

13 Men Cross 2,500 Miles Of Open Sea In Frail Life Boat In Month

Washington.—It was the dawn of December 19, 1941.

Pearl Harbor was counting its dead.

The United States was at war with Japan.

Slicing through the white-caps 100 miles off Honolulu the American freighter Prusa shuddered from the impact of a torpedo.

Then began a thrilling saga of the sea unfolded yesterday by the navy.

It goes like this:

Eight crewmen were killed outright by the torpedo blast. The radio operator disappeared.

Two lifeboats were launched. The captain took 12 men in one and the chief mate a dozen in the other. The officers set course for the Marshall Islands.

Shortly afterward a plane was sighted flying at high altitude. It passed on, however, apparently not seeing the pinpoints below.

For six days the little boats were side by side and then they drifted apart.

Eight days after their ship had been shot from beneath them, the first mate and his passengers were rescued by a coast guard cutter and taken to Honolulu.

Silence shrouded the captain's boat for a month.

Then a message crackled from Wellington, New Zealand. It said

the second lifeboat landed January 19, 1942, on the tiny Nukuanu Island, one of the British mandated Gilbert group.

It had crossed some 2,500 miles of open sea.

After a brief rest, the fourth officer proceeded to nearby Beruin Island where he was presumed to have made contact with the British communications system.

There is one unwritten page in the drama; no word has been received whether all were alive when the captain's boat landed.

FOR THIS YEAR—Fruit Growers Name Officers

Ray Hendren, of Gilreath, was elected president of the Brushy Mountain Fruit Growers Association in the annual organization meeting held Thursday at Moravian Falls.

Other officers elected were: Roscoe Lowe, Pores Knob route two, (Alexander county), vice president; Mrs. C. F. Bretholt, Moravian Falls, secretary.

More than 100 were present for the morning session, during which time a most interesting picture was shown. Technical problems were discussed by horticulturists and specialists of the extension service in the afternoon.

AIR RAID WARDENS WILKESBORO NAMED

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tion. Wardens Charlie Leckie and Elmer Lowe.

District No. 2.—From Midway Service Station on both sides of Main street and highway to Smith's Department stores. Wardens George Johnson and Caswell Yates.

District No. 3.—From Smith's Stores on left side of Main street and highway to and including street on west side of the school house. Wardens Troy Foster, Bill Prevett and Fred Shoemaker.

District No. 4.—From Smith's Store on right side of Main street and highway to Baptist church. Wardens Zeb Davis and George Parlier.

District No. 5.—From Baptist church to Cherry street. Rev. J. C. Stokes and Everett Ferguson.

District No. 6.—From Main street going up street by Phillips Mill. Warden Ray Wright.

District No. 7.—Going up Main street from Phillips Mill to city limits West Wilkesboro. Warden Warner Miller.

District No. 8.—Going up Cherry street to city limits on Moravian Falls Road. Wardens George Kennedy and John Foster.

District No. 8.—Going up old Moravian Falls road. Warden, Archie Speaks.

An important meeting will be held Friday night in the City Hall in Wilkesboro to further organize the service and prepare for a blackout on Monday night. All wardens appointed will be requested to attend.

WILKES BOY SCOUT DISTRICT ORGANIZED

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northwestern North Carolina counties.

Herbert Stucky, a regional Scout executive, explained the organization of the council and district and the proposed Scout expansion. W. E. Vaughn-Lloyd, executive of the Winston-Salem district, also spoke briefly.

The report of the nominating committee, composed of J. B. McCoy, chairman, T. E. Sory and P. W. Eshelman, was adopted. In addition to nomination of officers the committee named the following for committee appointments:

Organization and extension, J. B. Carter and Perry Lowe.

Leadership training—Robert S. Gibbs, Jr.; course instructor, W. D. Halfacre; cubbing, Ivey Moore.

Camping and activities—C. D. Coffey, Jr.; activities and service, Paul Osborne; Emergency service, A. F. Kilby.

Chairman of advancement—L. M. Nelson; court of review, Edd T. Gardner; court of honor, Cyrus McNeill, T. E. Story, J. B. McCoy and P. W. Eshelman.

Chairman health and safety, John E. Justice, Jr.; vice chairman, A. F. Kilby.

Chairman of finance, Wm. H. Duhling.

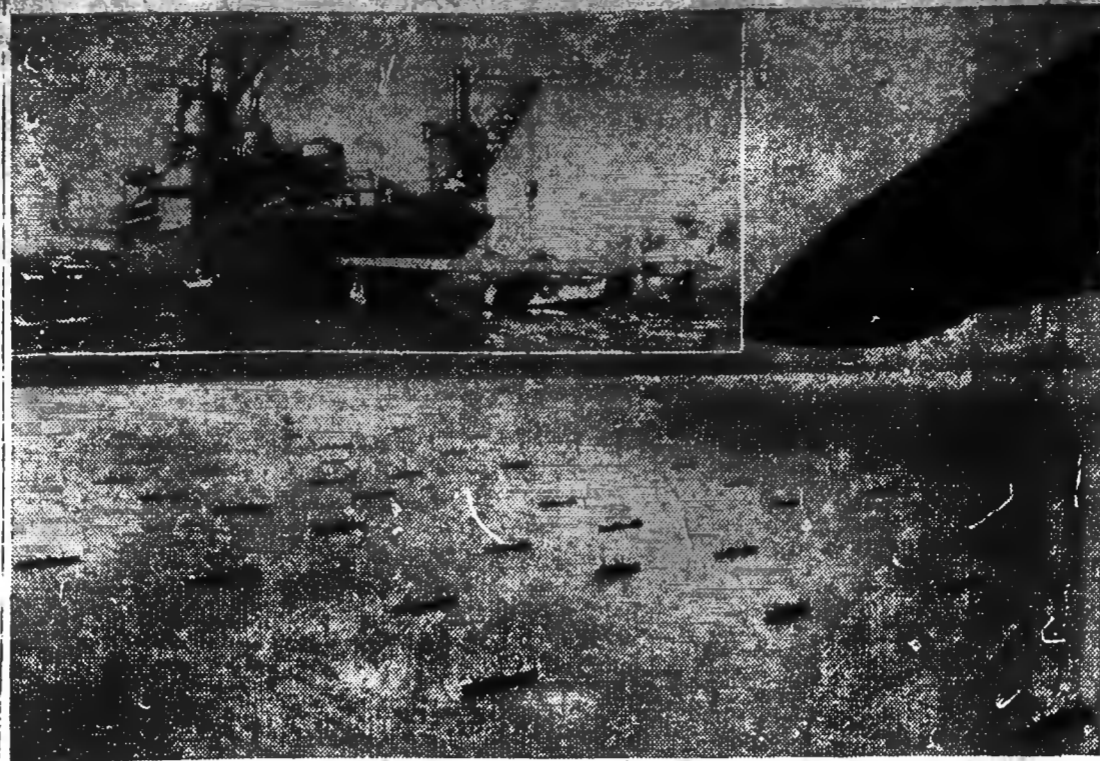
Also on the district committee will be a representative of each troop and pack or sponsoring organization.

Wilkes was formally adopted as the name for the district and the district organization will meet on the third Tuesday night in each month.

The next meeting will be on February 17 at the Presbyterian church here.

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Seen From the U. S. Atlantic Patrol



Scores of ships in formation, headed across the Atlantic! What a convoy! In upper right is part of the wing of the U. S. Atlantic air patrol plane, from which the photo was made. (Inset) A seaplane tender of the U. S. Atlantic air patrol is shown with a number of patrol planes on her stern deck, and still another being hoisted aboard for an overhaul. Photo approved by U. S. navy.

FUNERAL TODAY—Mrs. Doughton's Mother Is Dead

Winston-Salem, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Fannie Fearington Turner of 643 Holly avenue, wife of W.H. Turner, died in a local hospital this morning after an illness of several months which became critical last Sunday.

She was born in Chatham county January 18, 1870, the daughter of John J. and Elizabeth Mebane Fearington. She has lived in Winston-Salem since 1900. She was educated in the public schools and at Staunton College for Women in Staunton, Va. Her husband is a well known local broker.

The deceased was a charter member of the old West End Methodist church and moved her membership to Centenary when the churches consolidated. She was active in church and Sunday school work and in circle activities.

Surviving in addition to the husband are one daughter, Mrs. Claude T. Doughton, of Wilkesboro; three sons, Melane E., of Winston-Salem, W. H. Jr., of Martinsville, Va., and J. P. of Durham; nine grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. J. R. Milliken, of Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with Dr. W. A. Stanbury officiating. Interment will follow in Salem cemetery.

Aged Couple Seek Divorce In Court

A divorce case of unusual interest, having many angles to it, has been filed in Yadkin Superior court at Yadkinville. It is set for trial at the February 2nd term.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Scott, 63, is asking absolute divorce from Henry Houston Scott, 76, on grounds of two years separation. The complaint states they were married December 18, 1895, and separated Dec. 29, 1939, having lived together for 44 years. They have nine children, all grown, and a number of grand-children. Both reside near East Bend where they are respected citizens and where they have spent their lives.

Mr. Scott spent one day last week in Yadkinville and retained an attorney, not to contest the case, but merely to "protect his interests," he stated. He retained Atty. J. T. Reece, while Hall & Zachary represent Mrs. Scott.

An amusing incident occurred during Mr. Scott's visit to Yadkinville. He was strolling along the street east of the court house and stopped at the entrance to the law office of Hall and Zachary. He was observed reading their sign over the door and, talking to himself while looking at it, he was heard to say, "Hall, Hall, yes that is the man who is suing me." Then he walked slowly away. While he was talking to himself, Mr. Hall was standing nearby and heard what he said, but Mr. Scott did not know him and Mr. Hall did not speak.

Questions Answered B State College

QUESTION: Will warm water help hens to lay more eggs during the winter months?

ANSWER: When it is realized that eggs are more than 65 per cent water, the necessity for plenty of water in the bird's diet can be seen. When water freezes or becomes too cold for the hens to drink, egg production will fall off. Providing the hens with warm water during freezing days will encourage her to drink amounts sufficient for good egg production. Keep 'em laying!

Justice Heriot Clarkson Passes

Associate Judge of N. C. Supreme Court Dies At Home Of Son

Charlotte, Jan. 28.—Heriot Clarkson, 78, since 1923 an associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, died yesterday afternoon at the home of his son, Francis O. Clarkson, at 227 Cherokee road after a short illness that developed since his arrival here with Mrs. Clarkson Friday from their summer home at Little Switzerland. Heart trouble was the cause of death. He had declined a dinner invitation for Monday evening because he felt that he had been exerting himself somewhat too strenuously during the last few days, but he had not considered himself ill nor had members of his family until yesterday morning.

Special Meeting Of Women of the Moose

The Women of the Moose, North Wilkesboro Chapter No. 476, will hold a special meeting Friday night, January 30, at the lodge hall on C street. Program will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The program for the evening is under the direction of Mrs. Faye Hayes and an entertaining and interesting program is expected. Refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

This will be an open meeting and everyone is invited to attend. All members are especially urged to be present.

Old Residence Is Destroyed By Fire

The large frame residence occupied by Charlie Stone and family in the Woodlawn part of North Wilkesboro burned early Tuesday morning.

Firemen were handicapped by lack of water in that part of the town and had to use 1,500 feet of hose to reach the nearest hydrant. However, this work resulted in saving a number of nearby buildings. All the furnishings of the Stone family were destroyed. The house, one of the first erected in that part of North Wilkesboro, was said to have belonged to the Teague estate.

Questions Answered By State College

QUESTION: Can a cow "hold up" her milk?

ANSWER: Yes, a cow can hold up her milk, says Prof. Fred M. Haig of the State College Animal Industry Department, but she does not do so willingly. The secretion of milk is an entirely involuntary process. This condition is caused by some unusual conditions around the barn, which cause the cow to become nervous. Excessive noises, barking dogs, unkind treatment, and irregular feeding are almost sure to make a cow "hold up" her milk. Cows handled gently will seldom "hold up" their milk.

STICKLER OF FACTS

Lawyer: "You must be careful how you answer. Don't say anything that is not true. You drive a delivery wagon, don't you?" Witness: "No, sir."

Lawyer: "But I thought you did. What do you do for a living, then?" Witness: "I drive the horse that pulls the delivery wagon, sir."

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Report Nazis Fortifying All Way to Berlin

Moscow.—Russian troops were reported pushing with such strength toward the west yesterday that the Germans were beginning the construction of defense lines which reach all the way back to Berlin.

Professor Mihail Gavrilov, a Communist party spokesman, said at Kuibyshev that the Germans were fortifying the old 1939 Russian-Polish frontier, still some hundreds of miles behind the battle front, and were preparing defense lines along the Bug, which separated Germany and Russia in 1940, and along the Oder, the natural frontier between Germany and Poland in 1939.

Retreating Soviet declarations of their intention of striking a death blow at Hitler this year, Gavrilov said "we cannot postpone for two years the liquidation of Hitler and Hitler Germany."

"The United States and Great Britain see a solution of their problem in 1943, but obviously the plan of doing away with the aggressor in the Pacific in 1943 is due to the special character of the theatre of war in the Pacific."

HERE ON TUESDAY—W.P.A. Advisory Council Is Named

A WPA advisory council was formed in a meeting held Tuesday in the Wilkes county public library.

C. B. Eller, county superintendent of schools, was named chairman; Dr. J. C. Stokes, pastor of the Wilkesboro Methodist church, vice chairman; and B. G. Gearty, manager of the employment service branch office here, secretary. Committee chairman are as follows: Miss Elizabeth Williams, membership; Paul S. Cragan, education; Mrs. T. W. Ferguson, library and lunchroom; Ray Edwin, publicity; Mrs. C. F. Bretholt, extension; Dr. J. C. Stokes, program; Dr. A. J. Eller, public health; J. R. Edelin, director and survey.

Next meeting will be at nine a. m. on February 24 at the library.

Dr. Kincheloe's Aunt Succumb

Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist church here, left yesterday for Washington, D. C., to attend funeral service for his aunt, Mrs. Rosa S. Clair, who died there Tuesday.

Ads. get attention—and results.

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Retonga Again Proves Merit By Bringing Prompt Relief In Stubborn Case. Hard To Realize She Once Suffered So Much.



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FOR SALE

FOR SALE: 1938 Standard Ford Tudor, new tires, A-1 condition; also 1931 Chevrolet coach, new tires, A-1 condition. C. R. Church, Wilbar. 1-29-2t-pd.

FOR SALE or Trade: Complete steam heating plant with 123 sections radiation, only \$200. Gilbert Foster at Gaddy Motor Co. 2-5-4t.

FOR SALE: Pair of 3-year-old mules, well broken; one 4-year-old horse, good worker; one 6-year-old brood mare, good worker; pair 6-year-old mares, extra good. Paul Vestal, Moravian Falls. 1-19-1f

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WANTED—To Repair Your Radio—Best equipped Radio Shop in Wilkes County. 90 day guarantee on all repairs. Reasonable cost. Parker-Triplett Electric Co., Wilkesboro, N. C. Phone 22-W. 1-22-1f

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