters said the Rome radio broadcast a report today from Paris that 25 Bretons had been sentenced to death by a German military tribunal at Rennes, France, on charges of committing sabotage.

Axis Regains Tunisian Hill

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Enemy units strongly attacking a British Guards Brigade regained the crest of a hill in the Medjes-El-Bab area of the Tunisian front yesterday, Allied headquarters announced tonight.

Winant Returning Home To Talk With Roosevelt

By the Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 26.—John G. Winant, United States Ambassador to London, has gone to the United States for a brief visit, during which he will consult with President Roosevelt. It was made known today.

Eire Faces Anxious Future, De Valera Warns Nation

By the Associated Press. DUBLIN, Dec. 26.—Prime Minister Eamon De Valera, in a Christmas night broadcast, told Eire it must take every precaution to meet dangers "and we cannot but look into the future with anxiety, but there is no reason why we should look into it with dread."

Four Civilians, 2 M. P.'s Hurt in Night Club Fight

By the Associated Press. GREAT FALLS, Mont., Dec. 26.—Four civilians were wounded by bullets and two military policemen were beaten in an affray last night at a night club.

Wife Denies Killing Mate Day Before Child Is Born

By the Associated Press. WARE, Mass., Dec. 26.—As her 17-day-old baby sat in a nurse's arms a short distance away, Mrs. Beatrice Bouvier, 28, calmly pleaded innocent in District Court today to a charge of murdering her husband, Rudolf, 32, on December 8, the day before their child was born.

7 Ship Sinkings Claimed In Nazi 'Routine' Report

By the Associated Press. BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), Dec. 26.—A DNB broadcast said today that U-boats had sunk seven merchant ships, totaling 40,000 tons, in the Atlantic, including a fully-laden 7,000-ton tanker en route to North Africa.

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Allied Gains Reported Near Tunis, British 8th Army Captures Sirte; Hull Lauds Darlan for Aid to Allies

Calls Slaying Cowardly; Asks For Co-operation

By BLAIR BOLLES.
Secretary of State Hull today called the assassination of Admiral Jean Darlan "an odious and cowardly act" and said that the admiral had been "of incalculable aid to the Allied army in the battle which still is raging" in North Africa.

Speaking in response to questions made at his press conference, Mr. Hull emphasized the need for looking ahead to the next phase of the African war.

The Secretary of State dropped a strong hint that all available French leaders co-operate in assisting the United Nations in the conduct of the African battle, which he said, "is still at a crucial and critical stage."

Cites Need of Support.
Mr. Hull gave point to his reply by permitting it to be quoted, he said.

"The all-important consideration is that we be not diverted for a moment from the supreme objective of the United Nations in the present battle against the Axis forces for control of the African continent and the Mediterranean. This battle is still at a crucial and critical stage. The fullest measure of unified support is needed by Gen. Eisenhower and his associates (Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander in North Africa).

"Of Admiral Darlan, it may be repeated that the part he played in North Africa related primarily to the military situation and was of incalculable aid to the Allied armies in the battle which still is raging. His assassination was an odious and cowardly act."

No Word on De Gaulle.
The Secretary of State emphasized the "military situation" served to defend the admiral's actions, which he did not take certain political steps in North Africa such as releasing political prisoners.

Mr. Hull said he had no definite information that would illuminate the incident, report that Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the fighting French, is going to visit the United States.

Gen. de Gaulle opposed the Allied co-operation with Admiral Darlan, but it is expected that he will work with Gen. Giraud, the most likely choice as Admiral Darlan's successor as French military leader in North Africa.

**McCarran Is Praised
For Hospital Campaign**
A resolution from the Randle Highlands Community Association commending Chairman McCarran of the Senate District Committee for his efforts to obtain additional hospital beds for the District, will be referred today to the Health Committee of the Federation of Citizens' Associations.

"I personally feel that Senator McCarran is doing a wonderful thing," Harry S. Wender, president of the Federation declared. "I have no doubt that the Federation is as strongly in favor of more beds in hospitals as it was a year ago."

In February, it was recalled, the Federation called for the construction of at least 1,000 additional hospital beds in the District. The demand at that time came from Dr. Charles Campbell, chairman of the Health Committee.

Mr. Wender pointed out that there was a particular need for additional beds in obstetrical cases. He declared that the shortage of practical nurses—and even of maids and cooks—made impractical the suggestion that maternity cases be allowed to remain in hospitals only five days.

The resolution referred to the committee today was passed by the Randle group in November. It also urged an investigation of the possibility of a hospital on the eastern side of the Anacostia River. The Anacostia Citizens' Association, which is asking for a hospital on that side of the river, also has submitted its resolution to the Federation, it was understood.

**One Killed, Two Injured
In Virginia Auto Crash**

By the Associated Press.
ORANGE, Va., Dec. 26.—Everett Wheeler, 43, of Boyd Tavern was killed and his two companions injured last night when the automobile in which they were riding went out of control on Route 15, 3 miles south of here, and crashed into a tree. They were en route home for the holidays from Baltimore.

The injured men, Elmer W. Dabney and Irving J. Proffitt, also residents of Prince Georges County, were taken to the University Hospital at Charlottesville.

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Allied Troops Closing Rapidly On Buna Mission Area Forts

Australian War Cabinet Weighs Plan
To Send Added Militia to Sector

By the Associated Press.
MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 26.—A mixed force of Australians and Americans was rapidly closing in today on two sides of Japanese fortifications in the Buna Mission area of New Guinea.

Australian dispatches from the front said the Australian-American force now has constructed a bridge across Senemi Creek, after securing their hold on the new flying strip, and had knocked out some of the forward Japanese positions along the old flying strip across the creek.

This mixed force, clearing the Japanese from their forward defense positions, had to clean up big pillboxes, mortar emplacements and machine gun nests.

American engineers, less than 30 minutes after the crossing of the creek, were laying stout planks to bring ahead light Gen. Stuart tanks after nine big Japanese pillboxes guarding the approach to the bridge site had been destroyed and after a 10th, which put up longer resistance, had been nearly surrounded and its evacuation forced.

Meantime, the Australian war cabinet debated an important step to make more Australian militia available for use outside home territory.

Following an interstate parley of the labor party, the cabinet was expected to approve a proposal of Prime Minister John Curtin to extend the use of militia to the new fighting areas in the South Pacific.

The expected change in the present law follows Curtin's warning to Parliament December 10, that the British headquarters announced to eject the Japanese from their island bases at Timor, northwest of the important North Australian city of Port Darwin.

**British Push Deeper
Into Burma, Repulse
Japanese in Clashes**

All Land Operations
Regarded Merely as
Small-Scale Probing

By the Associated Press.
NEW DELHI, Dec. 26.—Further slight penetration of Burma by British troops was indicated by a headquarters communique today, which told of an unsuccessful Japanese effort to recapture positions in the Chin Hills area, about 110 miles northeast of Akyab, but which military officials discounted the latest clashes as minor.

The Chin Hills run along the Indo-Burmese border, considerably north and slightly east of the Arakan area where inconclusive patrol activities have been going on for some time. Observers regard all current land operations in Burma merely as small-scale probing and say that air operations remain the most important factor in that theater.

The Chin Hills battle was said to have developed two days ago when the Japanese tried to dislodge British patrols from positions they had previously captured. Both enemy frontal attacks were reported to have been thrown back with losses.

The defenders laid down a cross-fire on the first attempt and then repelled flanking attacks with losses to the enemy on both occasions, the communique said.

RAP bombers and fighters yesterday smashed at Japanese aircraft on the ground at Toungoo airfield, struck an oil tank at Chauk and railway trucks on a siding at Kyaukpadaung, shot up buildings at Akyab, strafed locomotives and a train near Monywa and hit a large river steamer and other craft on the Chindwin.

Patrol action continued in the Arakan border area, north of Akyab, the communique said.

The four authors are Second Lt. Daniel E. Kelley of Waco, Tex.; Second Lt. George A. Young, jr., of Westwood, Mass.; Second Lt. Jerome M. Goldsmith of Atlanta, and Corp. John F. Tom of Leakey, Tex.

The other two, mentioned from time to time, are Second Lt. Erich Downs of Dallas, Tex., and Pvt. Hubert H. Holmes of Denver, Colo.

Battle for Africa Advancing Close To Final Grips

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—Allied forces were reported by the Algerian radio today to have spearheaded forward to within 12 miles of Tunis, one of the Axis' two main citadels in Tunisia.

Only advanced elements were mentioned by the broadcast, which had no immediate official corroboration, and there were no details of where the Allies had struck.

To have advanced within 12 miles of Tunis on the main fighting front the Allied forces would have had to throw the strongly entrenched enemy out of Tebourba, which is 20 miles west of Tunis, and then have penetrated 8 miles further to at least the outskirts of Djedida, which their advance columns held briefly after their first quick thrust into Tunisia.

As an alternative, however, an Allied column might have swung in from the south to within a dozen miles of the capital, avoiding the main Axis defenses which their troops might have been dropped far ahead of the main Allied advance.

This gain, another indication that the battle for North Africa was coming to final grips, coincided with the British headquarters announcement in Cairo that the 8th Army has occupied Sirte, on the Mediterranean coast about 210 airline miles east of Tripoli, in the westward chase of Marshal Erwin Rommel across Libya.

Hammering Axis Rear Guard.
The communique said British forces still were hammering enemy rear-guard units covering the withdrawal.

Action on the Tunisian front also was reported by the Italian communique to be "more intense" but it said Axis forces "beat off and repulsed enemy elements, thus consolidating positions which have been violently contested for during the last few days."

The Morocco radio said the Allied port of Algiers had a fourth air raid against it today but only slight damage and "not many casualties" were caused.

The Morocco radio said Allied forces advancing from Fighting French territory at Lake Chad in equatorial Africa into Southern Libya were continuing to make progress in a threat to Marshal Rommel's southern flank.

These forces, mostly Fighting French, were last reported in the Fezzan oasis area.

Marks 180-Mile Advance.
Sirte fell to the British yesterday, marking a 180-mile advance in pursuit of the retreating Africa Corps since the start of the campaign. Montgomery launched his offensive at El Agheila.

Meanwhile, on the Tunisian front of the North Africa battleground, an Allied force held its position on a height 6 miles northeast of strategic Medjez-el-Bab, about 30 miles south-west of Tunis, beating off a series of enemy counterattacks over muddy ground.

The British communique announcing the fall of Sirte said there were no important air operations over the south area, but that two heavily laden barges sailing southward off the coast of Tunisia and a railway near Sousse were "successfully attacked by our fighters."

One Allied plane failed to return from these attacks.

Winter rains slowed the fighting in the Tunisian area, but Allied-French units in the Kairouan and Pont-du-Fahs sectors of Central Tunisia were reported to have advanced 180 miles.

At the same time, the British reported that they had captured 100 prisoners and 100 machine guns in the Tunisian area.



Fuel Oil Price Ceiling Will Go Up .3 Cent A Gallon Tuesday

Camalier Is Assigned
By Henderson to Iron
Out Situation Here

The retail price of fuel oil will be increased 3/10 of a cent a gallon beginning Tuesday, local fuel oil dealers said today after Price Administrator Henderson's office authorized this boost in the ceiling price.

Meanwhile, Renah F. Camalier, prominent local attorney and former counsel to the Senate District Committee, was appointed consultant to the District OPA rationing officer and assigned the specific task of solving Washington's confused fuel oil problem.

Announcement of the appointment followed a conference yesterday between Mr. Camalier and Mr. Henderson.

Declaring he would try to get local fuel oil dealers together and work out the snarled oil situation, Mr. Camalier said his new OPA assignment would not necessitate his withdrawal from the \$200,000 gas rate increase case now in District Court, in which he opposes the OPA as consultant counsel for the Washington Gas Light Co. He pointed out that he will receive no pay for his OPA work.

Plans Conference Today.
"I am simply being asked by Mr. Henderson to act as consultant in the local situation where he feels he should have closer contact," he said, adding "I guess he wants a little local color."

Mr. Camalier revealed he has had local problems, regarding the hearing of the case now in District Court, in which he opposes the OPA as consultant counsel for the Washington Gas Light Co. He pointed out that he will receive no pay for his OPA work.

Granted to Aid Dealers.
In authorizing the increase, applicable to all the Eastern and Midwestern States in the rationed area, Mr. Henderson explained it was being granted "to defray additional costs being incurred by dealers as the result of emergency contingencies."

Dealers here have complained since the rationing program began that their operating costs have been greatly increased by additional clerical work and frequent deliveries of small amounts of oil required under the rationing plan. Several operators have threatened to quit the fuel oil business unless given some form of relief from the extra expense.

Coincident with his announcement of the raised ceiling on fuel oil prices, Mr. Henderson outlined a six-point program for dealers which he said would "contribute substantially to expediting fuel oil rationing."

Six-Point Program.
He suggested that dealers: 1. Urge and participate in pooling of delivery equipment and facilities. 2. Ask customers to advise promptly the total amount of their rations and to deposit their coupons with dealers. 3. Give customers full information on rationing. 4. Advise customers to order in reasonable anticipation of needs and to report only actual needs. 5. Insist that customers write coupon sheet serial numbers on all coupons before depositing them with the dealers. 6. Handle all orders regardless of whether they are from old or new customers as long as fuel oil supplies are available.

Appeals to Consumers.
In announcing the oil price increase, Mr. Henderson said to the consumers, particularly those who heat their homes with fuel oil: "It should be thoroughly understood—and I cannot emphasize this point too much—that the Government cannot heat homes. That takes oil. Our supplies of oil are limited because petroleum is of the very highest importance to our country."

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Feeding of AEF and Allies Makes Big Dent in U. S. Larder

One-Third of Bacon, 20 Per Cent of Beef,
16 Per Cent of Eggs Are Sent Abroad

By the Associated Press.
Feeding the fighting men overseas and putting some food on the tables of our needy Allies has sliced deeply into the Nation's domestic larder this year, a checkup on America's food-stuff shipments for 1942 revealed today.

To the average housewife, confronted with many a shortage on her shopping trips, it meant she was giving her neighbors across the seas approximately the equivalent of one-third of her bacon and other pork products, one-fifth of her beef and veal, two out of each dozen eggs, and an ounce from each pound of butter and cheese and a small glass from each quart of milk.

Russia, Britain Get Most.
And the fact that one of the boys—or girls—was "over there," eating with the neighbors couldn't prevent that from meaning smaller portions for the folks at home.

Government buying for lease-lend shipment to our Allies and for the armed services took just about those proportions from food available for civilians in 1942. Some of the lease-lend food was made available to our soldiers stationed abroad.

There are shortages of other foods in this country but factors besides shipments to our Allies and purchases for the armed services figure in them.

Lease-lend shipments have gone principally to Russia and Great Britain, including shipments to Malta, the British forces in North Africa and garrisons at other points around the world. Food has been or soon will be sent to North Africa for the civilian population.

Concentrated Foods Sent.
In the World War, 65 per cent of food shipments were grain and grain products. Today, we have a surplus of wheat but the shipping situation calls for less bulky, highly nutritive foods.

From April, 1941, through last September, shipments were divided as follows: Dairy products, 16 per cent; pork products, 24 per cent; grains, 20 per cent. The remaining 40 per cent includes eggs, fruits, vegetables, fats, oils, lard (not included in pork products), canned fish and vitamin concentrates.

It is difficult to break down Government purchases between the armed services and lease-lend. Then, too, figures on shipments or purchases can be misleading. Both lease-lend and the military authorities must build up reserves of foods in warehouses in advance of shipments, in order not to keep vessels waiting. Hence, some purchases may never leave the country.

Here, however, are some figures on actual deliveries to shippers in 1942 (all figures in pounds):
Butter, 8,440,117; cheese, 246,688-161; dried eggs, 107,061,596; shell eggs, 2,589,120; dry skim milk, 104,387,325; evaporated milk, 303,644-4.

(See FOOD, Page A-3.)

**De Gaulle May Sound
Unity Call if Giraud
Succeeds Darlan**

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—Gen. Charles de Gaulle may formally declare himself for unity among all pro-Allied French elements if Gen. Henri Giraud is appointed successor to Admiral Jean Darlan as head of French North Africa, persons familiar with the Fighting French leader's policies said last night.

Gen. de Gaulle, one of those who disapproved most strongly the arrangement by which the assassinated French admiral took over the African colonial leadership, remained silent on Darlan's slaying and on possible developments his death may bring in re-Allied French circles.

Effect Debatable.
In Bern, dispatches said, some Frenchmen regarded Admiral Darlan's death as clearing away a principal obstacle in the path of Gen. de Gaulle's followers. They said, however, that much apparently depended on the identity and motives of the assassin, and that it was possible the act might even widen the division among French elements.

In one broadcast the Germans attributed the assassination to the British, and Paul Schmidt, head of the foreign press section of the German foreign office, was quoted by the Vichy radio as saying: "When two allies such as America and Britain can only settle their political differences by murder we cannot but rejoice."

At Dakar, French West Africa, given over bloodlessly to the Allies through Admiral Darlan's influence, news of the assassination saddened many supporters of the French admiral who had warmly welcomed him on a visit several weeks ago.

Glassford Sees Boisson.
Associated Press Correspondent Joseph Morton said in a dispatch from Dakar that Vice Admiral William Glassford, head of the special United States Army mission now in Dakar to develop its facilities for Allied use, called on Gov. Pierre Boisson, French West Africa Governor, to express condolence.

German broadcasts sought to make capital of the assassination, using it in an effort to create a rift between Americans and British.

Berlin broadcasts said the Paris press was unanimous in charging the British intelligence service with responsibility for Darlan's death.

The admiral's dying words, unreported from any other source, were said by the Nazi-controlled Paris papers to have been: "There is nothing more for me to do. Britain has reached its objective."

The Paris press was quoted by the German radio: "Darlan died as the victim of two imperialisms which face one another in North Africa. His death should be a lesson to all Frenchmen who believe they can reach a compromise with the egoistic Anglo-American peoples."

The German radio said that Darlan's assassination caused a "profound sensation" in Madrid, and quoted the newspaper ABC as saying that his death "simplified the African problem as far as the British were concerned."

Russians Attack Retreating Nazis In Mid-Don Drive

Big Stalingrad Plant Captured; German Losses Mount

By EDDY GILMORE,
Associated Press War Correspondent.
MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—Russian columns pressed their many-headed drive in the middle Don area relentlessly today as the heels of retreating Nazi legions and struck a smashing blow within Stalingrad itself, where one of the largest factories was occupied after 500 Germans had been killed, the Soviet midday communique said.

Two preceding communiques, one a special war bulletin and the other a regular statement of the Soviet war position, told of advances near Kotelnikovski, southwest of Stalingrad, and in the Caucasus near Nalchik, and detailed a lengthy summation of German war equipment which had been destroyed or had fallen into Russian hands.

Red Army troops in the middle Don area have captured 49 settlements and railway stations, as well as dozens of populated points, and the offensive was pushed into the Ukraine at two different locations, it was reported.

The first drive was southwest of Kantemirovka, the railway station on the Rostov-Moscow line which was recaptured December 19. The latest dispatches put the advance guards in that area at the Ukrainian village of Markovka.

Move on Railway.
The second was southwest of Millerovo where the Russians appeared to be moving on the Millerovo-Voroshilovskaya Railway. The first drive could be headed toward Kharkov and the second possibly might advance toward Donbas, the coal-rich lower Donets River valley.

The midday war bulletin told of the occupation of another village in the Millerovo-Kantemirovka section during last night's fighting with about a battalion of 800 Axis troops wiped out in the engagement.

"In another sector, a Soviet detachment penetrated behind retreating German columns and took 560 prisoners," it added. "They captured 14 guns, 35 machine guns and cars with military supplies."

The Russian drive in this area had flanked Millerovo and penetrated into the eastern border area of the Ukraine, on the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Ukraine as a State in the U. S. S. R.

Col. Gen. N. F. Vatutin's troops were moving in ever-smaller semicircles about Millerovo.

One column had advanced to Grekovo, just 10 miles west of the railway center and less than 10 miles from the Millerovo-Voroshilovskaya railway. Ten miles north of Millerovo, the Red Army recaptured Malchevskaya.

Fight Hand to Hand.
There has been hand-to-hand fighting in Stalingrad for dugouts, and machine-gun emplacements. In last night's clashes the communique reported that 19 blockhouses and 57 dugouts were destroyed by Russian troops and that men in one unit, encircled German groups, killed about 500 of the enemy, and occupied one of the largest factories, capturing a store of guns, grenades and cartridges.

More enemy resistance was noted southwest of Stalingrad where for two weeks the Russians have been attempting to storm into Kotelnikovski. Here, in one sector, 600 Germans were killed and 30 tanks were disabled, and in another a village was taken after a battalion of infantry and 10 tanks was routed, the communique said.

A night-long battle for one village on the several occupied by the Russians southeast of Malchik, in the Caucasus, was reported.

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RUSSIANS OPEN FOURTH OFFENSIVE—A Caucasus offensive by the Russians was reported yesterday and three other Soviet drives continued. Red forces drove Nazis back 12 miles in the Caucasus, taking towns of Alagir and Ardon (4), southeast of Nalchik. Premier Stalin stated Russia would regain the Ukraine and two drives there squeezed Millerovo (2), but 130 miles from Kharkov, and endangered a million Germans in Don-Volga region (3) west of Stalingrad. The Soviet Army in Rzev-Velkie Luki area on central front (1) continued slowly despite German counterblows. Broken line shows farthest advance by Germans by December, 1941. Solid line depicts farthest German advance by December, 1942.

—A. P. Wierpho

Pennsylvania Amish Smallpox Epidemic Spreads to Children

Two New Cases Found In Neighboring County; 1,200 Vaccinated

By the Associated Press. LEWISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 26.—Physicians fighting an outbreak of smallpox among Amish farmers in the Kishacoquillas Valley intensified a vaccination program today after they reported the disease, previously confined to adults, had spread to children.

Seven children have contracted the disease, along with 20 adults previously reported. Two of them live just beyond the valley in Huntingdon County, whereas the disease had been confined to Mifflin County previously. All the new victims were of pre-school age and unvaccinated.

Dr. H. E. Miller of Belleville, principal community in the area which has been quarantined and placed under State guard, said he and two other physicians already had vaccinated 1,200 men, women and children, and hoped to reach 1,000 more in a few days.

Vaccine Rushed to Area. A thousand more tubes of vaccine have been ordered by special mail from Philadelphia, while doctors make the available supply do double duty in order to vaccinate as many as possible in the shortest time.

State health officials are giving assistance in the vaccination program. Dr. S. J. Dickey of the State Department of Health said no reports had been received from other areas visited by a woman from Ohio, who is suspected of having carried the disease to an Amish wedding party attended by 235 guests. The woman since has returned home.

The Amish minister's wife who visited the Mifflin County settlement became ill with smallpox upon returning to Ohio last month, he asserted. An Amish minister's wife who visited the Mifflin County settlement became ill with smallpox upon returning to Ohio last month, he asserted.

The woman was in good health when she left Ohio. Dr. Markwick declared, and might have contracted the disease in Pennsylvania. Three other members of the Ohio community subsequently became ill with the disease.

Conditions in Dublin Altered Greatly by War

Great changes have been wrought in Dublin, Ire., since the war started. Bicycles are as popular as ever, automobiles scarce. The visitor sees peat and wood fires, none of those who use gas for lighting are doomed to a winter of candles, as the gas is turned off early in the evening. The streets are still electrically lighted, but illumination is subdued. The cupboards are beginning to look bare. The stores are well stocked, but prices are high, and some foods, bacon for example, are getting extremely scarce.

The bakeries still have plenty of frosted cakes and pastries, and crowds patronize the cafes for coffee on Saturday mornings as much as in pre-war days.

Parade Hails Arrival Of U. S. Troops

Auckland, New Zealand, has been particularly zealous in welcoming Americans on their arrival and in entertaining them afterwards. A great parade was held, with Americans at the head, outside the Town Hall. Thousands of citizens lined the streets.

Maj. J. A. Allum has welcomed every officer of rank on arrival and has entertained senior officers at dinner with local guests. These official welcomes have been supplemented by an unusual amount of private hospitality.

Researchers to Develop New Army Rations

The appointment of a Subsistence Research Projects Board to develop new food products and rations for the Army was announced today by the War Department.

Col. George F. Doriot, QMC, was named chairman, and Col. Paul P. Logan, QMC, vice chairman and military adviser. Other members are Col. Roland H. Isker, QMC, head of the Subsistence Research Laboratory, Chicago; Prof. Bernard E. Procter, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston; Dr. Ancil B. Keys, University of Minnesota; Gerald A. Fitzgerald, Dover, Del., and Miss Mary I. Barber of Battle Creek, Mich., special consultant to the Secretary of War.

Police Academy to Hear Child Delinquency Talks

Lectures on District juvenile delinquency problems will be added to the curriculum of the Police Academy, Maj. Edward J. Kelly, superintendent of police, announced yesterday.

To familiarize Washington police with latest methods in handling the problem, Dr. Leonard M. Dub of the University of Chicago will speak on the subject when the next academy class convenes January 4, Maj. Kelly said.

Dr. Dub is in Washington at the present time conducting neurological examinations of selected juvenile delinquents. Miss Genevieve Galloway of the juvenile court will also lecture before the Police Academy. Her lectures will include "Facts About Juvenile Delinquency," "Child Guidance" and "Mental Diseases."



PARTY GIVEN HOMELESS MEN—Gifts of socks and candy, distributed by (left to right) Miss Eleanor Steele, Miss Lorraine Dyer and Mrs. Harvey V. Prentice, were part of an entertainment given for 200 homeless men at the Gospel Mission Home yesterday. Dinner was served about 1:00 of the men at noon.

Lt. Frazier Curtis, 24, Dies in Plane Crash After Gunner Bails Out

Army Flyer Was Son Of Former Assistant Secretary of Treasury

Lt. Frazier Curtis, 24-year-old son of James F. Curtis, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Mrs. Laura Curtis Gross, crashed to his death at Meridian, Miss., Wednesday after keeping his plane high enough for his gunner to bail out, friends here learned last night.

The youthful pilot, who was studying to be a lawyer before he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in July, 1941, is next to the youngest of four sons and daughters of the socially prominent Washington family.

His mother, who is now married to a vice president of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., was a leader in Washington society from her debutante days here, and was once mentioned for District Commissioner. She was founder of the exclusive 1925 F Street Club.

According to friends, Lt. Curtis met his death while returning from a dive-bombing demonstration at Port Sill, Okla., to his home base at Waycross, Ga. Lt. Curtis' plane had just taken off from the Meridian Field when the Curtis plane ran into trouble.

Lt. Curtis fought to maintain enough altitude for his gunner to jump to safety. By the time the pilot was able to set the controls and jump himself, however, the plane had lost too much altitude. The parachute did not open in time.

Lt. Curtis was due to go on furlough when he returned to his base. He was to have met his mother in New York for Christmas.

Since her marriage to the steel executive in 1938, Mrs. Gross has been living in Bethlehem, Pa. Her home at 1925 F street, N.W., where she lived until her children grew up, was long a society meeting place. When she decided to move to New York, the home was turned into a club.

Those who had been guests at the Curtis home became members of the club, which in 1935 was incorporated as a permanent organization.

Lt. Curtis' older brother, James Curtis, Jr., who was in business in New York, is now also in the Army Air Forces. His older sister, Mrs. George H. Bostwick, is the wife of the noted polo player, "Pete" Bostwick. He is also survived by a younger sister, Miss Pauline Curtis.

Lt. Curtis was graduated "cum laude" from Harvard University in 1940. Before his enlistment he attended Yale Law School. He received his flight training at Parks Air College, St. Louis; Randolph Field, Tex.; Arlington Field, Tex., and Savannah, Ga.

Murray Assails Nazis For Massacre of Jews

Philip Murray, president of the CIO, yesterday condemned "the massacre of Jews and of civilians of all nationalities where the Nazi war machine has entered" and pledged redoubled efforts for victory.

"In answer to this mass horror now being inflicted on our brothers and sisters in Europe, we pledge, in the name of humanity, to redouble our work for the utter destruction of Nazism and all its legions of military advisers. Other members are Col. Roland H. Isker, QMC, head of the Subsistence Research Laboratory, Chicago; Prof. Bernard E. Procter, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston; Dr. Ancil B. Keys, University of Minnesota; Gerald A. Fitzgerald, Dover, Del., and Miss Mary I. Barber of Battle Creek, Mich., special consultant to the Secretary of War.

War Plant Guard Dies From Stab Wounds

GREENCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 26.—Charles Kilgore, 39, a guard at a defense plant, was stabbed to death Christmas Day, it was disclosed today.

State Policeman J. A. Walsh of Chambersburg said Mr. Kilgore worked until midnight Christmas eve and returned home, where there was a Christmas gathering. He said Mr. Kilgore apparently was stabbed between 3 and 4 a. m. and was taken immediately to a Hagerstown (Md.) hospital for treatment. He returned to his home a few hours later. Policeman Walsh said Mr. Kilgore's wife found him dead in bed about 11 a. m. Christmas Day.

Sixth Robbery In Two Years Irks Druggist

Harry K. Babbitt, owner of Babbitt's Drug Store at 1106 F street N.W., said today he was "plenty tired" of having his establishment broken into by thieves.

On opening the store this morning after a closed Christmas Day, Mr. Babbitt found four cash registers and a safe rifled and more than \$300 stolen.

He said it was the sixth time the store has been robbed in little more than two years. Four months ago the place was entered and more than \$1,000 taken.

"This time," said Mr. Babbitt, "they got in through a basement window on Eleventh street."

He said the loss was not covered by insurance.

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Caucasus offensive, brought victory after a flank attack. The war bulletin said the Germans had transformed the town into a powerful defense center.

The battle continued throughout the night, the midday communiqué said. "The Germans stubbornly defended the approaches to the village and each street and each house."

300 Germans Killed. "The guardsmen made a detour and broke the enemy's resistance in the flank. Three hundred Germans were killed. Our men captured six German tanks, 21 guns, 14 tractors, 28 machine guns, 600 rifles and large quantities of cartridge shells and mines."

More counterattacks in the Velikie Luki sector of the central front west of Moscow were reported repulsed with the killing of 200 Germans.

An advance of 15 miles in the strategic Kotelnikovsk sector southwest of Stalingrad, the recapture of scores of additional villages in the middle Don drive, a three-day push of from 15 to 18 miles in the Caucasus southeast of Naichik, and continued successes on the Velikie Luki-Rzhev battlefields west of Moscow were recounted in the latest series of Soviet communiqués.

Soviet sources did not cite comparative figures, but said that Russia now has regained more territory than was won by Soviet troops in the entire winter offensive last year.

Middle Don Toll 106,000. In the middle Don drive alone 14,500 Germans were reported killed or captured in yesterday's fighting, bringing the toll in that offensive to 106,700, counted as 57,000 slain and 49,700 taken prisoner.

An advance southeast of Stalingrad followed a 13-day battle during which the Russian communiques daily spoke of Axis troops making bitter tank-supported counterattacks, with temporary successes, in an attempt to avoid encirclement.

The communiques said that eight villages were taken in the eight-mile push and that during the fortnight of fighting in that area the Axis had lost 9,000 men, 300 tanks, 268 planes and 160 guns.

The official Soviet war bulletins also listed 2,000 Axis troops slain in the Naichik area since December 22 and more than 1,000 killed in two days' battling west of Rzhev.

Airmen in Solomons Blast 24 Jap Planes At Munda Base

U. S. Flyers Usher in Yuletide by Pounding At Enemy Barges

American airmen in the Solomons ushered in the Yuletide by blasting 24 Japanese planes at Munda, knocking out aircraft batteries there and pounding barges attempting to land reinforcements and supplies.

Two raids were carried out on the day before Christmas, the Navy said in a communique yesterday, by planes operating from Guadalcanal, 170 miles from the new Jap air base at Munda on New Georgia Island.

Fourteen enemy planes were shot down and 10 destroyed on the ground in the first raid, without damage to our own planes. "Weak" anti-aircraft fire met the Americans but was quickly silenced by strafing, the Navy said.

On a return trip, the Americans bombed the barges and the airfield, the latter from "low altitude in the absence of any enemy resistance."

The Navy acknowledged that four of the barges succeeded in landing. Destruction of the 24 planes brought Jap losses at Munda to 38 or more planes in a series of raids over 14 days, against the known loss of two American planes.

Fuel Oil (Continued From First Page.)

armed forces in the kind of war we fight. In the 17 Eastern States, supplies are very strictly limited.

"No one who uses heating oil should therefore assume that because the mechanics of the rationing system are flexible that there is any comparable flexibility in the oil supply. We may set the dates of the rationing validation forward."

"Every consumer of special provisions for meeting emergencies, so far as the mechanics of the rationing system are concerned, but none of these things produce more oil. In fact, some of them are, in effect, a means of borrowing against the future, and that future is not bright."

"So when the coupon date is set forward as it has been in the 30 rational States, I hope no one interprets that to mean that we have suddenly discovered new supplies of oil. Every consumer of special provisions for meeting emergencies, so far as the mechanics of the rationing system are concerned, but none of these things produce more oil. In fact, some of them are, in effect, a means of borrowing against the future, and that future is not bright."

Baltimore Mayor Urged To Request Water Loan

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Engineering consultants of the city advised Mayor Howard W. Jackson to ask the City Council to approve a \$6,000,000 loan under the emergency powers of the city charter for use in augmenting the water supply of the municipality.

City voters defeated a proposed \$32,000,000 water loan in the general election last November.

Butterflies Over Britain

Swarms of white butterflies extending for several miles were seen over England recently.

Rommel Is Whipped Completely by Allies, Gen. Andrews Says

American Commander In Middle East Hails British Organization

(The following dispatch from Dewitt Mackenzie, written in Cairo after his visit to the African battle front, was delayed in transmission. Since it was filed Mr. Mackenzie has resumed his tour of the Eastern war zones and is now in Palestine.)

By DEWITT MACKENZIE. CAIRO, Dec. 22 (Delayed)—Lt. Gen. Frank M. Andrews, commander in chief of American forces in the Middle East, assures me that while it will take hard fighting to oust the Axis from Africa, Field Marshal Gen. Erwin Rommel has been so thoroughly whipped he no longer is a menace to Egypt and the Suez Canal.

Now, opinions on war are a plaster—dozen these days—and that's a cent. However, I repeat Gen. Andrews' estimate because this famous fighting man, among Uncle Sam's most distinguished soldiers, exhibits a solidarity that inspires confidence in his views.

I'm not the only one who feels that way, for I understand he has created a most favorable impression since he assumed command here a few weeks ago.

Picture Encouraging. "Everything in the general picture is very encouraging," he told me in his quiet but direct and positive way.

"Rommel has been given a hard trouncing. He never again can come back into Egypt. I couldn't even imagine it. He has been licked."

I asked Gen. Andrews how long he thought it would take to finish the job by driving the Germans into the sea.

"I wouldn't want to make that prediction. Rommel must be annihilated—made to stand and fight—or rendered impotent by having his supplies cut off."

"I wait until you get all set to strike him and then pull out. He's clever at it, but he's playing a dangerous game. Let him slip once and the Allies will get him."

Battle of Supplies. "We can render the Axis helpless both in this theater and in Tunisia by cutting off their resources from the continent. This is a battle of supplies, and we must blockade the Axis so they can't carry on. We can do it because we have superiority in the air and on the sea."

I caught Gen. Andrews at his headquarters just as he arrived from a two-hour conference with the British War Council. He obviously was tired, for it was the end of a long day. He looked, however, every inch a soldier. Those three silver stars on his square shoulder set off to advantage his handsome shock of iron gray hair. Presumably he still had the conference on his mind, for he remarked: "The British have a wonderful organization here in Egypt."

I jumped at that opening head first. "Tell me how we are getting along with our Allies here," I said.

"Do Americans and British like each other? Are we developing a friendship which promises well for that vital post-war co-operation? Now if those questions embarrass you at all let's just forget them altogether, because I don't write propaganda for anybody. I'm looking for a candid opinion."

Get Along Fine. "I'm glad to answer," he returned, "because I like the British, and the two forces are getting along fine together."

"We are getting to know each other. Our Allies like plain talk and so do we, and that's all to the good. They're brave and they're thorough. I'm a great admirer of the British organization. There's lots we can learn from them."

I was glad to get this estimate from Gen. Andrews, because it has been my observation here and in Britain that the two forces are making an honest effort not only to understand each other, but to cultivate friendship. There certainly seems to be a much more cordial spirit exhibited on both sides than there was in the last war.

Veterans Sent Home. "The commander and I fell to discussing the development of our air force in this theater. One point brought out was that the diversity of fighting, involving as it does not only operation against sea communications, but work over desert and all other types of terrain, is a wonderful school for war warriors."

Gen. Andrews said that in due course veteran officers would be sent home for instructional purposes. Thus our young recruits will get the benefit of the wealth of experience gained here.

I asked how far our forces would be developed in this theater. "That depends on the future," he said. "Our mission is clear cut—to drive the Axis out of Africa."

Baboons Raid Farms. Deprived of their normal food supply by mountain fires, baboons raided farms and gardens near Capetown, South Africa. Potato growers were the chief sufferers, and many garden plots were destroyed. Gardeners asked the authorities for protection.



CONTROLLED JUMP—A United States Marine paratrooper dangles from a cable after making a controlled leap from a 250-foot tower. Conditions similar to those in an actual jump are experienced.

Mrs. Jennie D. B. Moton Funeral Rites Tomorrow

HAMPTON, Va., Dec. 26.—Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie D. Booth Moton, widow of Dr. Robert Russa Moton, former president of Tuskegee Institute, will be held at Memorial Church at Hampton Institute tomorrow. She died Wednesday at the Dixie Hospital after an illness of five weeks.

Mrs. Moton was a special field representative of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. In that capacity she traveled throughout nine Southern States, working with white and colored farming groups to better agricultural conditions in the region.

Last October she was appointed consultant in home nursing for the Red Cross. She was a former president of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Burial will be in the historic Hampton Institute Cemetery, beside the grave of Dr. Moton, who was commandant at the Virginia school for several years before he succeeded Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee Institute in 1916. He was president emeritus of Tuskegee at the time of his death in 1940.

Africa (Continued From First Page.)

Tunisia saw some action in light clashes with the enemy. Allies Raid Airbase. Grounded enemy planes were destroyed in an Allied air raid on an airfield at Hon. following bombings of Crete, Naples and Taranto December 23.

Bad weather curtailed flights in the Matruh-el-Bab region, but Allied air patrols strafed ground targets and were credited in a French communique with successful support of the units that drove off Axis ground attacks in an area west of Kairouan, 63 miles south of Medjet-el-Bab.

The French in this sector are within 40 miles of Sousse, Eastern Tunisia port toward which they are driving.

Fighting in the Pont-du-Fahs sector, about 25 miles from Tunis, was limited to skirmishing.

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Gillette said, adding that "the amount of rubber available after a year's time is so small as to bring about concern."

"The first thing we want to determine is the demand for alcohol for all purposes and whether WPB officials, in estimating the demand, have envisioned adequately the needs for synthetic rubber production and projected plants to assure that supply," he said.

Expansion to Be Queried. Senator Gillette related that Fraser M. Moffat, former group chief of the WPB's chemical branch, told the committee in April that an estimated need of 365,000,000 gallons of industrial alcohol in 1943 included 36,000,000 gallons for rubber. This Senator Gillette said, represented substantially the same amount of rubber as would be obtained from petroleum.

With nearly nine months having elapsed, Senator Gillette continued, "it is time to inquire what their estimates are now, and what production of alcohol is anticipated from expanded distillery production."

General Tells of Welcome For Troops in New Zealand

The welcome given United States Army troops when they arrived in New Zealand was one the Americans will remember for a long time, Brig. Gen. Ludwig S. Conely said yesterday.

Gen. Conely, whose home is at Bedford, Ohio, was with the first American task force to reach New Zealand and returned only recently from the South Pacific.

Four New Zealand Army bands were on the docks at Auckland when the American transports came in, he said, and the thousands of New Zealanders on hand to greet the troops stood at attention as they played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Gen. Conely said that before he returned to this country, J. A. C. Allum, Mayor of Auckland, wrote to him expressing "my extreme gratification that the citizens of Auckland have had the pleasure of receiving and associating with yourself, the officers and men of the United States forces."

"I must take this opportunity also of referring to the excellent conduct of the United States forces stationed in this part of New Zealand."

Airmen (Continued From First Page.)

it the gateway to the Sahara. The Niger River flows through the town, making it sort of an oasis. We are approximately 1,600 miles due east of the Atlantic. The town is very small.

Gao offers no form of entertainment at all. They had dancing before the war, but now there is no one to dance. At 9 o'clock every body goes to bed. Short days and long nights. There are very few whites here, the majority in the army. No white women except a few who are married. Very bad climate for women and children. The food situation here is plenty short. Worse here than anywhere we have been. Plenty of meat but shortage of vegetables and everything else. Most of all the food is shipped in by truck from towns closer to the sea. Ice is rationed—can you imagine. Everything is rationed. The government controls for the year surpassed \$3,900,000 in value. Evidently they don't have a damned thing there.

July 8—Lt. Young: Today I am 23 years old. A birthday now has very little importance. God grant that I have many more and may they be under happier circumstances than this.

Weather Report (Published by the United States Weather Bureau.)

District of Columbia—Little change in temperature tonight; gentle to moderate winds. Maryland and Virginia—Little change in temperature tonight. Report for Last 24 Hours.

Table with columns for Date, Time, Temperature, and Precipitation. Includes data for District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

Monthly Precipitation. Table with columns for Month, 1942, 1941, and Record. Includes data for District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

Army Officers Primp For Arrival of Wax. CAME ROBERTS, Calif.—Pvt. Norman Bailey of Duluth, Minn., telephoned headquarters to report arrival of a shipment of wax.

Army Removes Hills, Turns Rivers to Build Base in Andeanofo

Airfield Ready in 12 Days for Raids on Japanese at Kiska

By WILLIAM L. WARDEN. Associated Press Correspondent. AN ARMED BASE IN THE ANDREANOF ISLANDS, Dec. 10 (Delayed)—After a hundred days and a bombing, this looks like a different island.

When the first wave of troops pushing United States Army and air bases closer to the Japanese-occupied Western Aleutians came ashore on this treeless, grassy island shortly after the first of September, I came with them.

There was literally nothing here. One abandoned trapper's shack huddled in a cove, but, except for that, there was no sign that any other human had visited the seashore. The meadows of belt-high grass or the fog-shrouded mountains. There were no paths, no trails, nothing but tundra and grass and sand.

Today, the hills by which we set out courses across country in September have suffered one of two fates—they either are civilized or gone, literally gone. If a hill suited the Army, huts were built on it, guns mounted on its crest, tents pitched on its sides. If a hill was in the Army's way, the Army moved the hill. Frequently it was simpler than going around.

Streams turned around. Streams which interfered with military activities have been turned around and made to run the other way. (What will happen to the confused salmon who returns next year to the river mouth he remembers is not clear, but the new mouth is now a couple of miles away and on another ocean bay.)

For 10 days in September, an overturned canvas boat being made to do for quarters brought envious glances from lieutenants and colonels alike. It was as roomy as the average cave built in a single night, and considerably more dry.

Today, the officer who does not sleep in his tent, but in a building with a coal stove—and sound lights—either has absolutely no influence or is assigned to the far suburbs of this 100 per cent military city.

Where there were no trails, there is now a network of usable roads, not paved too smooth, but roads nonetheless to get men from beaches to camps, from camps to possible fighting areas.

Airfield Ready in Four Days. The airfield was a dream from the beginning. Four days after the landing, a plane touched its wheels on the new field. A bare 12 days later, it was the starting point for an integrated raid which began ridding the Japanese air force and land installations at Kiska.

Today, this field is living up to its early promise. Fleets of planes take off from what was a flat in October. The grading has laid the nerve centers of an aerial system which is threatening to starve out what invading Japs are not killed by its bombs.

In September, a comparatively few men had watered the area by mercy of any Japanese planes which might have come across the hills. None came in those critical periods when munitions and equipment piled on the beaches offered ideal targets for almost any kind of a plane and only a few days were prepared to resist aerial attack. When a plane did come, weeks later, it was too late. A few bombs were dropped, a few soldiers, weary with months of training and building, got their first glimpse of an enemy aircraft. But no damage was done, no personnel either injured or killed.

Construction Booms. Today, in the welter of construction which still goes on, night and day, across the snowy island, even the obliterated under new roads, fields, gun emplacements and living quarters.

Cargo moves across docks now where in September men unloaded barges in waist-deep water. Ships come and go unchallenged in waters where 100 days ago no ship was believed safe without a destroyer at its side.

On shore, men who stood in line for food rations in those first days of occupation stand in line now for the victor's Department of Agriculture. A particular tomato needed for the troops is an all-Australian variety. He calls it the Tatura Dwarf Globe tomato, and considers it best for canning purposes.

Wages Lure Miners Away

High wages paid by the guayule industry in Mexico have attracted so many miners that the mines have a labor shortage.

Army Officers Primp For Arrival of Wax

CAME ROBERTS, Calif.—Pvt. Norman Bailey of Duluth, Minn., telephoned headquarters to report arrival of a shipment of wax.

Word spread quickly. Officers flocked to their barracks, straightened ties, collars, caps.

Then they learned that it was flax polish—not WAACS—that arrived.



NEW YORK.—GREETINGS TO A. P. WAR CORRESPONDENTS
—Kent Cooper, general manager of the Associated Press, tells war correspondents they "have the toughest, most dangerous jobs" in the A. P. as he radios Christmas message to them. The broadcast was carried by NBC over short-wave transmission stations.

Second Front Opening Is Ranked by A. P. As Top '42 News Story

U. S. Offensive, Russian Stands Placed in Second, Third Positions

By CHARLES HONCE, Associated Press News Editor.
The big news of 1942 closes in the United Nations are on the offensive on virtually all fronts. In Russia, in Africa, in the Southwest Pacific—in the air, on land and on the sea—the Allies are beginning to crowd the Axis in the first real show of concerted global strength.
A year ago only Russia had taken the offensive at Rostov. Elsewhere the United Nations—far fewer than today's 30—were suffering a series of tragic and humiliating defeats.
A year—spurred by the vast productivity of America, the dogged defense of Russia and British block-busting air raids—has seen the tide turn.

Only One Story.
In a general sense there was only one big story this year—the war. Almost every happening of moment was tied up directly or indirectly with the main event. Likewise, there were so many stories of an important or dramatic nature that even by telescoping and combining it is impossible to fit them into a formal "10 best" as in other years. A dozen make a very minimum.

Here is the news roll call for 1942—based on the selections of A. P. editors, over whose desks flow millions of words a week:

1. A "second front" is opened (November 7)—At the very moment discussion of a second front was at white heat, the greatest amphibious expedition in history, involving 850 ships, a vast American Army accompanied with 700,000 articles of war, was converging on North Africa to make it a fact. This invasion, combined with Britain's smash of Rommel, gives the United Nations a springboard for a European attack. North African armies saw Germany occupy the rest of France and the scuttling of most of the French Navy.

2. America takes offensive in Pacific—When the Navy released the blood-chilling pictures and story of Pearl Harbor, America already was secure in the knowledge that the sneak attack had been averted, that the Japanese had suffered a series of disastrous defeats climaxed by the destructive Solomons Islands engagement (November 13-15) and that American forces were on the offensive on Guadalcanal and in New Guinea. American victories in the Coral Sea and Midway battles were previous omens of Pacific recovery.

3. Russia holds and counterattacks—On September 30 Hitler shouted that Stalingrad was a city "which we shall take; you may depend on it." But the Fuehrer was wrong again. The Verdun of World War II held through four terrific months of Nazi assault, and then almost from its battered buildings came an amazing Russian offensive that spread like wildfire along the vast Russian front.

4. Japan carves out an empire—After mouthing about its greater East India co-prosperity sphere for years, Japan set out forcibly to win it, and did. In a few short months the Nipponese overran the whole of the South Pacific and were battering at the gates of Australia. High spots in this sweep of conquests were the fall of strategic Singapore, the stubborn American resistance at Bataan and Gen. MacArthur's escape to Australia.

5. Two party government strengthened in United States (November 3)—A favorite theme of some alarmists was that American two-party government was a dead duck. Well, the Republicans not only came back in the off-year elections to greatly strengthen their congressional power, but provided evidence of a coming struggle.

6. Tokio is bombed (April 18)—The Germans took President Roosevelt strictly to his word when they broadcast that Tokio had been bombed by American planes based on Shangri-La. And Shangri-La it remains.

7. America Goes on Wartime Economy—One cup of coffee a day perhaps may epitomize America's conversion to a wartime basis, with every citizen touched by a vast system of price controls, wage stabilization and rationing, accompanied by zooming taxes. An incidental phase was the passing of the WPA.

8. Saboteurs Executed (Aug. 8)—Six of eight Nazi saboteurs who came ashore from German submarines, paid for their daring in the electric chair in Washington, to bring to a close one of the most extraordinary incidents of the war.

9. Eddie Rickenbacker Rescued (Nov. 14)—"I never lost faith and knew he would be rescued." Those were the words of Mrs. Eddie Rickenbacker when news came of the captain's rescue in the South Pacific. The man who always comes back had done it again.

10. Dieppe Is Raided (Aug. 19)—The tragically punishing Canadian Commando raid on Dieppe was one of the most spectacular single incidents of the war and a dress rehearsal for the future. America learned that some of her sons had gone along.

11. Bombers Raid Europe—The British have a bomb they call a "block-buster." Aided by the ever growing might of America's air power, they have been pulverizing German and Italian cities in devastating raids. But the worst is yet to come. American heavy bombers and fighters, once deemed as inadequate, have proven their superiority and are piling up for a concentrated air offensive.

12. Boston's Fire Tragedy (Nov. 28)—A tiny match flame in the hands of a 16-year-old busboy touched off a fire in a Boston night club that claimed the lives of nearly 500 merry-makers.

Surely one of the most unusual news stories was Premier Stalin's second front letter to Henry Cassidy of the Moscow bureau of The Associated Press. Others: Normandie burns; Carole Lombard killed in plane crash; 18-19-year-olds drafted; Cards win pennant; Prime Minister Churchill visits President Roosevelt; Joe Louis quits ring; John Barrymore, George M. Cohan die; Mr. Wilkie tours United Nations; Japs invade Aleutians.

Survivors of Corvette Sunk by Japs Dodge Sharks Near Timor

Australian Craft Lost Under Rain of Bombs; 40 of 83 Perish

By the Associated Press.
MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 26.—While sharks followed only a few yards behind, crewmen of the sunken Australian corvette Armindale pushed the wounded and non-swimmers on an improvised raft through the Timor seas four days early in December.

When a storm broke, 27 hungry men licked the rain off their arms. Ordinary Seaman John Parkes, 22, one of the survivors, said the Armindale was sighted by Japanese November 30 in the vicinity of Timor, and defended itself against relays of air attacks lasting two days. Nine bombers, three fighters and a reconnaissance plane gave the ship its knockout blow on the second day.

The Armindale, 998-ton vessel being used as a minesweeper, went down 250 miles northwest of Darwin, with a loss of two officers and 38 men. Forty-three crewmen were rescued.

Anti-aircraft gunners of the Armindale hit three or more planes, and an Australian government announcement said one enemy bomber and one fighter were destroyed, and perhaps another fighter.

Japanese planes machine-gunned survivors struggling in the water, diving within 10 feet. When the machine gunning ceased, some survivors plugged a bullet-riddled motor boat with their clothing, and rescued the badly wounded.

Others formed a raft from floating wreckage.
"Several crewmen, including myself," Parkes said, "paddled the raft, with the fins of sharks cutting through the water sometimes only 10 feet away. We frightened them by splashing when they came too near."

The motor boat was picked up and gave the position of the raft. It was located and supplies were dropped seven days after the sinking. The men kept up their spirits singing "we're going to spend Christmas with the old folks at home."

Soldiers Die in Wreck

By the Associated Press.
TAUNTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—Two soldiers were injured fatally here yesterday when a truck in which they were riding struck one tree and bounded against another. The two were identified as Pvt. K. V. Noll, Oklahoma City, and Sgt. Harry Rinehart, 31, Chickasha, Okla.



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WLB Steps Aside

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and, it well might be added, very little faith in any other individual. Like Talleyrand, he is a genius of a sort, and in a crisis such persons have chances to exhibit their talents.

Darlan—And After

The assassination of Admiral Jean Francois Darlan raises many questions and ushers in a period of grave uncertainty in French Africa's internal situation. To both the European and native populations, the admiral undoubtedly represented the legal succession of power by direct delegation from Marshal Petain, the Vichy chief of state.

This was the strength of Admiral Darlan in his assumption of the office of high commissioner for French Africa. He was the keystone of the administrative arch with which General Eisenhower and our State Department found it wise to deal as a going concern that could insure internal order and stability.

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During 1943, of course, there will be a great deal more work for our merchant marine to do. The opening of each new combat front, or the strengthening of old ones, adds to the burden on American shipping.

In this connection a word of tribute ought to be offered to the merchant seamen who have been sailing these ships in the face of great danger and incredible hardships. Their performance has been a magnificent one, and the Nation owes them a greater debt than is generally realized.

New Deal Drubbing

The Republicans are taking heart from the final figures in the recent congressional elections, in which they cast nearly a million more votes than the Democrats.

It is a fact that the Republicans failed to win control of the House—ending up with 209 seats in that body to 222 for the Democrats and 4 for minor parties.

Five of these States of the Solid South reported no Republican votes cast at all this year. They were Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina.

The Republicans polled a total of 14,217,320 votes in the House elections, as compared to 13,331,245 for the Democrats and 563,018 for the third party candidates.

The results of the balloting in 27 States which have a total of 344 electoral votes in the presidential elections are even more encouraging to the GOP as it looks forward to the 1944 presidential race.

The vote cast in the 1942 elections was the lightest in years. Efforts have been made in some New Deal quarters to make it appear that the Democratic candidates failed of election because so many of the voters did not go to the polls.

Almost two years must elapse before the voters troop to the polls in a national election. How they vote will depend upon conditions as they then exist, and upon the temper of the people at that time.

It is stated that former Senator Brown, if, when and as he becomes its head, is "expected to cut the red tape out of OPA."

When Goering gives up his medals for the Nazi scrap drive, it will indicate that the final scrap is near.

Thinks Narvik Road May Lead to Germany

Army Officer Discusses Rugged Norwegian Coast As Base for Allied Attack

By Maj. Gen. John N. Greely, U.S.A.

In the first year of this great war and even before the invasion of France, Germany moved suddenly and in strength to protect its northern flank by occupying Norway.

The mountains of Norway rise abruptly from the North Atlantic to form a barrier for the whole of Northern Europe. From them the land slopes down to Sweden, Finland, Russia, and across the Baltic to Germany itself.

The Scandinavian peninsula is the cradle of the tall blond Aryan whom Hitler has adopted as the model for the herrenvolk of his new order.

When we think of the fjord which leads into Narvik and the bleak coast farther north, the British were able to take and hold Narvik briefly against the German invaders, and it may have to be taken again to protect shipping on the northern route to Russia against attack from sea and air.

Control of this road through the mountains along the coast of Sweden as a source of supply. Control of the coastline to the north would secure contact with Russia at Murmansk and be a step at least toward driving Finland away from its painful alliance with Germany.

Even more important to the solution of our shipping problems in general would be the capture of the Norwegian coast farther south. Trondheim, Bergen and Stavanger are all bases for German planes, ships and submarines which menace our great base in the British Isles and take a dangerous toll in shipping losses.

These narrow waters are no easy barriers to cross. Germany controls them at present, of course; and all her strength can be massed along her own Baltic coast. But Hitler moved into Norway by sea and air in spite of British control of the North Sea.

Today Norway is suffering in sullen silence like so much of the rest of Europe. Its only salvation lies in Allied invasion or in Allied victory. It is piled in the mud under the rule of Quisling and the German Gestapo.

Programs of land reform at once were put into practice. Co-operatives were encouraged. Congress leaders struggled to reconcile the internal contradictions of India and to shape the rising mass consciousness into political and social unity.

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THIS AND THAT

By Charles F. Tracewell.

"Dear Sir: I wonder if your many readers have noticed the unusual number of snowbirds this year?"

"The junco is one of my favorites and I believe of most people who are at all interested in bird life."

"These small, trim birds came shortly before the snows and have been here ever since. Some of them probably will remain all winter. In my yard, I sincerely hope. There are other birds which are showier and some a great deal brighter, but few which surpass this one."

"Persons who know nothing about birds are invariably attracted by the snow bird, which shows that just ordinary folk have good eyes and real understanding."

"I have heard that the name 'junco' means 'seed-eater.' Is this true? Some one told me that this junco bird is sometimes very wild, but I have never seen it in this state. In my yard it is a model of deportment."

"Sincerely yours, T. V. S."

The junco is a very popular bird. The species we have around here is the slate-colored junco, which has an average length of 6 1/2 inches. It is a chubby little bird with a distinct line where the dark gray of the back and sides leaves off and the comparative white of the breast begins.

Belonging to the sparrow family the snowbird often is seen feeding with white-throated sparrows and others. Ornithologists tell us that there are 119 kinds of sparrows on our continent north of Mexico.

As we watch the snowbirds in the yard, let us keep in mind their tremendous flying range. They have been observed from the Gulf of Mexico to Alaska.

Junco will not fly away from English sparrows, but quite evidently do not like them as well as they do the white-throated sparrows.

We have noticed that the snowbirds do not like English sparrows in large numbers. They will remain feeding when two or three sparrows fly in, but will leave in a hurry when a band of several dozen swoop down.

When there are bands of sparrows in the yard, flying from feeding station to feeding station, the junco will select a site less fancied by the sparrows.

A favorite place in our yard is the arch in which hangs a coconut shell filled with sunflower seed. There are two stone steps here. Seeds kicked out of the shell by squirrels are found by the junco on these stones. They seem to like this way of feeding very much.

There is scarcely a time of day when several junco cannot be seen hopping there.

There must be something to this belief, because it is so widespread. All such folk beliefs are based on observation and as a usual thing such observation is very shrewd. It may not always work out that way, but the average is high enough to make it seem true.

It may be that these neat birds are somewhat aware when snow is going to visit a community. This would not be any stranger than some of the other knowable things the birds do. It might be that they catch the very "feel" of the air at such times.

Cynics have a right to call all this hokum if they choose. Maybe the snowbirds just happen to be around when it snows, and the temptation to associate their name with the phenomenon is too much for most people.

It may be that snow makes people more bird-conscious, and they happen to notice the snowbirds, which have been there all the time.

In our yard we ought to notice junco when there is no sign of snow and hasn't been any for a long time. They are well worth noticing at any time.

Despite its distinctive appearance, the junco's dress is such a modest one that the bird is often overlooked at some little distance.

The fore and upper parts of this bird are slate-colored gray, and the under parts are white. The bill is small and the wings are long and somewhat rounded. The tail is shorter than the wings. The female resembles the male, but the slate color is considerably lighter. When both sexes are close by each other there is no difficulty in telling them apart. Some white shows when they fly. The white feathers at each side of the tail show in flight.

There is some dispute as to what the word "junco" as applied to this bird really means. But it most likely comes from the Latin "juncus," meaning "a seed."

Ornithologists say that the junco deserves rigid protection owing to its service to agriculture. About 60 per cent of its food is weed seeds, and the rest of it is composed of harmful insects. The bird is very fond of caterpillars.

Haskin's Answers To Questions

By Frederic J. Haskin.

A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing The Evening Star Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, director, Washington, D. C. Please inclose stamp for return postage.

Q. How many pages are there in Congress?—R. L. P. A. There are 21 pages in the Senate and 47 in the House.

Q. What is the birthstone for December?—E. J. W. A. The turquoise. This stone was mined as far back as 5500 B.C. and believed to possess power to protect the wearer from injury by falling, especially from horseback.

Q. What Presidents besides Lincoln were born in log cabins?—L. McN. A. Presidents Jefferson, Jackson, Fillmore, Buchanan, Garfield and Arthur were born in log cabins.

Q. New Testament—What is more in keeping with the spirit of Christmas than the Christian doctrines set down by the Prince of Peace? The new Testament with the words of the Saviour printed in red is the beacon light for all. To secure your copy of this popular offering inclose 25 cents in coin, wrapped in this clipping, and mail to The Star Information Bureau.

Q. How much silk is obtained from a single cocoon?—B. N. A. Each cocoon yields from 500 to 1,200 yards of silk in a continuous thread.

Q. What railroad in this country was built, to a large extent, by Chinese laborers?—E. P. A. Shiploads of coolies came over from China to take part in the building of the roadbed of the Union Pacific.

Q. Was Cruden, the author of the well-known Bible concordance, insane?—F. T. A. Alexander Cruden was three times confined for insanity. He adopted the title of "Alexander the Corrector," hoping to correct the morals of the Nation especially in regard to swearing and Sunday observance. His first compendium of the Holy Bible was published in 1750.

Q. What is meant by the "white man's burden"?—G. F. A. The term is used to refer to the self-imposed duty of the so-called enlightened nations to regulate the affairs of the backward peoples of the world.

Q. How large is Sable Island, which is known as the Graveyard of the Atlantic?—W. H. C. A. The island, which lies 118 miles southwest of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is sinking and its length has been reduced from 40 to a present 18 miles. Sand bars extend for several miles at each end and because of the enormous toll of shipping two lighthouses, watch-towers and mounted patrols are required to guard this dangerous section of the ocean.

Q. In what localities does the greatest variety of minerals occur?—V. L. A. Three such localities are noted, Pribram in Czechoslovakia, the Franklin area in Northern New Jersey and the Crestmore area near Los Angeles, Calif. One hundred and forty minerals have been identified in the Franklin area.

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The Tree—1942

Once more the tree, a twinkling courier, Down-dripping starry magic, flings its tidings Upon the dark, as expectations stir The ghosts of laughter from their sunny hidings. Nurtured by fancy, rooted in Bethlehem, It spreads its immemorial branches under The moon-pale night, bearing on every stem The golden fruit of love and the old wonder.

Now let the desolate eyes, the hearts that tire, Feed on this tree the little Holy Stranger Planted with angel-song and white star-fire Deep in the straw and litter of a manger. Upon this tree let all the broken feed. And grow into the stature of their need. MYRTLE ADAMS.

Letters to the Editor

Believer in Freedom for India Defends Congress Party. To the Editor of The Star: With the appointment of Ambassador William Phillips as President Roosevelt's personal representative at New Delhi, it is to be hoped that there will be some clarification of the Indian problem.

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Pope's Words Strike Note Of Hope

Points to Barriers That Lasting Peace Must Surtmount

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

There is something at once magnificent and yet simple in the remarkable broadcast of Pope Pius concerning internal and external peace. The Vatican naturally cannot take sides in political disputes and hence must use implicit rather than explicit phrases.

Throughout all Christendom the message of the Pope strikes a note of hopefulness, because it strikes at the root of the evils that brought on the war and the stubbornness of the barriers that must be removed if a lasting peace is to be achieved.

Sentence after sentence is filled with meaning if the statesmen of the world will only examine themselves with the yardsticks of principle indicated by the Pope.

"Those who aim at building a new world must fight," he said, "for the right of free choice of government and of religious order. They must refuse that the state should make of individuals a herd of whom the state disposes as if they were lifeless things."

His Holiness condemned the "legal positivism" which exaggerates the value of purely human laws and seeks to establish the supremacy of a particular nation, race or class, and he went on to say that such theories were of a nature which considered the state or its representatives "as the absolute authority, exempt from any criticism, even if their acts are in violation of Christian and human laws."

Double-Edged Shaft. But if this seems to be a shaft aimed at the totalitarianism of European states, it might in its broadest sense represent a warning also to other states where class warfare, originated by the Marxian philosophy of socialism, still manages to promote friction and mutual distrusts.

"Peace," said the Pope, "must be not only an external peace among the nations of the world but internal peace. Inside each nation there must be unity and love."

The Pope remarked that the church "has always condemned Marxist socialism and today it reaffirms that statement."

There is in the Pope's message a direct plea for constitutionalism—the maintenance of a government of law as against a regime of arbitrary power. Thus he declares: "Whoever wants peace must collaborate for the deepest reintegration of the social and juridical order. As the juridical rules given by God assure every human being of protection against arbitrary attacks, new and effective measures must be taken to this effect, namely, the juridical safety of individuals. This may be obtained only by the creation of legal tribunals."

The Pope spoke especially of the causes of internal strife and stated that the existing legal rules should not be changed by internal revolutions, but that the state should adhere strictly to rules protecting the individual.

There is in these passages an admonition against the all-too-frequent tendency among the governmental officers of various states and their adherents to argue that the end justifies the means and that if the maximum good, theoretical though it be, is attainable by overriding legal rules, that action is valid. On the contrary, such revolutionary tactics are declared as being the wrong way to remove injustices.

Conscious of Injustices. That the Pope is deeply conscious of social injustices and believes they can be removed by proper methods is evidenced by the comment that "whoever wants peace must give back to work the place assigned to it by God and protect the worker and his family with all the means modern society is able to provide."

Continuing on the same point, his holiness said the church cannot ignore the fact that the worker is still fighting against some machinery which is not a natural obstacle but an obstacle created by other human beings. He declared that "the worker must be assured of some private property, especially a father with a big family."

There can be no doubt that the emphasis placed by the Pope on the penetrating problems of internal economics serves as a reminder that visions of world peace can be realized only if on the home front, among the countless millions whose neglect of duty brings on wars, a regeneration of the individual can be achieved—for institutions, whether governmental or churches or organized bodies of any kind, fail if the individuals who comprise them fail.

Seattle Marine Cooks To Stop Paying CIO Dues. SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—The Seattle local of the West Coast Marine Cooks and Stewards' Association will discontinue payment of dues to the CIO.

The Political Mill

A Single Food Administrator Should Have Charge of Prices, Production and Rationing

By GOULD LINCOLN. Food, and more food for years to come, is the pressing problem of America. Already the people in many parts of the country are experiencing shortages of various foods to which they have become accustomed. Meats, butter, even milk have been difficult to obtain in the quantities desired—or even at all, on occasions.

Not only will it be necessary to supply the armed forces in this country and abroad, but the civilian population, including the workers in the munition plants and shipyards, must have their share. And beyond this, food must be shipped abroad in increasing quantities. However, the war comes to an end, Herbert Hoover, former President, food administrator during the last war, has warned this country must be in position to feed hundreds of millions of the peoples in the devastated areas of the world.

Only by the most careful planning will it be possible to meet these needs. Some way, reserves of foodstuffs must be built up, particularly if this country is to be in a position to go to the rescue of the peoples in other nations.

Closely Related Problems. Control of food and production of agricultural commodities are so closely related as to be almost one and the same problem. For that reason, the man—and it should be one man in the opinion of Mr. Hoover—who controls prices and has charge of food rationing should also deal with the question of production.

American farmers neither can nor will produce the increasing amounts of foodstuffs if they are to be compelled to sell their produce below the cost of production—or even at the level of that cost. The American farmer is entitled to a sufficient profit to give him and his family a living. Therefore, the control of prices of foodstuffs, and the ceilings placed on those prices, becomes of vital importance—a problem that must be considered at all times in connection with the production desired.

The American consumer of food today has more money in his pocket than he has had for years, perhaps than ever before. It is not going to help the food consumer, however, if there is an insufficient amount of food to purchase. If the supply fails, the consumer is out of luck whether the prices of bread, butter, milk and meat are high or low.

It has been popular in many quarters to attack the farm bloc, so called, in Congress and out. The attacks have come, however, not from the producers of food, but from those who wish to buy food as cheaply as possible—no matter what happens to the men and women who have the job of raising the wheat, the hogs, the corn or the cattle. It is about time that the problem of sufficient production was given more attention.

OWI Says Colored Servicemen Exceed Ratio in Population

In a statement designed to counter rumors that colored men were not being inducted in comparable percentages, the Office of War Information said today that colored selectees and volunteers now constitute 10.1 per cent of all persons in the Army. The OWI pointed out this was a higher rate than the colored race's 9.8 percentage to the total population.

The statement further declared that colored soldiers are now on active duty in most of the overseas theaters where other American troops are stationed.

District Ratio Average. In the District, about a third of the monthly call for men is filled with colored selectees. This is approximately in proportion to the ratio of white to colored registrants in the District's draft boards.

Basing its statement on selective service figures for October 31, last, the OWI said in 9 out of 14 Southern and border States the percentage of colored men drafted exceeded the percentage of colored registrants. During the 1940-1 period colored men constituted 16 per cent of the total number of volunteers entering the Army through the Selective Service System, the OWI added.

Four Die of Gas Fumes In Two Holiday Tragedies. By the Associated Press. BLOOMSBURG, Pa. Dec. 26.—Four persons, including the president of Bloomsburg Town Council, died of gas fumes here yesterday in two holiday tragedies.

Coroner Kenneth H. McHenry listed the victims of Clyde L. Ohl, sr., 51, president of Council and a prominent businessman; his daughter Dorothy Ruth, 23, and his father, Boyd T. Ohl, 83, and Mrs. Carl Kinney, 19-year-old bride of six months. Relatives arriving at the Ohl home for Christmas dinner found all three inside the locked house.

The coroner said all three died of coal gas from the furnace. Mrs. Kinly, who with her husband, was found unconscious in their trailer home Christmas eve died yesterday in a hospital, where her husband is a patient. Coroner McHenry said they were overcome by fumes from an oil stove.

During the last war, the American farmer was encouraged to produce more and more food stuffs. They were encouraged to do so also by increases in the prices obtained for their produce. It looked as though the millennium had arrived for the American farmer. Land values in the agricultural States mounted by leaps and bounds. Farmers bought larger and larger farms, and put them into production. When the war ended, the bottom dropped out, for the farmers. One thing had resulted from the operation, however. There had been plenty of food, not only for the people of America and their armed forces abroad, but also to fill the stomachs of many starving Europeans.

How to guard against a repetition of the deflationary misfortunes of the farmers is part of the whole problem which now confronts the country. After the last war ended, this country was in a hurry to erect trade barriers so high that the peoples of other lands were thrown back upon themselves. They could not sell goods here nor continue to buy American farm products. It would be unfortunate if again the United States followed such a course. Without foreign commerce, the American people suffer, along with the rest of the world.

Once the war has ended the likelihood of a great resurgence of so-called "isolationism" becomes a threat. This is the view of Mayor La Guardia of New York, who is in a position to judge of the feelings of a great mass of Americans and who is opposed to isolationism. It will be fostered by various racial groups as well as by selfish American interests. War and its hardships have never been popular, and once war ends, the effort is to get away from these hardships as fast as possible.

The Logical Administrator. International co-operation—the phrase which has become so common in these days, and which means so little until it has been translated into action—means far more than some plan for the maintenance of international peace. Unless there is economic co-operation also among the nations—the maintenance of peace, even by an international police force, will have little chance.

To get back to the question of food—which will become more and more vital as the war goes on—the problems will not be solved efficiently if one man, or one Government agency, is to deal with price control, another with rationing and still another with production. All are too closely related. The whole could well be designated food administration, with one administrator as its head. It would be possible under such circumstances to keep the whole problem in one perspective.

If the Department of Agriculture, which has been dealing with the problem of food production, is the proper agency to tackle the whole food issue, the food administration should be turned over to it. At least it would then be in a position to know both what the right hand and the left hand were doing. Certainly it would put the farmers in a better frame of mind.

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'I'd Rather Be Right'

Universal War Service Act to Be 'Put Over' By Foes of Labor and the Administration

By SAMUEL GRAFTON.

There is a difference between liberalism and nambypambism. Defense of overtime pay is liberalism, because overtime pay does not affect the war effort and because its elimination would run counter to even the conservative principle of not using the war to sneak over fundamental social changes. But refusal to support a Universal War Service Act is not liberalism; it is nambypambism.

We have to draw a line between what is liberal and what is merely soft. There is a kind of political slushiness which passes for liberalism, but it is really a fate. To allow one private car to ply the roads of the East unnecessarily, while even one home is without heat, is not liberalism; it is political go, spread on with a trowel, and it lacks both bones and substance. To delay on universal service is another clear case of administrative mushiness.

The Universal War Service Act is coming (as it came to England two and one-half years ago) but it is coming in precisely the wrong way; it is being "put over" on labor and the administration by conservatives, in Congress and out; its midwives are men and agencies that have never been conspicuously friendly to labor, and sometimes raucously the reverse.

Insecurity Feared. Paul V. McNitt, the Manpower Commissioner, speaks in favor of such an act, but few others in the administration do. Labor itself is fighting a kind of rear-guard action against this proposal to assign non-essential workers to essential tasks, by Government order, but on what ideological ground it is hard to see. Labor has decided that the war is worth giving up strikes for, that it is worth giving up its sons and husbands for, but has yet to declare coolly that it is worth giving up the right to work at a useless job for.

That millions of Americans are working at non-essential jobs is incontrovertible. (The moment the war news gets a bit better, they cling to these jobs all the more fiercely, I am told by personnel ex-

perts; they fear the insecurity of war work; the paradoxical result is that the nearer the war approaches its peak, the harder it becomes to shift these men and women over.) The wish to protect these jobs is certainly not based on a clear and just estimation of war needs; it is a kind of hankering; a kind of reluctance to budge; it is not liberalism, which can be firm and hard; it is that other, softer thing I have mentioned. It is like the pacifism that was still visible in portions of the French labor movement in 1938; something remembered from the past, once valid, and still clinging on after its day is over.

It is too late for labor, even with all its just fears of those who hate it, to behave automatically and instinctively. An Eye for the Clock. It must behave consciously and knowingly. For the soft, sluggish "state of mind" now displayed on the universal service issue, labor can substitute the hardness and firmness of real liberalism, which would accept compulsory job directives, then insist on fair, temperate administration (actually, in England, "advice" to workers has been enough, once the law was on the books) and then insist, too, that a labor man head the program, just as we matter-of-factly agreed that a business man should head the business side of the war program.

There is nothing in the book that says liberalism ought not to know what time it is. When you strike, at the right time, with the right proposal, all sorts of doors open. A labor-backed universal service law could be made the occasion for ending job discrimination against minority groups; it would become a powerful lever against dilatory practices by industry, wherever these can be found; it could push the whole war forward, toughly and firmly, whereas that soft, sluggish something I have described merely leads to melancholy rear-guard battles with nothing done and nothing gained.

That is one way you can tell liberalism from nambypambism. Nambypambism opens no doors at all, and finally robs its victims of the power to make decisions, in time or out of time.

Southern Pines May Be Source Of New Synthetic Rubber

By the Associated Press.

Pine trees of the South may be the source of synthetic rubber made from turpentine under a system advocated by two Detroit men, who claim that the method is an improvement over nature's because of the possibilities of controlling the process.

By the use of a porous disk which it is claimed duplicates the effect of the rubber tree's bark on its sap, John A. Tolman, inventor of the process, and Alfred M. Spanier, chemical engineer, would split the molecules of turpentine to obtain isoprene, a basic material from which synthetic rubber can be produced.

Mr. Spanier told a Senate Agricultural Subcommittee, "We do not propose or suggest at this moment that all of the American rubber can be made by this system.

Six Million Acres Needed. "We think it is by far the best system, and we do think that if our peacetime requirements of American rubber were produced by this system, it would only require 6,000,000 acres of trees, or perhaps we would better say that it would be developed on a practice tract that has ever been produced before."

He estimated that it would require 600,000 barrels of turpentine to produce about 100,000 tons of rubber, at a cost of about 8 cents a pound for the synthetic product. The committee chairman, Senator Gillette, Democrat, of Iowa, said the committee is interested in all potential sources of rubber and would give Mr. Spanier and Mr. Tolman what assistance he could in getting some materials with which to complete a small plant to prove their experiments.

Filter Disk Used. Mr. Spanier said the production of rubber in the natural state is effected primarily through a chemical change or catalytic action effected in the porous cells of the rubber tree bark.

This effect, he explained, they can reproduce by using a filter disk, composed of glass fibers laid parallel, so that as many as 2,000,000 pores per square inch can be created.

Dieppe Raid Casualties Arrive in Canada

By the Associated Press.

HALIFAX, Dec. 26.—A group of Canadian soldiers, wounded at Dieppe, representing nearly every regiment in the spectacular raid last August, have arrived in the Dominion, it was announced officially yesterday.

With the wounded were several hundred sergeants returned for officer training and a large group of English recruits for the Commonwealth air-training program.

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This Changing World

Darlan Assassination May Force Allies to Put Force Five Times as Great in Africa

By CONSTANTINE BROWN.

Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud, commander of the French forces in Africa, who had been at the Tunisian front, has returned to Algiers at the request of Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to assume the post held by the late Admiral Jean Darlan.

The assassination of Admiral Darlan has created serious concern in responsible quarters, where it is not yet known whether the 22-year-old French university instructor, G. Morand acted for Nazi interests, others opposed to the former Vichy Vice Premier or struck out on his own initiative moved by emotions so characteristic of the French people.

Authorities in Algiers have been unable so far to determine the motive of the assassin, but the impression is that he acted as a tool for some powerful interest.

Of course, there is a strong possibility that Morand was in the pay of the Axis. The zero hour for an Allied attack in Tunisia is approaching, and the Axis forces have not yet completed their concentration. It is thus possible that the Nazis may have used the Frenchman to kill Darlan in order to create a perplexing confusion in North Africa, with rebellious outbursts here and there. These disorders would, of course, handicap Allied military operations.

"Monkey Wrench" Feared. The Darlan murder may cause a political upheaval. Some of the provincial governors would not have joined the Allies had not Admiral Darlan shown them definite proof that Marshal Petain welcomed our occupation of Africa and had instructed him to co-operate with the Americans to the fullest. They recognized the admiral's authority immediately, but it is questionable whether they would have recognized the authority of anybody else.

Gen. Giraud's success in his new job hinges on many considerations. The elderly general may have difficulties filling Admiral Darlan's shoes because he did not go to Africa with a "mandate" from Marshal Petain. Some of the governors, including Pierre Boisson, who rules Dakar, may not be willing to co-operate as heartily with Gen. Giraud as they did with his predecessor, but it is hoped that the close cooperation of the two men with the Allies may serve to bring all the French in Africa under one standard.

In any event, the shot that killed Admiral Darlan may cause a serious eruption in Africa and those who instigated the murder knew the situation well.

'Scrapping of Education' For War Work Opposed

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The war affords an opportunity for boys and girls to work for victory but does not justify scrapping their education for the duration, the National Child Labor Committee says.

In its annual report for the year ending September 30, released yesterday by Courtenay Dinwiddie, general secretary, the committee warned against a wholesale relaxing of rules governing the employment of children.

Conceding that there is a need for juvenile aid in agriculture, the committee said this could be met without exposing children "to conditions that will seriously injure their usefulness to their country and themselves."

The committee declared that tak-

ing children under 16 years of age from school for full-time work does not provide efficient war workers. Citing the draft figures on illiteracy, the committee said a complete break in the education of those above 16 might be the worst thing that could happen from the standpoint of national manpower needs.

The war, the committee declared, "calls for great sacrifices, but not for the abandonment of reason and judgment."

3 Soldiers Die in Wreck. SILVER CITY, N. Mex., December 26 (AP)—Three enlisted men of the Deming (N. Mex.) Air Base were killed and 20 were injured as two trucks returning men to the base from a dance left a highway.

The dead, listed by the Army, included: Corp. Samuel Schaefer, Port Chester, N. Y., and Pvt. Carl Marchesi, St. Louis, Mo.

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My guess is that the Augusta National may never again be opened for golf. The members are likely to grow so interested in the breeding and raising of blooded cattle that they will throw away their mashes and No. 1 irons in favor of lariats and branding irons.

Certainly the tending of cattle is more fun than playing golf. Golf is a game that frays the nerves, sharpens the temper, and brings on galling frustration. Tending cows is a peaceful pastime. No wife could possibly object to having a husband tell her that he was late to dinner because he had been at the club milking a prize-winning Jersey.

No one can ever tell me that walking through the rough in search of a stray calf would not be more fun than looking for a lost ball, which, if not found, would cost you the first side of a \$5 Nassau.

Sees Clubs Holding Round-ups. If other clubs follow the National's suit, and turn their fertile acres over to cattle, it is easy to see what will happen. Instead of tournaments, clubs will hold round-ups. Instead of the National Open we will have a national round-up, with golfers like Lawson Little, Byron Nelson, Craig Wood, Jimmy Thomson, Ben Hogan, Sammy Snead and Jug McSpaden swinging sombreros instead of sand wedges, and yelling "Hi-ho, Silver" and "Yipes," instead of "Come on, honey, drop just this one time."

There will be milking contests, and the man who extracts the most butter fat content will be carried away on the shoulders of his admirers just as the men who used to shoot in the low 60s were hoisted on the shoulders of friends. There will be just as much glory for the man who saves a Guernsey from a water hole as there used to be for a man who holed out for a birdie from a bad lie in a creek.

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McLemore—

Augusta Golf Club Now Is Pasture

By HENRY McLEMORE.

This is a most inappropriate time to write about golf, I'll admit, what with a global war going on and the weather so cold that a man would have to do his putting with a goose-neck icicle.

But the famed Augusta National Club is conducting an experiment which revolutionize the game of golf as well as make a definite contribution to the war, and I think something should be written about it.

On the chance that you don't regularly read the sports pages, perhaps a word or two of explanation of the Augusta National is in order. It was founded by a group headed by Robert Tyre Jones and the idea was to build the finest golf course in the United States, if not in the world, and to hold each year the finest tournament in the world, the Masters'.

They succeeded on both counts. They wound up with the best course and the best tournament. Only the real masters of the game played in the Augusta tournament. To play it you had to be able to beat 70 without cheating. This is no small feat and you can take it from a man who has never been able to break 80 even with a cheat in a sand trap here and a cheat in the deep rough there.

And the course—well, it was something that wouldn't look bad in Heaven. Every day every blade of grass had its nails manicured. The greens got a par as regularly as a dowager, and the rough was so nice that quail put aside money each year in order to return to it in their old age.

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Algiers Civilians to Get Tons of Allied Food

By the Associated Press.

ALGIERS, Dec. 26.—Arrival in French North Africa ports of 12,000 tons of food products and other materials for distribution among the civilian population was officially announced, appropriately, on Christmas Day.

The shipment included British merchandise and great quantities of flour, milk, sugar and potatoes. French and Allied authorities hoped to speed distribution as much as possible. The goods will be apportioned to merchants for sale to civilians.

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U. S. Employees Start Working Full Saturday

Many Take Day Off As 48-Hour Week Goes in Effect

Government departments and agencies worked a full day today, but the effect of the 48-hour week on the city's life and traffic movements was modified because large numbers of workers took the day off on annual leave.

District employees, however, were waiting anxiously for the decision of District officials on the question of whether they would have to work this afternoon and following Saturdays.

Federal personnel officers were, for the most part, busy telephoning section heads that the eight-hour day was official today and wiring offices in other cities.

A meeting was held in the Interior Department to decide whether to work the employees this afternoon or to begin next week. There seemed to be some leeway in the language of the President's order, which said that he "desired" department heads to put it in effect rather than "ordered." It was decided to put the full Saturday in effect today and orders were being telephoned just before the normal quitting time.

Bus Traffic Light.
Bus traffic was light this morning, indicating that many Government workers had made it a three-day holiday by putting in a leave slip for the day for the approval of their supervisors.

District officials discussing the Saturday afternoon question with Engineer Commissioner Charles W. Kutz—the only one of the three Commissioners at his office this morning—were Budget Officer Walter L. Fowler and Corporation Counsel Richmond B. Keech.

A District Building source said, however, that it was felt local employees might not have to work the 48-hour week, adding that the length of work might be reduced in the discretion of city heads. This, it was pointed out, would permit District employees to continue with their present 44-hour week, which includes four hours on Saturdays.

Information Is Sought.
Meanwhile, calls were coming in to the District Building asking for information from District agencies wondering if their employees would have to work through this afternoon.

At the Labor Department, it was said that a "skeleton force" would work all day, but telephone operators could get no answer from the offices of the Secretary, the chief clerk, the director of personnel or the director of information.

At the Capital Transit office, it was said that the regular weekday schedule would be kept in effect today. Some bus drivers might get overtime as a result. Most of them have been putting in considerable overtime to date. Traffic was light this morning, it was said, and no difficulty was expected for the end of the day.

Traffic Signs Problem.
Another problem facing District officials was that of whether street signs, marked one-way at certain hours except on Saturdays and holidays, should be changed to eliminate Saturdays.

This, of course, would make them one way on Saturdays as on other work days. It is understood that a recommendation to make such changes has been sent to the District Building this morning by M. O. Eldridge, acting director of the Department of Vehicles and Traffic.

It is pointed out that parking signs, however, usually apply to Saturday. A lieutenant in the traffic division of the Police Department said he had not yet received any orders for special details of police for this afternoon's traffic, pending any change in signs.

Engineer Commissioner Charles W. Kutz, who said he had not seen the recommendations yet from the traffic department, said he thought the 48-hour week "will involve changing the signs."

South African Women Throng War Workshops

For the first time in South Africa women are joining alongside men in the workshops and the war has given a tremendous impetus to employment of women on the railways.

Women are making bomb parts, turning striker heads to specific dimensions, drilling suspension lugs and welding fins on bomb cones. They are expert on all processes in the making of gun sights.

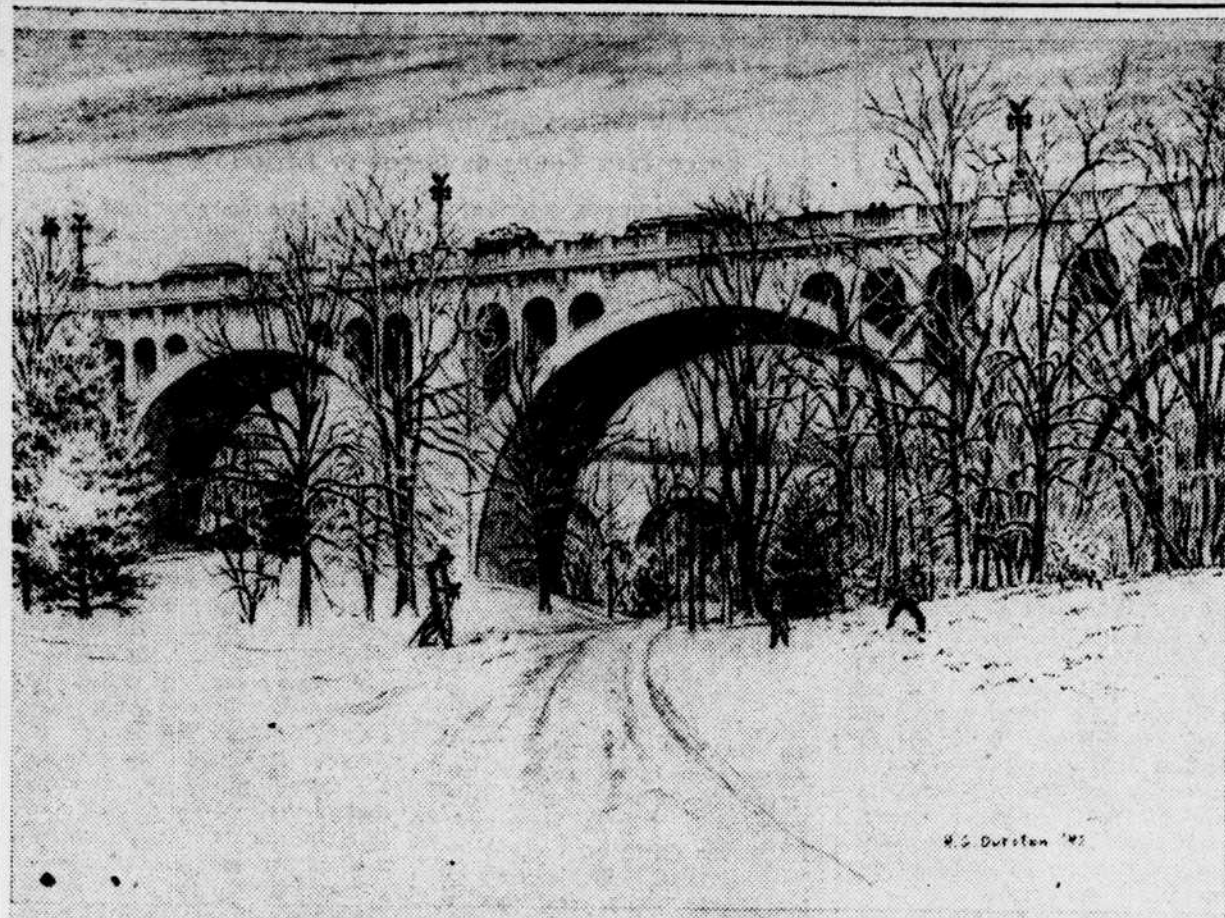
Baltimoreans Are Asked For 3,600,000 Tin Cans

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The State Salvage Commission said today it counted on Baltimoreans to turn in 3,600,000 tin cans Wednesday in an all-out tin collection campaign.

That figure was based on the per capita contributions in a test made December 16 in Hagerstown. Collections there totaled more than 1 1/2 tons.

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A WARTIME CHRISTMAS CARD—As her Christmas and New Year greeting to the readers of The Star, Helen Gatch Durston stood at the foot of the Shoreham Hill to draw happy children playing in the snow and the Taft and Calvert Bridges towering in the distance. But to show that this is a wartime Christmas scene and not the playtime days of peace, Mrs. Durston included in her sketch the cars and buses that pour ceaselessly over Taft Bridge carrying workers to their war jobs. The lad at the left is seizing his rare opportunity to use a pair of skis in mild-weathered Washington.

The Calvert Bridge, seen faintly in the background, is named after the founder of the State of Maryland. The Taft Bridge, built in 1908, was named after former President William Howard Taft when he died in 1930.

Bus Service Assured For Foxhall Village, MacArthur Boulevard

Routes to Be Shortened; PUC Statement Clears 'Misunderstanding'

Stating that there "appears to be considerable misunderstanding as to the proposed change in bus service to Foxhall Village and the MacArthur boulevard section of the City," Public Utilities Commission Chairman James H. Flanagan emphasized in a prepared statement today that "it is not proposed that this bus service shall be abandoned."

The length of the line, however, will be shortened, he said. When the new service goes in effect January 31, he explained, the terminal will be on MacArthur boulevard east of Nebraska avenue, and the service will be operated as a branch of the Glover Park-Trinidad line.

Flanagan Statement.
In his prepared statement, Chairman Flanagan said: "The bus line will be cut short on MacArthur boulevard because from Nebraska avenue to Norton street the Cabin John streetcar line runs only a short distance from the present Potomac Heights bus line. The PUC is desirous of complying with the policy of the Office of Defense Transportation, which requires that in cases where there is such a duplication of service the bus line should be eliminated."

Mr. Flanagan said the new bus service would have a frequency comparable to that now provided, with the added advantage that through service will be available which will make it unnecessary to transfer to downtown transportation facilities at Western High School or at Wisconsin avenue and R street.

School Service.
It is anticipated that service for school children will be provided over the shortened line, Chairman Flanagan said. He predicted that this would make it necessary for those school children who live between Nebraska avenue and Norton street to take the Cabin John streetcar line and get off at Thirty-fifth and O streets N.W. Or, he continued, they can walk from their homes to the Nebraska avenue terminal of the new bus line.

He admitted that this would result in inconvenience for some, but that it will impose any unnecessary hardship on the children. "The new Nebraska avenue-Loughborough road bus line, he explained, will be available for the use of school children, giving them a through connection with the Cabin John streetcar line for Western High School and Gordon Junior High School and also a direct route to Wilson Junior High School and other schools in that neighborhood.

Money Imports Limited.
Travelers entering or leaving the Dominican Republic cannot carry more than \$50 in United States currency.

Roosevelts Ask for Copies Of Rationing Parody on Santa

A rationing parody on the familiar verses beginning "Twas the night before Christmas" was amused President Roosevelt yesterday when it was read at Epiphany Episcopal Church that both he and Mrs. Roosevelt asked for copies of it. The jingle was read by the speaker, Dr. Howard Stone Anderson, pastor of the First Congregational Church, at the Federation of Churches' Christmas services.

This a writer of verses to the editor, Helen Griffin, who sent the lines below to a St. Louis newspaper, enjoyed an unusual distinction. Dr. Anderson's mother clipped the jingle and sent it to him. Here it is:

"Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house
The only one able to stir was a mouse.
The rest of the family, from papa on down,
Were soundly asleep after hiking from town.
The buses went flying right past them pell-mell
And streetcars and taxis ignored them as well.
While the family jolopy, as you might have guessed,
Was wanting for rations and taking a rest.
The kids snuggled close in the 65-degree heat
And dreamed they had icicle toes on their feet;
The baby, in dreams, bounced a synthetic ball
And saw plastic soldiers at march on the wall.
In his sleep papa uttered to Santa this plea,
"If you've any old tooth paste tubes, bring them to me."
And mamma, delirious, smiled in her bed
As visions of coffee beans danced in her head.
The nylon that hung by the chimney were rare
Indeed, if you find some, St. Nick, put them there.
The packages wrapped up in "V" shapes and seals
Said Hirohito and Hitler are fast at our heels.
And out in the pantry, in sarcastic sham
Stood saccharin candy, and jelly and jam,
While an eggless and butterless, sugary cake,
With its gay decorations, denied it was fake.
There was sis in her WAAC suit, and Bud wearing wings,
Reminding us gravely of war's bitter stings;
But old Santa, that jolly American
Said, "We won't let them put Uncle Sam on the shelf!"
(And I think he exclaimed, though my hearing is hard,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a 'B' card.")

D. C. Traffic Toll Rises to 106; Several Hurt

Man Struck by Auto Dies in Hospital; Accidents Heavy

D. C. Traffic Toll
Killed in 1942 106
Killed in same period of 1941 93
Toll for all of 1941 95

The District traffic toll for the year rose to 106 today while several other persons were hurt in holiday accidents.

A 40-year-old colored man tentatively identified as Benjamin Prazier of the 4300 block of Hunt place N.E., died at Casualty Hospital early today less than an hour after being struck by an automobile at Fifth and H streets N.E.

Police ordered the driver of the car, Lee C. Miles, colored, 27, of the 1700 block of Fifth street N.W., to appear at an inquest. The date has not been set.

Ninety-three persons were killed in traffic accidents during a corresponding period in 1941, and this year already is 11 more than died in all of 1941, police records show.

Two Seriously Injured.
Two other persons were in serious condition at Casualty Hospital as a result of traffic accidents which police said were particularly heavy here because of bad weather.

Benjamin H. McKnight, 50, colored, of 1765 Swann street N.W., was injured seriously today when he ran into the side of streetcar while crossing a street.

Struck down by an automobile last night at Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue, Mrs. Bertha Shaw, 56, of 914 G street N.E., sustained a serious condition at Casualty today. She suffered a possible skull fracture and a possible knee fracture.

Casper Horn, 58, of 645 E street S.E., while police said, was struck on the side of an automobile at Tenth street and South Carolina avenue S.E. last night, was treated at Casualty for a possible skull fracture. His condition was fair.

Others Treated.
Carl Wendling, 49, of 234 F street N.W., was injured at Hospital suffering from a fractured left arm and leg when struck last night by an automobile at Third and F streets N.W.

Two other pedestrians were injured in accidents here last night, but after treatment at Emergency Hospital they were released. William Staples, 76, of 1016 Tenth street N.E., received face and hand cuts when struck by a streetcar at Fifteenth and G streets N.W., police said.

Grace Roper, 35, 1534 Fort Davis drive S.E., received a cut knee when she was struck by a Virginia bus at Eleventh and E streets N.W.

Greater U. S. Control Over Power Firms Seen

The American Council on Public Affairs, a private research organization, yesterday issued a report predicting greater Federal control over the electric utility industry over the war.

"The electric utility industry under the present wartime conditions is undergoing great changes particularly in its interest aspects," said the study, prepared by Dr. Robert D. Baum. "The growth of large-scale generating sources, long distance transmission lines and increased co-ordination of interconnection and interchange point to the likelihood that Federal control in the post-war period will be more significant than before the war."

Dr. Baum recommended that State control of local power distribution be retained but that duplication and overlapping of functions of State regulatory agencies and the Federal Power Commission be eliminated.

Maryland Accident Fund Surplus Set at \$941,785

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The State accident fund's surplus on September 30, end of the fiscal year, was \$941,785.43 and reserves for unpaid claims and catastrophes were \$1,205,843.41, Gov. O'Connor said today in receiving the report from John A. Sherman, chairman of the fund's board of commissioners.

Gov. O'Connor said he was confident that this surplus and reserve would protect the policyholders, the State and workmen against any imaginable disaster.

He added the surplus and reserve was guaranteed against serious depletion by a reinsurance treaty covering any catastrophe loss in excess of \$25,000 and to a limit of \$500,000.

Mr. Sherman reported to the Governor that the commissioners had made a number of changes in the administrative setup of the fund during the year.

Three, instead of one, payroll auditors are now attached to the fund's staff, and the additional persons brought in as result of their work have more than paid their salaries, Mr. Sherman reported.

An additional accident investigator was assigned to the Western Maryland area, he added.

Camp Lee Holds First Catholic Midnight Mass
CAMP LEE, Va., Dec. 25.—High-ranking officers and privates knelt together here last night in Camp Lee's first midnight mass for soldiers of the Catholic faith.

Eberstadt Called Capital's Biggest Yes and No Man

WPB 'Bottleneck Buster' Proves Organizing Genius

By the Associated Press.
When "Bottleneck Buster" Eberstadt took a job here, his anti-Roosevelt pals said, "Ferd, you're ruined."

"Okay, okay," he snorted, "I'm expendable!"
Here's the story as told by men in position to know:

When Mr. Eberstadt came here, the war supply program was in a stew—some industries hoarded everything they could lay hand to, some factories idled for lack of certain supplies. Officials of all degrees doled out contracts right and left, bewildered manufacturers butted their heads together diving for raw materials, while the armed services kicked for guns and ships and tanks and so on.

It was almost a year ago that this taciturn Wall street lawyer-banker showed up as civilian boss of the Army and Navy Munitions Board. The gold braid, it is said, had a spasm.

But in short order the Army and Navy decided he was the best friend they both had. He figuratively knocked their nogginns together, and pretty soon supplies were organized and going where they belonged.

But when Mr. Eberstadt began prodding the War Production Board last September, harassed authorities said: "Now see here, Ferd, if you can run this thing better than we can, get over in WPB and bust the bottlenecks."

Four Pointed Results.
1. Compiled a list of every known military and civilian need for victory.
2. Organized exact, minute-to-minute reports on the supply of vital materials.

3. Chopped off non-essential or overlapping requisitions and allocated specific supplies to specific needs.
4. Gave WPB a timetable on the type, quantity and purpose of goods available for military and civilian uses.

Here was something no one else believed could be done. Mr. Eberstadt was not boasting when on December 2 he told the National Association of Manufacturers:

"No nation in all history has ever produced anything equaling it. It's the last war effort, and it is likely to be exceeded only by our own production in time to come."

Once Called "Deacon."
The "deacon," as they called him around his college YMCA, is a Princeton man, a Phi Beta Kappa, a wounded captain of United States Army in the last war, former partner of the old Willing Gibbs McAdoo law firm in New York, a former partner of Dillon, Read & Co., and now is head of his F. Eberstadt & Co. investment firm on Wall Street.

Some say he made \$2,000,000 and had virtually retired on his 80-acre Long Island estate before he was 38 years old. He is 52 now, short, stocky and getting bald. He says he is going back home and sail ships with his kids again "as soon as we win this damn war."

He is very determined about it, even to the point of making personal enemies among those whom he believes to be faltering in the war effort. Sometimes he isn't very popular with those who hound him for "yes" instead of "no" answers to their requests for supplies. He will turn down military petitions as readily as civilian if they exceed the supply he considers needed for more important ends.

Mr. Eberstadt is called the biggest "yes" and "no" man in Washington. His office is flooded every day and 3 Sunday from 8 a.m. to sometimes past midnight with people who have to get his O. K. or stick.

His Deacon Sticks.
"I've listened," he says, "to a lot of folks who had something to say about the war. They did not sit grim and silent through conferences and when every one is talked out he says suddenly, 'Here, gentlemen, is my decision.' It sticks."

His best friends say Mr. Eberstadt is cold-blooded in business. That's the name of the game of "one wolf" during the New Deal days, when he made good money in securities while others lost their shirts and fought the Securities and Exchange Commission.

He was one of Owen D. Young's "yes" men at the Repeating Ball Conference in 1929. Mr. Young wanted him because he had studied and worked in various capacities, but he was startled the second day when Mr. Eberstadt took him aside and said, "Here, this thing is a fake—it will bust up because they're playing politics and have no concern for economics." It busted.

In these days Mr. Eberstadt is a frequent companion of Bernard Baruch, that stalwart old political economist and sometimes administration dissenter who ran production almost single-handed in the last war. Many of his present ideas spring from conferences on a park bench near the White House affectionately known as "Barney's air-conditioned office."

There is a general understanding around here that Mr. Baruch, Undersecretary Patterson of the War Department and Undersecretary Forrester of the Navy maneuvered Mr. Eberstadt into favor with President Roosevelt and WPB Chairman Nelson.

Kingpin or Nothing.
"I'll try it for six months," he agreed, "but I'll do the job my own way, and if any one around here tries to interfere I'll walk out and not even say good-by."

"Friends say he always has been that way—kingpin or nothing—adding that his back talk in this instance may have resulted from early distrust of "Roosevelt reforms." On one occasion he was quoted as saying: "I have no use for the New Deal or any of its works and I'll have nothing to do with it."

Recently you hear that he says he has no quarrel with changing world political and social economy provided the Navy maneuvered Mr. Eberstadt into favor with President Roosevelt and WPB Chairman Nelson.

Public Thanked.
An official of one large department store took the opportunity to thank the public for its patience in waiting in lines to make purchases. "They knew the service was not as it once was, but there was little complaining."

The majority of stores, just in case gift exchanging does pick up after the week end, will accept exchanges until January 9.

Formerly the deadline was around January 6, but merchants thought that with the large volume of sales, there would be more exchanging.

Gas Price Rise Forecast by OPA Official

Action Here Studied With View to Easing Strain on Dealers

The possibility that retail gasoline dealers in the District and in Eastern States would be allowed to increase the price of gasoline was expressed today by a spokesman for the Office of Price Administration.

Such relief might be forthcoming, the OPA official declared, if dealers along the Atlantic seaboard could demonstrate that they needed it to remain in existence. Gasoline dealers here and in the East generally have complained that the recent cuts in the value of "A," "B" and "C" ration coupons from four to three gallons have caused a further reduction in their volume of business and are making it increasingly difficult to operate profitably.

The prediction that East Coast dealers might be granted some form of relief followed an OPA announcement today that the operating margin of 3 cents a gallon of gasoline had been extended to dealers generally throughout the country. This margin has been in effect since May in Eastern coastal States and the District.

A request for a price rise was submitted to the OPA on behalf of local dealers Thursday by Harry Wainwright, representing the Gasoline Retailers of Washington, Inc., who pointed out that the 25 cent drop in volume of gasoline sales had made it impossible for many dealers to remain in business. No specific figure has been mentioned, Mr. Wainwright said, in connection with the desired increase.

Higher Prices Expected.
Extension of the 3-cent margin was expected to result in generally increased prices to the consumer throughout the country, except on the Atlantic seaboard.

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Lt. Judge, Former G. W. U. Student, Reported Missing
Lt. Bart Judge, Jr., 24, Army flyer and former student at George Washington University medical school, has been officially listed as missing by authorities of the 1st Army Air Force, it was learned last night.

Lt. Judge left a Rhode Island air base early Tuesday in a fighter plane which was last seen near New Bedford, Mass. An organized searching party has been covering Rhode Island, Massachusetts and the surrounding waters, but no trace of the plane has been found.

Lt. Judge was engaged to Miss Jane Anne Kiley of Milford, Pa., his home town. The engagement was announced December 7, although the couple had not planned to be married until after the war.

Lt. Judge was a graduate of Scranton University, Scranton, Pa.

Stirrup Pumps for D. C. To Be Shipped Next Week

The 5,000 stirrup pumps bought by the District for the warden service will be shipped from the New Jersey factory to Washington Monday or Tuesday, District Purchasing Agent Roland Brennan said today.

Underwritten by the Central Labor Union for distribution to residents under a controlled plan will be shipped January 15 or 20, Mr. Brennan said.

Later orders to bring the District up to the allocation of 21,640 pumps, will be placed at the first shipment of 6,000 pumps is sold.

War Halls Improvement To Maryland Highways

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 26.—Four years have elapsed since the State Roads Commission made surveys preparatory to straightening and widening State Route 40 between Cumberland and Frostburg, and it appeared today that the project was dead for duration of the war.

Chairman Ezra B. Whitman of the commission indicated as such when he said:

"If the policy of abandoning all new highway construction until after the war is approved, the State Roads Commission will be allowed to prepare a construction program on which it will be able to start promptly when the war is ended."

"We meant to straighten out the route between Cumberland and Frostburg in places where it shall not be able to do that, nor shall we be able to do any work on the road between Hagerstown and Frederick, originally planned as a four-lane highway."

The grading has been completed all the way and two miles have been paved for about five miles east of Hagerstown. We are now completing the last of that five miles to take the road into Hagerstown. We shall not be able to do more work here."

Police Seek Slayer Of Icehouse Worker

Ben Johnson, 41, colored, was killed last night when he was shot in an argument at an icehouse, at Alexandria, police reported today.

Police quoted witnesses as saying Johnson was shot by another colored man after an argument. The other man, police said, has not been arrested.

Joseph Robert Peterkin, colored, of Fort Belvoir, was being held today by Army authorities pending an inquest this afternoon into the fatal shooting of Elizabeth Dan McNeal, colored, Christmas eve at the Alexandria colored USO Club.

Police said the shooting took place when McNeal, who was said to have been carrying a pistol, was challenged by Peterkin, who was on military police duty.

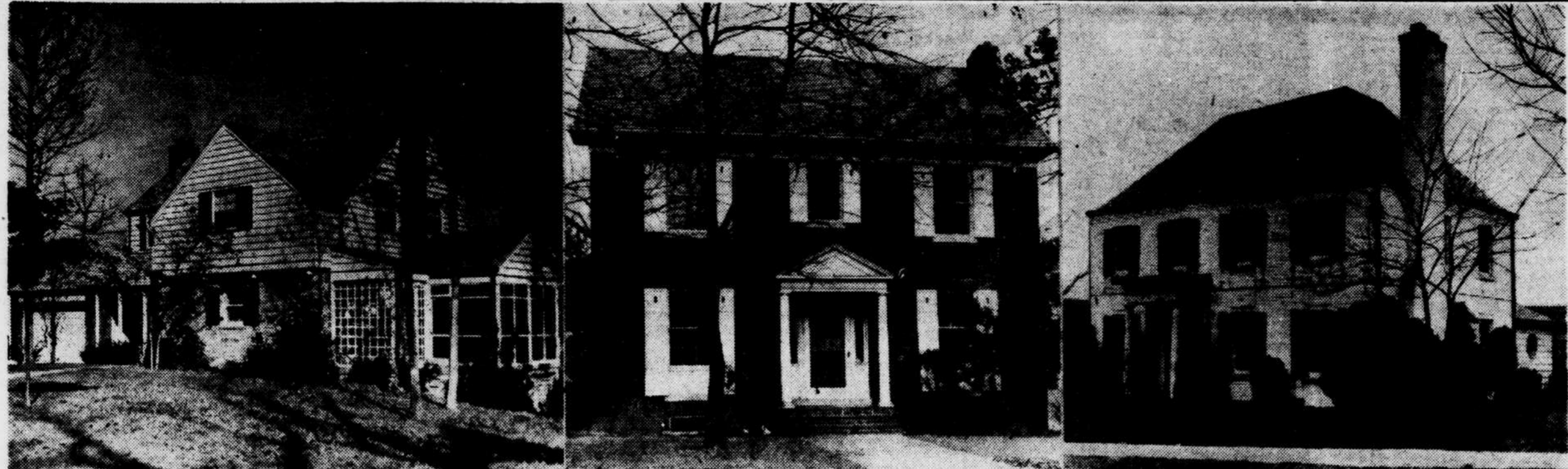


FERDINAND EBERSTADT.—A. P. Photo.

Defense Housing Insured by FHA Near 3 Billions

Over \$1,125,000,000 In Private Funds Invested in Year

Private investment funds totaling approximately \$1,125,000,000 have been mobilized under the Federal Housing Administration program...



RECENT SALES—These three delightful homes in the suburban area recently have been sold. From left to right: Comdr. William Miller, U. S. N., bought this attractive place at 9715 Bexhill drive, Chevy Chase Hills, Md., from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lawson...

The brick home at 3633 Fulton street N.W. was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Neuggass from Mrs. Laura W. Stanton. Sold through the agency of William M. Throckmorton, it has eight rooms and three baths.

The large white-brick home shown on the right was sold to Col. Horace Woodward, U. S. A., for Joseph Hedges. Located at 4342 Reno road N.W., in the Chevy Chase section, the property also was sold through Boss & Phelps.

Capital Ranks Third in U. S. Construction

Eleven Months' Total At \$78,915,637 Mark, Bureau Reports

Public and private construction in Washington totaled \$78,915,637 in the first 11 months of 1942, compared with \$65,821,445 in all of the same 1941 period...

D. C. Real Estate Dealers Express Mixed Views on '43 Building Prospects

New Construction Booms Here in '42 Despite Obstacles

Four representatives of the real estate and building industry here today gave mixed views on the outlook for construction in the Washington area for next year...



MR. CHATELAIN. —Harris & Ewing Photo.



MR. CORTRIGHT. —Harris & Ewing Photo.



MR. LUSK. —Harris & Ewing Photo.



MR. LIVINGSTON. —Harris & Ewing Photo.

Many Permanent Projects Finished This Year

Private building in Washington sank in the last week to \$19,000, according to Robert H. Davis, building inspector. The largest permit issued during the last seven days went to W. Waverly Taylor, 1628 Connecticut avenue N.W., owner and builder...

40,000 Mortgages Insured

Outside the new construction field, mortgages of approximately \$180,000,000 on 40,000 existing home properties have been insured since January 1.

Four Main Activities

Under wartime conditions, he explained, the activities of the FHA are concentrated on the following principal programs:

Permanent Projects

Among the permanent projects are slum clearance, housing developments and new Federal office buildings.

Long Takes to Prepare Plans

It takes to prepare plans and take care of all the other details which must be completed before any actual building can start.

Current Situation Facing the Industry

The current situation facing the private home building industry is extremely grave. Although the 300,000 units constructed this year by the home builders of America were built in the face of many restrictive and limitations, a recent flood of new directives has temporarily staggered the industry...

Present Year, Despite What Some May Think, Has Proved to Be of Boom Proportions for Home Building

Home building has been low-priced and not the type that would ordinarily be erected here except for a comparatively small portion of the total. Private interests will have started about 16,000 by the end of 1942 but the number of builders has been steadily decreasing.

Building Will Decline

In 1943 home building will continue to decline, the emphasis will be more and more on rental apartments and flats. Practically no houses will be erected in the Bethesda area of Montgomery County, 50 perhaps in Washington, and a few in Virginia.

Leaders in American Thought are Working to Build a Better America

Leaders in American thought are working to build a better America following the war and in their plans are many ideas for the betterment of the American home.

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3 BEDROOMS—2 BATHS BRICK COLONIAL—\$12,950. Center hall brick home, 10-foot living room, large dining room, modern kitchen, screened porch, lot 70x170, 2-car garage, two block connections, Md. shopping district.

EDGEMOOR, MD.—\$13,950. CENTER-HALL COLONIAL. Beautiful brick home on large corner lot. Large living dining rooms, de luxe kitchen, den with 1/2 bath, 3 bedrooms, tile bath with shower, built-in garage, de luxe kitchen, large screened porch, 2-car garage, automatic heat, immaculate home.

OVERLOOKING ROCK CREEK FOREST HILLS—\$19,950. Beautiful center-hall Colonial brick home, large living dining rooms, kitchen, screened porch, bedroom, 1/2 bath, 2nd floor, 4 large bedrooms, 2 full baths, maid's room, automatic heat, 2-car garage, built-in frontage on Rock Creek Park. Inspect! Inspect! to what we believe to be the best home values today!

Real Estate Board Licenses Seven During Week

The District Real Estate Commission this week issued a license as real estate broker to Rose L. Schroth, 1010 Vermont avenue N.W. Licenses as real estate salesmen were issued to Henry S. Grogan, 1732 K street N.W.; Ralph E. Powe, 1613 First street N.W.; Dorothea R. Cristofoli, room 207, Machinists' Building; and John R. McGuinness, 1606 Twentieth street N.W.

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Prospects Not Bright

The building industry's prospect for 1943 is not so bright. It is estimated that the Government will curtail its building plans to about 50 per cent of its past program. The private building work will come to a virtual standstill except for maintenance and emergency work.

Next Year's Program

According to Housing Administrator John B. Blandford's plan for next year, 175,000 housing units must be built by private industry. According to the most conservative estimates, the production of planes, ships, tanks, and guns cannot be kept up to schedule unless this minimum amount of critically needed housing is erected by private builders.

Washington's Building Program in the Past

Washington's building program in the past has kept pace with the expansion of the Government. However, it is felt that if more buildings are needed for additional war workers additional departments and bureaus will be moved to other cities rather than constructing new buildings in Washington requiring essential war materials.

Make Post-War Plans Now

In order that there shall not be a lag of many months between the cessation of hostilities and the beginning of peacetime pursuits, it is important that plans be made now for structures to be built immediately after the war.

Examination of the Production of War Housing

Examination of the production of war housing discloses the fact that in 1941, 619,000 privately financed dwelling units were erected by the builders of the country, and only 96,000 were built by the Government at the taxpayers' expense. In 1942, private industry will do 300,000 and public construction will be less than 175,000.

Private Enterprise Can Build Quicker, Better and Cheaper

Private enterprise can build quicker, better and cheaper, and if materials were allocated, the builders of this Nation could readily construct a half million vitally needed dwelling units during the next nine months. In view of the fact that only 1 per cent of the critical materials now being produced in this country would be required for housing, it is indeed unfortunate that the green light is not given.

Temporary Shelter Emphasized

Furthermore, great emphasis is being placed upon the construction of purely temporary shelter. It is quite possible that, if much of this type of construction is permitted, and that is the current trend, the temporary housing program of today will turn out to be the permanent housing problem of tomorrow.

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New Chancel Mosaic Will Be Dedicated At Grace Church

Rev. Colvin H. Wingert To Preach Sermon On 'Come Unto Me'

The dedication of a recently installed chancel mosaic will take place at Grace Reformed Church at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

The mosaic is described as follows: A three-fold panel contains the central subject. A figure of Christ is in the center panel. In the opposite panels are crosses on which hang the Greek letters Alpha and Omega.

Dr. Johnson Will Preach On 'Man of the Hour'

Dr. Gove G. Johnson, pastor of National Baptist Memorial Church, will continue the Christmas theme at 11 a. m. tomorrow with "The Man of the Hour" as his theme.

News of the Bible Classes Activities of Interest to Local Organizations

By PAGE McK. ETCHESON. President, Organized Bible Class Association.

The Organized Bible Class Association will present the Central YMCA with an oil painting of George Williams, founder of the YMCA, at a public meeting on Friday at 5 p. m.

The Rev. A. Lincoln Smith, assistant pastor, National Baptist Memorial Church, will be the guest speaker at the Bible Class of the Emory Methodist Church tomorrow morning.

The Alpha Bible Class of Sherwood Presbyterian Church joined the Organized Bible Class Association and received the certificate of membership.

Representative Sam Hobbs of Alabama will be the guest speaker at the Harrison Bible Class of Congress Street Methodist Church tomorrow morning.

Howard D. Rees, director, District of Columbia Baptist Students' Union, will give an exposition of the International Sunday school lesson on radio station WINX tonight at 8:05 o'clock.

The All States Bible Class of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church will have as guest teacher tomorrow morning Ralph Lewis, chairman of the Young People's Committee of the Organized Bible Class Association.

N. W. Morgan will continue his series of lessons on "Prophecy" at the Pinkham Bible Class of National Baptist Memorial Church tomorrow.

Justice Bolitha J. Laws will speak to the A. B. Pugh Bible Class of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church tomorrow morning on "Dynamic Christian Living."

Rev. William E. La Rue will preach at 11 a. m. on "The Incarnation." The Christmas music will be repeated. At 7:45 p. m. Christmas pageant, "Why the Chimes Rang."

At 11 a. m. sermon by the Rev. Charles H. Austin on "The Wonderful Christ." At 8 p. m. student night at Christmas. Theme: "Keep Christ Pre-eminent."

The Women's Missionary Society will meet Tuesday evening. The Gayle Circle will render the program.

The pastor is invited to sing and pray Thursday at 7:30 p. m. The pastor will speak on "The Old Year and the New Year." The congregation is urged to attend the community New Year's Day service at 10:30 a. m. in the Georgetown Presbyterian Church.

At 11:30 a. m. sermon by the pastor on "The Purposes of Christ's Birth." At 8 p. m. the volunteer chorus will render a Christmas program in songs. Title: "Simple Version of the Birth of Christ."

On Monday at 8:30 p. m. a motion picture of the present-day war will be shown by Mabel Jones under the auspices of the Pastor's Aid Club.

Vermont Avenue (Colored). The pastor will preach in the morning on "When Jesus Got Lost." At 11:20 a. m. the Rev. John Wheeler will preach for the children's church. At 8 p. m. the Rev. C. T. Murray will preach on "The Woman to Remember."

Second (Colored). Dr. J. L. S. Holloman will preach at 11 a. m. on "Jesus, the King." The choir will render spiritual music. In the evening the pastor will preach on "The Master of Sea."

Third (Colored). The Rev. George D. Bullock will preach at 11 a. m. on "What I Have Written I Have Written" and at 8 p. m. on "The Boundless Gospel." Watch meeting Thursday at 10 p. m.

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MI. Mariah (Colored). The Rev. J. Harvey Randolph will have his theme at 11 a. m. "The Kingly Reign in Righteousness." At 4:30 p. m. a Christmas carol candlelight service will be conducted by the following churches: Pilgrim Baptist, Metropolitan A. M. E. Z.

Friendship Baptist, Rehoboth Baptist, Second Baptist, Providence Baptist, John Stewart M. E. and Mt. Moriah Baptist.

There will be a chorus of 200 voices with Christmas greeting by the pastors.

Friendship (Colored). "A Star Out of Jacob" will be the subject of the Rev. B. H. Whiting at 11 a. m. A union candlelight service will be held by the Southwest church choirs at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church at 4 p. m.

The Rev. G. W. Martin of Aldie, Va., will be the guest speaker at 8 p. m.

Mount Bethel (Colored). Dr. K. W. Roy will preach a special sermon at 11 a. m. Evangelistic service at 8 p. m.

Dr. Frederick Reissig To Preach Sunday in First Baptist Church

Pastor's Father Dies, Causing Absence of Dr. Edward Pruden

Due to the sudden death of his father, Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden of the First Baptist Church will not preach Sunday. Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Federation of Churches, will preach at 11 a. m. on "We Live By Faith."

The youth choir will sing at the first service and the senior choir at the second.

On Sunday evening the Christmas candlelight carol service will be held with the Rev. Harlan Stenger, associate pastor in charge. Carols will be sung. Poetry and music will be offered in the setting of candlelight.

Monday evening the Bible discussion groups will meet, with Howard Rees in charge.

The young people will have a party Thursday between 9 and 10 p. m. There will be an organ recital by Oswald Regatz. At 11 p. m. the watch night communion service will begin.

Petworth Baptist Church To Have Special Music

The Rev. James P. Rodgers, pastor of the Petworth Baptist Church, will preach on "The Challenge of Decision" at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

There will be special music by the Junior High school choir. At the evening service the Christmas pageant, "The Heart of Christmas," will be repeated. Special recognition will be given to the college students, and the church will observe "Student Night at Christmas," an annual program of the Baptist Student Union.

The Baptist Training Union is sponsoring a New Year watch service beginning at 9:30 p. m. Thursday. There will be four simultaneous parties for the various age groups from 9:30 until 10:30 p. m. centered around the theme "A Fete of the Months." At 10:30 all groups will assemble for a program of stunts and group singing. From 11:30 until midnight a devotional service will be held, on feature of which will be special recognition and honoring boys from Petworth Baptist Church in military service.

"Snowflakes" Topic Of Rev. J. L. Holcomb

The Rev. Luther J. Holcomb, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, announced "Snowflakes" as his topic at 11 a. m. Sunday. The topic was inspired by the weather conditions for the past week. He will present many interesting facts about snowflakes.

The all-girl choir will sing. The annual candlelight service, with a cantata by this choir, will be presented at 8 p. m. This was postponed from December 20. A feature of the program will be the forming of a cross by the members of the choir.

Neighborhood watch night services are being planned for New Year eve.

St. Matthew's Lutheran The Christmas festival will be continued tomorrow morning with the Rev. Theodore P. Fricke speaking on "Keeping Christmas in the Heart." The choir will sing special Christmas music.

The young people will combine the Luther League for a Christmas service at 6:30 p. m.

A New Year eve watch service will be held at 11 p. m. with the celebration of holy communion. At this candlelight service the Rev. Mr. Fricke will present a preparatory address, "These Changing Years." The annual congregational meeting will be held January 8.

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Dr. Carl Rasmussen Will Preach at Luther Place Church

Candlelight Service And Carol Singing on Evening Program

Luther Place Memorial Church again will have its former pastor, Dr. Carl Rasmussen, as preacher tomorrow. His sermon title is "Hither to Hath the Lord Helped."

The program of the evening will be in the form of a Christmas candlelight service, in which the familiar Christmas carols will be sung.

A New Year eve watch communion service will be held December 31 at 11 p. m. Special emphasis of the service is being placed on the young men and women who have come home from camps and colleges. They are being asked to come with their families and take communion together. The Rev. John T. Klester, jr., will officiate at the communion service.

The annual silver tea of the Washington Women's League of Gettysburg College will be held from 3 to 7 p. m. New Year Day at the home of Mrs. Henry Folmer, 632 A street S.E.

Petworth Church to Hold White Gift Service

The 11 a. m. service tomorrow in Petworth Methodist Church will take the form of a White Gift Service in which the Church School department will present their Christmas gifts for war relief.

Thomas Mears and the department superintendents will have charge. Dr. Steelman will speak on "The More Blessed Gift." The boys and girls of the Intermediate Department will present their gifts and friends to a Christmas tea and service in their room at 5:30 p. m.

A Christmas pageant will be presented at 8 p. m. The four choirs will participate and Dr. Steelman will give the story of "The Other Night" by Mrs. Yarn Dwyer. After the evening service the young people will hold a Seth Parker Sing in the church parlor for students home for the holidays.

The Nursery Department Christmas party will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the church parlor.

Theosophical Society

Miss Fleurette Joffre, soprano, will conclude her lecture program at Washington Lodge, 1216 H street N.W., on December 27. Her lecture in song and sermon will be an accompaniment by Miss Mildred Deane, the theme being "The Incarnation."

The Christian Mystic Class at 6:30 will be addressed by James W. McGarvey on "The Incarnation of the Many Sons of God."

On Wednesday at 8 p. m. members and visiting Theosophists will meet for the study of H. P. Blavatsky's occult work, "The Secret Doctrine. On the Occult," and there are no other classes have been called off until the new year. A lecture program for the first half of 1943 is already in preparation.

Pentecostal Holiness. The Rev. Hubert T. Spence will speak over Station WINX at 8:30 a. m. on "Faith in God." At the church at 11 p. m. his topic will be "Is Christ to Return?" Bishop J. H. King will speak at 7:45 p. m.

Brightwood Park. The Rev. Robert K. Nevitt announces as his 11 a. m. theme, "The Hope of the World." At 8 p. m. the pageant, "The Promised One," will be presented by the young people, under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Russell. On New Year eve at 7:45 o'clock, fellowship of prayer and self-dedication will be observed.

Saint Paul. The Rev. William Pierpont will preach at 11 a. m. on "The Value of Self-Discovery." During the informal services at 8 p. m. he will have for his topic "The Value of Self-Discovery."

Union. Dr. Selwyn K. Cockrell will preach at 11 a. m. on "As the Mountains, and at 8 p. m. on "The Story of Our Life."

Gorsuch. Dr. Louis S. Rudasill will preach at 11 a. m. on "Glad Tidings."

Lewis Memorial. The Rev. H. R. Deal will use as a subject for a New Year message, "Some Worthy Achievements," at 11 a. m. At 8 p. m. there will be a candlelight service and pageant, "The Coming of the Christ Child," presented by the church school and the three choirs. The white gifts offering will be for the Children's Homes of the Baltimore Conference.

At 11 a. m. sermon by the Rev. E. Adolph Haynes on "No Room in the Inn"; 8 p. m., candlelight service by the Gospel Chorus. At 10:30 p. m. Thursday, watch night service, with sermon by the pastor.

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A Lesson for the Week Purpose, Program, Power Need for This New Year

By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

We are approaching a scarce New Year. All signs indicate that it will be the most momentous in history. It probably will see the end of the war, by victory of the United Nations. There is some talk, mostly in pacifist quarters, of a negotiated peace; but there is no appreciable weight of public sentiment to support this position. The overwhelming majority of us believe that the only way out of the war is to go through with it, thereby abolishing the wicked old order of greed, selfishness, materialism and oppression.

Already war's tightening grip has restricted the old life of everybody. In the new year of 1943 these limitations will be felt more severely. Everybody has to look forward to greater privations, greater service and greater education. This global war will test men's souls, while at the same time enlarging and deepening them. The young men in the armed services have given thrilling evidence of the capacity of patriotic youth for heroism, endurance and achievement. The civilian population, in the New Year, must match them in a glorious transformation of life.

What God Is Doing. A sobered and scared world is already perceiving the providential purposes in this vast struggle. It is plain that an Almighty God is chastening mankind for its disobedience of His law and its disloyalty to fellow men. By so doing He is awakening our dormant spirits—a slow process, for not all of us are yet aroused to the tremendous significance of the war. And by this tribulation God is preparing for a new and better world, wherein dwelleth righteousness and love. Only such a great goal could justify such a great ordeal.

As we meditate, in unwonted seriousness, upon the new year that we are about to enter, we perceive that men and women and little children must have a new purpose, a new program and a new power. Those are essential requisites for the greatest revolution human society has ever undergone.

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Calvary Methodist Continues Christmas Observances

'Life's Boomerangs' To Be 11 A.M. Topic Of Dr. Robinson

Christmas observances will be continued tomorrow in Calvary Methodist Church. At 11 a. m. the Rev. Dr. Orris Gravenor Robinson will preach on "Life's Boomerangs."

At 8 p. m. the combined choirs will present a special program. Fellowship will follow the service, with the young people as hosts.

On New Year eve the young people will hold open house, with games and recreation. At 11:45 p. m. there will be a watch service, with Miss Helen Lewis in charge.

On New Year Day the church will be open for prayer, and a special service will be held at 5 p. m., with Dr. Robinson in charge. The youth room will be open from 3 to 10 p. m. New Year Day.

Visitors in the city and those new in Washington are especially invited to attend all activities listed.

'Musing About Music' Topic of Rev. MacMillan

The Rev. Walton L. MacMillan will preach at Grace Baptist Church at 11 a. m. on "Musing About Music" and at 7:45 p. m. on "A New Gospel for Old Resolutions." The broadcast, "Grace With the Gospel of Grace" will be over Station WINX at 10:30 p. m. Sunday.

On Tuesday at 8 p. m. the J. O. Y. Columbian Girls will meet at the home of Mrs. Adele Wilson. The women's prayer meeting will be held Thursday at 10:30 a. m. at the home of Mrs. Bessie Kidd. At 8 o'clock there will be a watch night service in the church concluding at 12:01 a. m. All are invited.

Cheraphy

Sunday, December 27, at 8:15 P.M. "New Year Resolutions." Study Class, Wednesday at 8:15 P.M. Library, Weds. & Sun., 7:30 P.M. Sat., 1:30-4.

United Lodge of Theosophists

Hill Bldg., 17th and Eye Sts. N.W. No Dues, Fees or Collections. Sunday, Dec. 27th, at 8 P.M. FLEURETTE JOFFRE "HEAVEN SINGS TO EARTH"

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"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE"

SERVICES: Sunday 11 A.M. and 8 P.M. Sunday School, 10:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING, 8 O'CLOCK. SUNDAY SERVICES: SUNDAYS 9:30 A.M. STATION WBYE SECOND AND FOURTH FRIDAYS 8:30 TO 9:30 P.M. (No Sunday Evening Service.)

A New Year's Service will be held on Friday, January 1, as follows: The Societies, 11:00 a. m.; Third Church, 12:15 p. m.; First, Second and Fourth Churches, 8:00 p. m.

READING ROOMS. FIRST CHURCH—1612 K St. N.W. Hours, 9 to 9 (except WEDNESDAYS 9 to 7 and Sundays and holidays, 2:30 to 5:30).

SECOND CHURCH—111 C St. N.E. Hours, 12 to 9 (except Wednesdays, 12 to 7:45; Sundays and Holidays, 2:30 to 5:30).

THIRD CHURCH—Colorado Bldg., 14th and G Sts. Hours, 8:30 to 9 (except Wednesdays 8:30 to 7:30, and Sundays and holidays, 2:30 to 5:30).

FOURTH CHURCH—Riggs Bank Bldg., 33rd St. S.W. Hours, 9:30 to 7:30 (except Wednesdays 9:30 to 7:30; Sundays, 2:30 to 5:30 p. m.; Holidays, 2:30 to 5:30 p. m.).

MASS. AVE. SOCIETY—1626 Wisconsin Ave. N.W. Hours, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 1-5; Tuesday, Thursday, 1-5, 7-9; Sundays and holidays, 2-5. All are welcome to attend our church services and use our reading rooms.

First Church of Christ Scientist, ALEXANDRIA, VA. EMMAUS METHODIST CHURCH, Russell Road and High Street. Sunday Service and Sunday School, 11 a. m. Wednesday Evening Meeting, 8 p. m. Reading Room, 919 King St. Alexandria, Va. First Church of Christ Scientist, HATFIELD, MD. Reading Room, 1111 Wilson Lane, Bethesda, Md. Hours, Weekdays, 11:30 to 5; Monday, Friday, 7:30 to 9:30.

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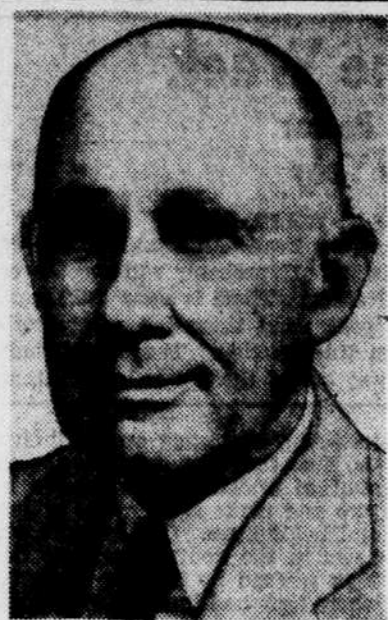
Schedule of Activities in Washington Churches

Baptist East Washington Heights. "A Good Question to Ask at the Close of 1942" will be the theme of the Rev. Glenn B. Faucett at 11 a. m. A

Dr. Chesteen Smith To Preach 50th Anniversary Sermon

Will Return to Hamline Methodist Church for 11 a.m. Service

Dr. Chesteen Smith will observe the 50th anniversary of the preaching of his first sermon tomorrow at 11 a.m. on the invitation of Hamline Methodist Church...



DR. CHESTEEN SMITH.

Christ Lutheran Church To Hold Yule Program

The Sunday school Christmas exercises of Christ Lutheran Church will be held at 9:45 a.m. tomorrow, with the distribution of gifts following...

The young adults will give a New Year drama at 7:30 p.m. The Junior Circle of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has elected the following officers...

The Neophytes, another circle of W.S.C.S. composed of young adult women, elected their officers: Chairman, Mrs. Gwendolyn Huff...

Albright Memorial Topic '1942's Valetudinary'

Services at Albright Memorial Evangelical Church tomorrow will continue to carry the Christmas atmosphere with both choirs repeating the better part of the Christmas music at both services...

On Thursday at 11 p.m. will be a Christmas eve service entitled "A Service of Candlelighting."

Movies, Music Scheduled At Washington Chapel

The artistic combination of colored movie shots of "Western Trails" and concert organ will be demonstrated in a "neighborhood church" program at 8 p.m. Monday in the Washington Chapel of the Latter-day Saints...

Chinese Church to Get Christian Flag Tomorrow

A Christian flag will be presented to the Chinese Community Church of Washington at 3 p.m. tomorrow by the Christian Church Council of metropolitan Washington...

Minister From Japan To Preach Tomorrow

The Rev. Bovde C. Moore of Japan, now an officer in the United States Army, will preach at the Church of the Pilgrims at 11 a.m. tomorrow on "I Am the Way."

Trinity Lutheran

The topic of the Rev. H. M. Hennig at 11 a.m. tomorrow will be "The Fate of the Christ Child in the World." The newly-elected church officers will be installed...

The adult membership class will meet at 6 p.m. Any one may join this class at any time.

The Sunday evening open house for servicemen and all young people will begin at 7:30 p.m.

There will be no Red Cross work on Wednesday.

Nazarene

A communion service will be held on New Year eve at 8 p.m. There will be no services on New Year Day.

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Christmas Theme Will Be Repeated At Grace Lutheran

Dr. Lenski Will Preach On 'Whither Bound, O Wayfarer'

Services at Grace Lutheran Church tomorrow will repeat the Christmas theme and will be preparatory to the New Year. Dr. Gerhard E. Lenski will preach at 11 a.m. on "Whither Bound, O Wayfarer..."

Dr. Lenski will preach at 7:30 p.m. on "Guiding Stars for 1943." Ruth Minter, contralto, will be soloist.

Following this service a social will be held.

New Church officers are: Church Council—J. G. Werner, president; Karl Harig, vice president; Frederick Winkelman, secretary; Marvin Bumgarner, treasurer; Leon Chatelein, financial secretary; James Stephens, William Lehmann, George Wendlandt, Hugh V. Keiser, T. O. Kraeber.

Women's Guild—Mrs. William Lehmann, president; Mrs. Leslie Brown and J. G. Werner, vice presidents; Mrs. Ann Campbell, secretary; Mrs. William Ruckert, treasurer; Mrs. Frederick Winkelman, financial secretary.

Senior League—Kathryn Horner, president; Harry Rush, vice president; Bessie Ashbee, secretary; Dora Winkelman, treasurer.

Trustees will be Earl S. Halslip and Ona R. Hoover.

Choir to Present Carols Of Many Nations

The choir will present a musical service arranged after the order of the madrigal singers at the North Washington Baptist Church tomorrow night. Carols of many nations will be sung in the light of a large star and before a glowing yule log.

The Rev. Henry J. Smith will give a New Year sermon on "Building for Permanence." The choir will sing a Christmas anthem.

A devotional service will be held Thursday night at the Highlands Baptist Church. The Rev. N. M. Simmonds will be the speaker.

An all-church Christmas party will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Stansbury Hall. There will be moving pictures, the singing of carols and refreshments.

The women's Bible class meeting will be held Tuesday night instead of Monday at the home of Mrs. Geneva Ryan.

Bethel Tabernacle

The Rev. Harry V. Schaeffer will speak at 11 a.m. on "The Christian's Escape" and at 7:30 p.m. on "Power for Service." Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. the "Back Home Hour" will be heard over Station WINX.

Thursday, 7 p.m., fasting and prayer followed by Bible study class and watch night service. When holy communion will be served.

New Year Day will be observed as a day of confession and repentance with prayer for our Nation outlined in the President's proclamation.

First Methodist

The Rev. A. F. T. Raum will ask the question, "Where Have I Been?" at 11 a.m. and at 8 p.m. will speak on "Courage in 1943."

A Christmas party will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m.

New Year eve service will be Thursday at 8 p.m., with the minister's message theme being "The Old and the New."

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Missionary Once Held By Japanese to Preach

The guest speaker tomorrow morning in the Georgetown Presbyterian Church will be the Rev. E. Wade Koons, for the past 40 years a missionary of the Presbyterian Church in Korea. He has recently been released from imprisonment by the Japanese after being beaten and given the "water cure" and otherwise maltreated as an enemy alien. He returned among those repatriated on the Gripsholm.

The Rev. Mr. Koons is now on the staff of the Office of War Information, with headquarters in Los Angeles.

Dr. Cranford Gives Sermon Tomorrow At Calvary Baptist

Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, minister at Calvary Baptist Church, will preach tomorrow morning on "Going Back in Order to Go Ahead" and in the evening on "What I Know About You."

The Rev. Edwin H. Tuller, associate minister, will conduct the junior church service at the same time.

The annual watch night service will be held on Thursday, beginning with an entertainment at 9 p.m., which will be in charge of the minister. At 10 p.m. a social will be a worship service, closing with the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

The music appreciation will be resumed on Tuesday evening.

An experiment will be made in having the midweek prayer service on Wednesday instead of Thursday evening. The dates for the trial will be January 13, 20 and 27. The program for January 7 will be on the usual night, Thursday. Miss Helen Hunt, former dean of women at the College, Burma, will be the speaker.

Due to the New Year holiday, the happy hour for children of the neighborhood will not be held.

Church of the Brethren

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'If He Had Not Come' To Be Morning Topic At Foundry Methodist

Augmented Choir to Sing At 8 P.M.; Parsonage 'At Home' Days Set

Dr. Frederick Brown Harris will have for his theme at 9:30 and 11 a.m. in Foundry Methodist Church "If He Had Not Come." An all-girl choir will sing with Audrey Miller, alto, and David Lawrie, baritone, taking the solo parts.

The choir, augmented by choristers from the Washington Missionary College, will sing at 8 p.m. Thelma Grant, soprano; Audrey Miller, alto; Justin Lawrie, tenor, and Ernest C. Livingston, bass, will be the soloists.

Tuesday and Wednesday have been designated at home days at the parsonage, when Dr. and Mrs. Harris will receive members of the church and congregation.

There will be a watch night communion service at 11 p.m. Thursday. It will be preceded by a church family hour at 9:30 p.m.

The church will be heated and open all day Friday.

Waugh Methodist

Service at 11 a.m., with sermon by the Rev. Samuel E. Rose on "Upsets of the Old Year." Special music by the combined choirs.

Service of song and sermon at 8 p.m. The Rev. Mr. Rose speaks on "A Clean Slate." The young people's choir will provide the music.

Watch night services will be held Thursday from 8 to 9 p.m. The varied program will include obituaries of the members who have died during the year and special music.

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Rev. R. Paul Schearrer Announces Sermon Topic

'What Did You Get for Christmas?' Will Be Topic of the Rev. R. Paul Schearrer of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The Taketarian Players will repeat Dorothy Clarke Wilson's Christmas drama, "No Room in the Hotel," at 8 p.m. The presentation will be preceded by a service led by the pastor.

McKendree Methodist To Unveil Service Roll

At the McKendree Methodist Church at 11 a.m. an honor roll plaque bearing the names of the 29 young men and women of the parish who have entered the armed forces of our country will be unveiled. William Murray, a member of the church who lost his eyesight in the World War, will unveil the plaque. The families of those who are being honored are requested to attend.

The Rev. C. P. Phillips will preach at 11 a.m. on "The Call to Arms" and at 8 p.m. on "Elijah, Man of God," another in a series of sermons on great characters of the Bible.

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14th and You Sts. S.E.

10:45 a.m.—Bible School

11 a.m.—"Examine Your Lives"

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9:45 p.m.—Youth People Meeting

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Dr. John Compton Ball To Preach Tomorrow At Metropolitan

Watch Night Service To Be Featured by Young People's Debate

Dr. John Compton Ball, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, will preach tomorrow morning on "The Most Important Question of 1942."

Dr. Sexsmith to Talk On 'Pilgrims of Faith'

"Pilgrims of Faith" will be the theme of the New Year sermon by Dr. E. A. Sexsmith tomorrow morning at the Rhode Island Avenue Methodist Church.

Salvation Army

Meetings tomorrow are: Temple Corps, 606 E Street N.W.—Maj. Fred Fox will speak at 11 a.m. on "All Things New."

Dr. John W. Rustin Takes Happiness As Sermon Topic

Rev. Wilber H. Wilson To Preach at Junior Church Service

Dr. John W. Rustin will preach at 9 and 11 a.m. tomorrow in Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church on "Let's Create Happiness This New Year."

Civil Defense Veterans To Be Heard in Broadcast

Civilian defense workers who have been in action from Pearl Harbor attack to coastal patrol over submarine-infested waters will be heard New Year night from 8:30 to 9 o'clock on a broadcast on the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Man Killed, 3 Injured In Logan (W. Va.) Fire

By the Associated Press. LOGAN, W. Va., Dec. 26.—One man was killed and three others were seriously injured yesterday when fire destroyed the Seamounts Hotel, a four-story frame structure, at Deskins Addition near Logan.

Augustana Lutheran

"Christmas Continued" will be the theme of the sermon by Dr. Arthur O. Heilm tomorrow morning.

Eldbrooke Methodist

"Out of the Manger Into the Temple" is the subject of the Rev. E. A. Lambert tomorrow at 11 a.m. This Sunday has been designated as the "Children's Hour" and music will be sung by the choir and also carols will be featured.

\$100,000 Fire Destroys Augustinian Seminary

By the Associated Press. OCONOMOC, Wis., Dec. 26.—A 40-room society showplace of the gay 90s era, now a seminary operated by the Augustinian Fathers of Chicago, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Washington Radio Club, 625 P street N.W., 8 o'clock tonight.

DANCES.

J. C. C., Jewish Community Center, 9 o'clock tonight.

Omega Phi Sorority, Wardman Park Hotel, 9:30 o'clock tonight.

Provost Marshal's Office, Wardman Park Hotel, 9 o'clock tonight.

Tota Phi Sorority, Carlton Hotel, 10 o'clock tonight.

FOR MEN IN THE SERVICE.

Floor show, games, refreshments, hostesses, USO Club, Salvation Army, 606 E street N.W., 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. today.

Dancing, refreshments, hostesses, two bands, N.C.S. Men's Club (USO), 918 Tenth street N.W., 3 o'clock until 12 p.m. today.

Dinner, indoor recreation, organ music, Reformation Lutheran Church, 212 East Capitol street, 5:30 p.m. today.

Dinner, dancing, Fellowship House, Covenant - First Presbyterian Church, 3563 Massachusetts avenue N.W., 6:30 o'clock this evening.

Dinner, Fellowship Recreation, Almas Temple, K street near Thirteenth N.W., 6:30 o'clock tonight.

Dinner, entertainment, dancing, Foundry Methodist Church, Sixteenth and P streets N.W., 6:30 o'clock tonight.

Swimming, ballroom and tap dancing, Jewish Community Center (USO), beginning at 6:30 o'clock tonight.

Dancing, refreshments, gymnasium, Calvary Methodist Church, 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Hostesses, informal recreation, refreshments, dance, YWCA (USO), Seventeenth and K streets N.W., 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Round and square dancing, refreshments, hostesses, games, Servicemen's Club No. 1, 308 Ninth street N.W., 8 o'clock tonight.

Dancing, Masonic Service Center, Thirteenth street and New York avenue N.W., 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Open house tomorrow afternoon. Buffet supper served at 5 p.m.

Hour of Music, Washington Chapel, Sixteenth street at Columbia road N.W., 8 o'clock tonight.

Women's Battalion Dance, Departmental Auditorium, Constitution avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth streets N.W., 8 o'clock tonight.

Non-sectarian religious service, social and fellowship hour, refreshments, hostesses, John S. Bennett Memorial Service Club, 613 C street N.W., 8 o'clock tonight.

Professional entertainment, dancing, refreshments, St. Margaret's Church, Connecticut avenue above Florida avenue, 8 o'clock tonight.

Dancing, games and refreshments, St. John's Parish House, Sixteenth street at H and I streets N.W., 8:30 o'clock tonight.

Dance, orchestra, games, refreshments, YMCA (USO), 1736 G street N.W., 8:30 o'clock tonight.

FOR COLORED SERVICEMEN.

Entertainment, Mount Olivet, Lutheran Church, 1325 Vermont avenue N.W., 8 o'clock tonight.

Informal dancing, party, Lichtman Leisure Lodge, 1439 U street N.W., 8 o'clock tonight.

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A city-bred chap, spending his vacation in the country, was crossing a pasture. "Say, there," he called to the farmer, "is this bull safe?"

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THE EVENING'S HIGH LIGHTS.
WOL, 3:15—The Blue-Gray football game from Montgomery, Ala.
WRC, 5:00—Doctors at War: First of a new series of medical dramas, this one entitled "Give Your Blood to a Soldier."
WMAL, 7:00—Over Here: Jack Benny heads the guest list, with Benny Goodman's Orchestra and Clifton Fadiman as M. C. There also will be Jane Froman, Lanny Ross and John W. Vandercor.
WRC, 7:30—Ellery Queen: "The Adventure of the Red and Green Boxes," which sounds Christmas.
WWDC, 7:45—Foreign Observers: Mrs. Eugene Meyer reports on a pleasant trip to England.
WJVS, 8:00—Mr. Adam, Mrs. Eve: Team of midshipmen vs. a number of "Broadway cuties."
WMAL, 8:15—Boston Symphony: The distinguished Dr. Serge Koussevitzky conducts his famous orchestra in the first of a new series, the program consisting of Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5" and Prokofiev's "Classical Symphony."

UNCLE RAY'S CORNER —By Ramon Coffman

Questions about the pyramids of Egypt have appeared in several letters I have received lately.

"Could you tell me which pyramid is the oldest and about how tall it is?" asks Leonard Becker.

"Are all the pyramids the tombs of kings and queens?" asks Jack Harrison, and Doug Lilly wants to know, "How long did it take the Egyptians to build those big pyramids?"

Lewis Holman writes:

"How did they get in to steal the body of King Khufu? I always thought the pyramids had secret entrances and secret passages and panels."

Egypt has about 75 pyramids, and they differ in size by hundreds of years. The oldest of them is believed to be the Step Pyramid. I saw that pyramid during a visit in Egypt. It is about 200 feet high, and is terraced in such a way that we may say it has six huge "steps" from the ground to the top. The Step Pyramid was built to hold the body of King Zoser.

Some persons have tried to explain the pyramids by saying they were built for the sake of "prophecy" but it seems plain that all were reared to hold the mummies of leading Egyptians. Coffins have been found in some of the rooms inside them.

We do not have exact records of the time taken to build the pyramids, but an ancient Greek traveler made a note about one of them, and his words have been quoted a great deal. The traveler was Herodotus, and he visited Egypt about 2,400 years ago. Even at that time, the pyramids were very, very old.

According to Herodotus, the Great Pyramid of Qizeh was built during a period of 30 years. Ten of the years were spent in getting the foundation ready, the other 20 in building the part above ground. A hundred thousand laborers (said this Greek) were employed in putting the stones together.

It is true that there were secret doorways and passages in the pyramids. Tales have been told of certain workers being put to death so they never would tell the secret of how to go inside.

Yet robbers found the way into the Great Pyramid and a number of others. Some of the later Arab rulers of Egypt ordered men to take masonry from the sides of a number of pyramids and to use the masonry for buildings in Cairo. When this was done, it laid open passages into the pyramids.

Next Saturday I shall take up other questions about the pyramids of Egypt, and shall discuss their age.

MODERN MAIDENS —By Don Flowers



"We swim here, too—in the summer time, of course."

LIFE'S LIKE THAT —By Fred Neher



"O. K., I'll be a sport... but that's the last piece you can toast!"

Uncle Ray

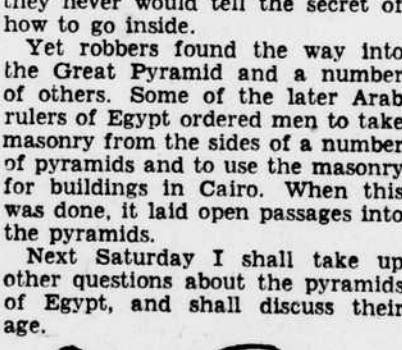
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Soldiers Lack Paunches, Lose Santa Claus Job

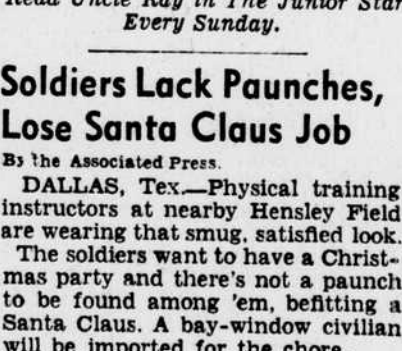
DALLAS, Tex.—Physical training instructors at nearby Hensley Field are warning that to use the Christmas party and there's not a paunch to be found among 'em, befitting a Santa Claus. A bay-window civilian will be imported for the chore.

Points for Parents

By EDITH THOMAS WALLACE.
 Being forewarned may prevent conflict in the home as effectively as it does in military areas.



This
 Mother: "When we're tired and have eaten too much, it's easy to be cross. We'll all have to watch ourselves today, won't we?"



Not This
 Mother: "For pity's sake stop your fussing or I'll give your new toys to some children who won't quarrel over them."

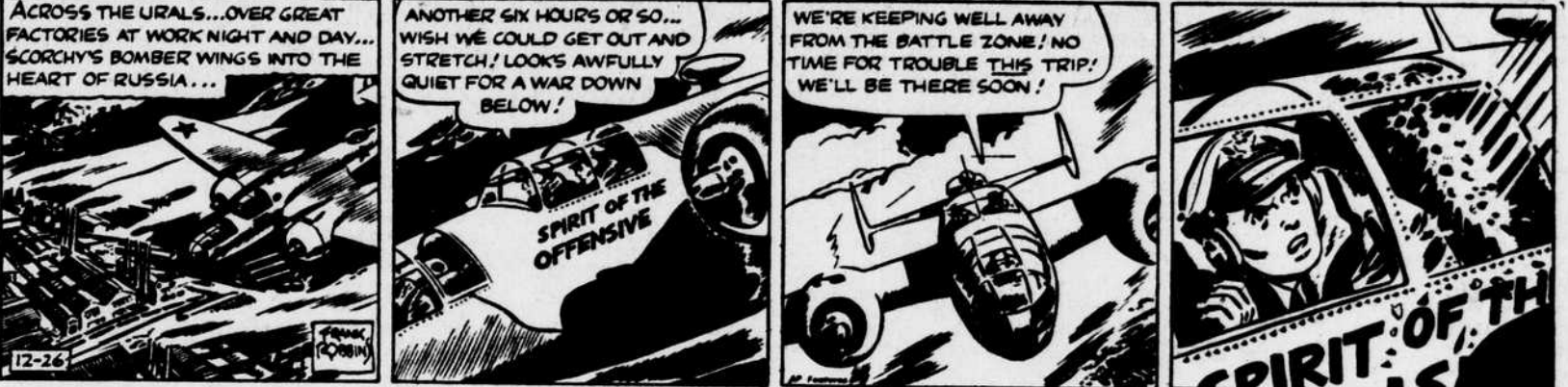
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Nine U. S. Officers Promoted for Ability in North Africa

Five of Men Cited Are Products of Officer Candidate Schools

Nine American Army officers serving in North Africa have been promoted on battlefields for gallantry and leadership ability.

Five of the men cited are products of officer candidate schools and all were promoted in accordance with Army policy to seek out leaders in battle.

Capt. Charles T. Fort, Infantry, of Winston Salem, S. C., was promoted to major, and Lt. Willard H. Bondwell, Infantry, of Burlington, N. C., was made a captain.

In the Port Lyautey sector on November 8, Maj. Fort displayed unusual initiative in organizing a task force from technicians and airplane mechanics to clear out an infested area of hostile snipers behind the American lines.

Under Heavy Fire. Capt. Bondwell was conspicuous in leading his company against a fortified position under heavy fire on November 10. He received two bullet wounds, but yielded his command only after much of the enemy resistance had ceased.

For his part in the same action Second Lt. Randall W. Livingston, Infantry, of Chicago, Ill., was promoted to first lieutenant. He assumed command after Capt. Bondwell was wounded.

First Lt. James D. Sumner, Jr., of Spartansburg, S. C., was made a captain on November 8 for directing the operations of a battalion with another hand.

Second Lt. Irving Ludwig, Jr., of Syracuse, N. Y., was promoted to first lieutenant for leadership in capturing an airport near Port Lyautey on November 10-11.

Two other second lieutenants, Roy J. Smith of Chunchula, Ala., and William J. Voller of Chicago, Ill., were made first lieutenants.

The former displayed initiative and gallantry in advancing his infantry unit in the face of heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Lt. Voller led a patrol against machine gun nests, enabling his battalion to reach its objectives.

Tank Officer Promoted. Second Lt. Leslie W. Dooley, Infantry, of Athens, Tenn., won promotion to first lieutenant on November 8 when commanding an anti-tank platoon.

Second Lt. Stephen W. Sprindis, Infantry, of Danbury, Conn., was engaged in the same action and was promoted on order of Maj. Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the American forces landing on the west coast.

The details of the exploit which led to his being made a first lieutenant have not yet been reported.

Lts. Livingston, Ludwig, Smith, Voller and Sprindis are graduates of officer candidate schools.

Wire Named as Manager of War Housing Center

Marvin M. Wire will take office as manager of the Washington War Housing Center the first of the year. It was announced today by Milton Fischer, acting regional representative of the National Housing Agency.

A native of this city, Mr. Wire for 17 years was engaged in the real estate business and general contracting business here prior to joining the Government service last year.

Mr. Wire is married and has two children and resides at 4832 Reno road n.w. He is a member of the Petworth M. E. Church, which was erected by his father in 1915. The Wire family is well known here in the real estate and financial fields.

Tin Can Drive Announced By Fairfax OCD Official

FAIRFAX, Va., Dec. 26.—Robert B. Walker, civilian defense coordinator for Fairfax County, announces plans have been completed for a tin can salvage drive to begin at once.

The beverage industries in this area, in co-operation with the retailers of bottled drinks, have offered their services in the drive.

Deposit stations will be established by the retailers, where containers for can collections will be provided. Trucks will be furnished by the wholesalers to haul the cans for shipment to a detinning plant.

Householders are requested to remove the labels from the cans, cut off both ends and flatten the cans before depositing them at the collection stations. Mr. Walker said the average family should salvage about 4 1/2 pounds of tin annually.

Anti-Horse Thief Group To Meet in Woodlawn

The 76th annual meeting of the Woodlawn Horse Company, oldest civic organization in Northern Virginia, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the old Woodlawn School.

Winning Contract

By THE FOUR ACES. (David Brown, Clarence Jacob, and Lightner, world's leading team of four. Invented the system that has beaten every other system in existence.)

Brilliant Defense

Surprisingly few players stop to think when they play bridge, even when playing a slam contract. East, in today's hand, was the exception to the rule.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

Hand details: South 4, West 4, North 4, East 4. Spades: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, A. Hearts: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, A. Diamonds: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, A. Clubs: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, A.

West opened the ace of diamonds, hoping to cash that and get the spade king later. South ruffed and figured out what West's intention had been.

He therefore cashed the spade ace and continued with the spade queen. West played low and dummy discarded the nine of diamonds.

When East played the 10 of spades South decided to abandon the suit. Declarer continued by leading a dummy heart. West played low and East's 10 was finessed to East's king.

At this point the "normal" play for East would have been the king of diamonds. That would have allowed South to ruff, draw two trumps, enter dummy with another heart finesse, draw the last trump with dummy's queen and run all of the hearts for the rest of the tricks.

But East had stopped to think. Seeing the inevitable consequence of a diamond return, he led back a trump. And now South's case was hopeless.

He made a good try by taking the trump ace and king, finessing the jack of hearts and ruffing the diamond queen with his last trump. But then there was no way to get back to dummy to draw East's last trump.

Yesterday you were Theodore Lightner's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held: A K Q 8 7 3. A 4 2. A 6 5 3.

The bidding: Schenken You Jacoby Lightner Pass 1 A 2 A Dbl. Pass (7).

Answer—Pass. Even though most of your strength is in a six-card suit, your three-card holding in clubs indicates that the defense against a club contract will be quite successful.

Your partner must have at least three, probably four, clubs, and the chances are that you can make declarer ruff spades and thus lose control of the hand.

Score 100 per cent for pass, 30 per cent for two spades. Question No. 1,266.

Take My Word for It

By FRANK COLBY. Saturday Miscellany. Atlanta: Why is the bald eagle so called, since his head is covered with feathers?—D. D.

Answer: Bald is from the Middle English word bald, meaning "white," and is akin to the Gothic bala, meaning "a white-faced horse."

Kansas City: Has VERSION more than one pronunciation?—Mrs. G. H. Answer: The pronunciation "VER-shun" has little or no literary support.

In best usage, the -sion is "shun," as in tension, thus: VER-shun. Muskegon: Why not tell your readers that there is no "stable" in STABILIZE?

The first syllable is "stah-bil-ize." Answer: While "STAB-ill-ize" is the only choice of Funk and Wagnall's Century, and is the second choice of Webster's, Macmillan's, and Winston's, Oxford, Macmillan's, and Winston's is: STAY-bil-ize.

Fort Worth: Which is correct, "identical with," or "identical to"?—L. M. M. Answer: "Identical with" is best usage, although "with" often is superfluous, as: The twins are identical. The sure way to say "identical" is: eye-DEN-ti-kul.

Newark: How many syllables should REALLY have?—Mrs. de L. Answer: Three. Say: REE-uh-lee. Dallas: A magazine article stated: "In this war, Texans are ubiquitous." Should we Long Horns get mad?—H. T. D.

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—By Guyas Williams



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Since we find vitamin A in the green leaves of lettuce, we have been giving more favorable attention to the outer and greener leaves than to the more tender and bleached ones.

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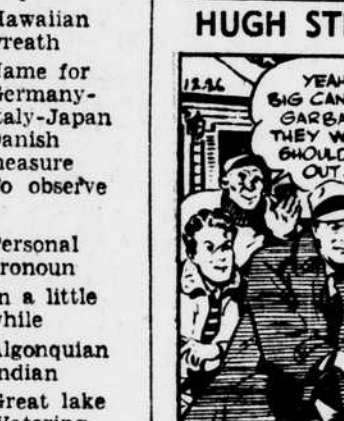
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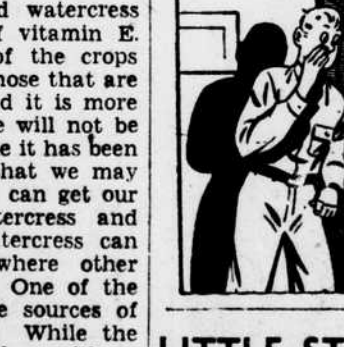
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