

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

—Monday is first Monday.
 —Saturday is January 1st.
 —The Board of Education will meet Monday.
 —The County Commissioners will meet Monday.
 —Don't forget to write it 1944 after today.
 —The Colored population of Franklin County will celebrate the emancipation proclamation Saturday, by a big parade and speaking.

TRIPLE A NEWS

Ire T. Inscoc, Chairman
 We now have CCC Feed Wheat in bins, for emergency feed purposes. This wheat is to be used to feed dairy cows, laying hens and hogs for market not exceeding 200 pounds in weight.
 This wheat will be sold from bins each Saturday from 8:00 o'clock A. M. to 5:00 o'clock P. M.

SHEARIN-THOMAS

Miss Irene Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thomas, of Louisburg, became the bride of Richard B. Shearin, of Rocky Mount, in a lovely twilight ceremony Tuesday, December 28, at 5:00, at the home of the bride's parents. The Rev. John Edwards officiated. Mrs. W. B. Leonard, cousin of the bride rendered the nuptial music. There was an altar of six branched candelabra holding burning white tapers. The background for the altar was a large Christmas tree, lighted. The vows were heard amid decorations of white bridal roses and ferns. The bride entered the room on the arm of the bridegroom. She wore a gold dress with brown accessories, her flowers were brown roses and white gardenias.
 After the wedding supper the bridal couple left for Rocky Mount where he is now employed. They will be at home on Sunset Avenue. He is the son of the late Willie Shearin.

Mussolini Dead, Says New Rumor

Madrid.—A non-Spanish diplomatic source said today that Benito Mussolini died in a clinic in Germany 10 days ago as a result of "old stomach ulcers and mental derangement."
 (The report was received with caution in London. Mussolini has been reported dead on several previous occasions, but each time erroneously.)
 Mussolini was deposed as Italian premier last July and imprisoned by his successor, Marshal Pietro Badoglio. Following Italy's surrender, Mussolini was rescued by the Germans and put at the helm of the Nazi-sponsored "Fascist Republican Government" of German-occupied Italy.
 He had not been active, however, presumably because of a prolonged illness.

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Personals

Miss Betsy Spivey left Sunday for Wichita, Kan., to visit friends.
 Mr. G. L. Poole returned the past week from a business trip to New York.
 Capt. George Lumpkin left Sunday for California to resume his duties.
 Sgt. Sam R. Allen of Burgaw, spent the holidays with his father, Mr. W. H. Allen, Sr.
 Misses Erman and Ramona Dement spent the past week with relatives in Hopewell, Va.

Mayor and Mrs. S. B. Berkeley, of Goldsboro, visited relatives and friends in Louisburg during the holidays.

David Dickerson, S. 2-c. U. S. N., spent Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Dickerson.

Miss Margaret Southwick, of Greensboro, was the holiday guest of Misses Betsy Cobb and Talmadge Thomas.

Miss Talmadge Thomas is attending the week-end dances in Greensboro, guest of Miss Margaret Southwick.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Spencer and son, Jimmy Finch, of Newport News, Va., visited friends in Louisburg the past week.

Lieuts. R. B. Smith, Johnny Johnson and David Spivey, of Camp Butler, were holiday guests of Mrs. D. W. Spivey.

Sgt. John Hodges has returned to Chanute Field, Illinois, after having spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lee and children, of Lumberton, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bobbitt.

Dayton Hardwick, U. S. Navy, who is attending school at Georgia Tech, at Atlanta, Ga., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Hardwick.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parrish and little daughter, Charlotte Anne, Miss Josephine and Dorothy Dement, of Hopewell, Va., spent the Christmas holidays with their parents near Louisburg.

Misses Helen Elizabeth Lea and Betty Lou Brown, of South Boston, Va., and John Murphy and Hugh Carter Holt, of Halifax, Va., visited Mrs. C. W. Lea and Mrs. W. E. Collier, Jr., during the holidays.

Pfc. Jennings Mackeral Bryan and bride returned this week from their bridal tour. Pfc. Bryan returned to State College where he is taking Army instructions and Mrs. Bryan will remain in Louisburg.

Sgt. and Mrs. Robert L. Campbell and Miss Mildred Burnette, of Norfolk, Va., returned to their home Sunday after spending Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Burnette of Louisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Collier, Sr. visited their son, W. E. Collier, Jr., at Western N. C. Sanatorium, Black Mountain, on Christmas Day; and report continued improvement on the part of their son who has been confined at the Sanatorium since early last summer.

Sgt. Cary M. Howard, Jr. has been visiting his family during the Christmas holidays. Sgt. Howard has just been returned to this country after having served 21 months with the armed forces overseas. He is now stationed at Miami, Fla., awaiting

WHICHEVER WINS, WE ALL LOSE!



reassignment to duty in this country.
 Mr. Reginald W. McFarland, of Bristol, Tenn., spent the holidays with his people here.

Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick had as their guests during the Christmas holidays, their children as follows: O. M. Smithwick and family, of Greenville, S. C.; D. P. Smithwick and family, of Fredericksburg, Va.; Mrs. G. W. McFarland, of Philadelphia, Mrs. McFarland's entire family are in the Armed Service. Her husband is Chaplain at Denver, Col., two sons overseas, Wilbur, another son, in the Air Service at Miami, Fla.

STATE S. S. CONVENTION

Plans are well under way for the state-wide annual Baptist Sunday School Convention to be held in the First Baptist Church, High Point, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 1, 2 and 3, 1944, according to an announcement which has just been made by L. L. Morgan, Raleigh, who is secretary of Sunday School Work for the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.
 The last such meeting was held in Greensboro with a large number of delegates present from every section of the state. This year an attendance of more than 1,200 is expected from the 2,644 Sunday Schools in the State. As

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CLAUDE FILER VS. ADOLF HITLER

Der Fuehrer probably has never heard of Claude Filer of Chippewa County, Michigan, U. S. A. But of one thing we can be sure, Adolf has heard FROM him.
 Claude is no heroic pilot of an American Liberator bomber nor a brave gunner on a destroyer in the cold, submarine-infected Atlantic.
 He is just an ordinary citizen-soldier with a saw and axe for his

only weapons.
 Yet Hitler, and Tojo, too, have felt the might of Claude's axe just as surely as though he brought it down on their uneasy necks.
 Claude Filer is a pulpwood cutter up near Saut Ste. Marie, who in an average 10-hour day can cut down 50 trees and then cut those trees into five cords, or more, of pulpwood.
 The cords of pulpwood that Claude Filer cut on a balmy day last June may be in the bomb that drops on Berlin tomorrow. There is nothing fabulous about

Claude. He just saws wood, 10 hours a day, six days a week. Yet, in this manner, he is sawing away at the vitals of Hitler and Tojo.
 Army Doctor—Have you any physical defects?
 Selectee—Yes, sir. No guts.
 Too many parents tell their children to be good, but fail to set them a good example.
 With all the war jobs, it's easier to make money first than to make it last.

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FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Large Calif. **BLACK EYE PEAS** 3 lbs. **29¢**

Salt Mackerel FILLETS Lb. **30¢**

Sunmaid Seedless RAISINS 15 oz. Pkg. **16¢**

Way-Pack Sweet Mixed PICKLE, Qt. Jar **27¢**

Gibb's 1 lb. can PORK & BEANS **10¢**

"Pocahontas" Fresh Green BLACK EYE PEAS, No. 2 can **17¢**

April Showers EARLY JUNE PEAS No. 303 can **15¢**

5 lb. Jar Colonial MOLASSES **50¢**

Large Fancy Salt ROE HERRINGS, lb. **28¢**

Nestle's Condensed Milk, 14 oz. can **17¢**

Luxury MACARONI & Spaghetti, 2 - 6 oz. pkgs. **9¢**

No. 10 can Armour's SAUSAGE IN OIL **\$1.50**

7 oz. Jar Dromedary PIMIENTOS **20¢**

No. 2 can Delmonte ASPARAGUS SPEARS **44¢**

Staley's WAFFLE SYRUP 24 oz. Bottle **30¢**

Aunt Jemima PANCAKE FLOUR Package **15¢**

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