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Just when some men think they've a new lease on life, they find the Grim Reaper holds first mortgage.

Music lifts some people to the clouds. For others it takes a B-19 or a P-40.

Hitler Missed The Train

RAILWAY transportation is as vital to war as a healthy circulatory system is to the survival of a human being in the event of attack by disease.

Allan A. Michie, commenting on Germany's railroad crisis, in Reader's Digest for November, points to "Hitler's gigantic miscalculation in deliberately neglecting the railroads before the war in order to perfect his pet schemes for superhighways." Hitler's premise was that gasoline engines had replaced steam. But after Munich, when Reichswehr experts finally convinced him that Germany's railroads would be a vital factor in the coming war, it was too late. For once war began, locomotive shops had to build tanks, and plans for rehabilitating the railroads had to be dropped.

Today, gasoline and rubber are largely diverted to the Army on fronts far from Hitler's great superhighways. Germany's worn-out railroad system is struggling with the nation's entire traffic, which has increased to staggering proportions during the Russian campaign. Britain's sea blockade has thrown back upon land all traffic between Germany and central and Southern Europe which in peacetime went by sea. The R.A.F. is steadily and fiercely blitzing the weak spots in the already weak Nazi railroad system.

Hitler may have made a fatal blunder. The plight of his railroads must be laid squarely at the door of National Socialism, which gives to one man the power to "liquidate" any individual judgment other than his own.

Our American railroads, operating under private ownership with history-making efficiency, are proving themselves our lifeblood in the fight against the disease of war.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Choquette, of Southport, are spending a few days in Charleston, S. C. Mr. Choquette is stationed at Caswell Section Base.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer G. McKeithan and children have moved from Wilmington here where Mr. McKeithan has accepted a position with the W.B. & S.R.R. as driver of the mail and passenger buses. They are occupying the upper apartment at the Jelks home on Howe Street occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver.

Dan E. Wells has returned to Charleston, S. C., after spending several days here with relatives.

J. F. Arnold, of Baltimore, Md., arrived Sunday to spend several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Arnold.

Misses Barbara Weeks and Patsy Guthrie spent last weekend in Wilmington with Mrs. Fred Doshier.

Geo. Whatley, of Lumberton, spent the week-end here with Mrs. Whatley.

Shears And Paste

THE FRENCH FLEET

(The Wilson Daily Times)

The lone submarine that escaped from the French fleet in Toulon, when the fleet was sunk by its own crews discloses the fact there were orders from Darlan to get out of Toulon by the 14th of November, and these orders would leave the impression that Darlan, after all, suspected what was coming.

It had been understood all along that if the Germans broke their treaty with France, not to invade unoccupied France, that the fleet should be destroyed and this agreement was carried out by the men of the fleet.

The sympathies of the allied world are with France, and everyone realizes that great spirit of democracy with the French people, and the only way to get rid of the Axis is to consort with the Allies as much as it is within their power. So the opposition to the Germans is reflected in the sabotage that is going on against Germany, both in Vichy and unoccupied France.

The French fleet was a very powerful contingent, and if Hitler had gotten hold of it, it would have been a terrible weapon against the Allies. The officers and men knew this, hence its destruction.

The trouble with France, which caused her debacle and defeat by the Germans, was due to a division among the people over the various "isms" that seemed to afflict the world since the Versailles treaty, when we failed to hold down the Germans and make them bend to the treaty to which they agreed in the formation of the league of nations.

NOT EXACTLY NEWS

Biggest thrill we've had lately from game was the sight of five wild turkeys last Wednesday morning—and we didn't even have a gun. They were on the shoulder of the highway between New Britain Bridge and Old Dock, and they let us drive right up to them before taking off. Jack, the town's pet pointer with the penchant for doing the unusual, scored again Saturday when he caught a fox squirrel that he flushed out of a scrub oak and scooped up before it could make the next station.

Chief Chewicki and Rudy Stronburg are billed as chief attraction Friday night at the wrestling show in Wilmington. There are three boys at their homes in this county this week, on a furlough from the Navy after making trips to North Africa.

Doctor Fergus has had more luck than any other local hunter with ducks thus far this season. Captain Bonner Bussells killed the only goose we heard of being shot in this county last season. There've been none so far this year.

We had a nice letter this week from Dr. M. M. Rosenbaum, who still is at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. The local menhaden fleet spent last week away from home, but returned without having struck many fish. It's about time now for the late-fall run of hairy-backs—if they want to be included in this year's business.

KINGS DAUGHTERS

The December meeting of the Kings Daughters will be held Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Lee Hewett.

CHRISTMAS PLANS FOR SERVICE MEN

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ton, Woman's Club Suzanna Wesley Circle, Martha Easley, Mrs. Harry Weeks, Mrs. Bert Holden, Episcopal Auxiliary, Mrs. James Harper, Gloria Faye Moore, Presbyterian Church, Mrs. R. S. Har-

rison, and the Baptist Church.

DIMOUT RULES IN EFFECT IN AREA SINCE NOV. 30TH

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sundown until one-half hour before sunrise the following morning between May 1 and September 30, inclusive.)

3. — The use of high beam vehicle headlights within the area is prohibited. Cars not equipped with low beam lights will operate on dimmed lights only. Headlights, if used, shall have the upper one-half of the lens obscured with opaque paint or other opaque material.

4. — All exterior lights used for outdoor manufacturing or construction work shall be reduced in wattage and number to the minimum consistent with their purpose, and those retained in use shall be permanently shielded so that the source of light will not be visible above the horizontal.

5. — Lights or windows in railroad trains, street cars, buses and ferries shall be shielded so that no source of light will be visible from the outside at an angle above the horizontal and escape of light therefrom shall not exceed two foot-candles at any joint three feet from the said vehicles.

Under the head of non-essential illumination the regulations provide that all exterior lights used for illumination of open areas, such as parking lots, gasoline filling stations, parks, playgrounds, etc., shall be shielded so that no source of light will be visible at an angle less than 45 degrees below the horizontal. The lighting as measured on the open area shall not exceed on foot-candle at any joint. Incandescent bulbs shall not exceed one-eighth watt persquare foot of lighted area and fluorescent tubes shall not exceed one-sixteenth watt persquare foot of lighted area.

All exterior advertising signs, however illuminated, shall be extinguished.

Interior lighting of any place of business shall be shielded so that the source of light will not be visible above the horizontal and to prevent the escape of light in excess of two foot-candles, as measured at any point three feet from any opening of any building.

State and local authorities in the four coastal states, with their consent, are designated as the principal agencies to assist in the enforcement of the regulations. Penalties are provided for violations.

Civilian Defense organizations are requested to cooperate in the enforcement.

Officers stated that complete copies of the dimout regulations may be had by addressing the Commanding General, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta.

COTTON FARMERS WILL DECIDE ON QUOTAS SATURDAY

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year supply of cotton on hand prices have been relatively high this year, mainly because of this loan.

Teen-Age Registration This Month In County

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or after September 1, 1942, but not after October 31, 1942, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 18, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 24, 1942;

(c) Those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, but not after December 31, 1924, shall be registered on any day during the period commencing Saturday, December 26, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 31, 1942;

(d) During the continuance of the present war, those who were born on or after January 1, 1925,

shall be registered on the day they attain the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth; provided, that if such anniversary falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, their registration shall take place on the day following that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday."

FORMER LOCAL BOY PROMOTED

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first class.
The newly appointed private graduated from the Southport high school in 1936 and was a member of the Methodist church of the same town. After moving to Georgetown, S. C., Holden was inducted into the army on January 12, 1942, and for a time was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

He received his basic training at Keeler Field, Mississippi, and on February 26, 1942 Holden was assigned to foreign service in the Caribbean area, where he is now stationed.

SENTENCED FOR COUPON THEFTS

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guilty to possession of gasoline ration books belonging to Divine Gore. He was given 90 days on the roads, judgment being suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$10.00.

Lacy Hill, colored, charged with theft of the book in question, was found not guilty.

Hugh H. Stetler, white, pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving and reckless operation. He was given 6 months on the roads, judgment being suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs. His driving license was

revoked for 12 months, with a 10-day stay of execution of judgment granted.

Lighting Contest Is Called Off This Year

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challenge to the originality of Southport home owners, and many are looking forward to interesting results that may be obtained without benefit of lights.

RECENT WEATHER GOOD FOR DUCKS

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have a little time are confronted with the difficulty of obtaining shells and transportation to the better hunting places.

The result seems to be that the ducks are getting a rest. Maybe the fact that they are being little molested this year will result in their being much tamer and easier to get when another hunting season rolls around.

Quail are also getting by this year with little molestation, the same thing has been existing with regard to quail. There is little in the way of ammunition and still less in the way of time for

sportsmen to go out and try to get the birds. The slow-up in all sorts of hunting this year may be more plentiful with the coming of another season.

HELPS PREVENT COLDS From Developing

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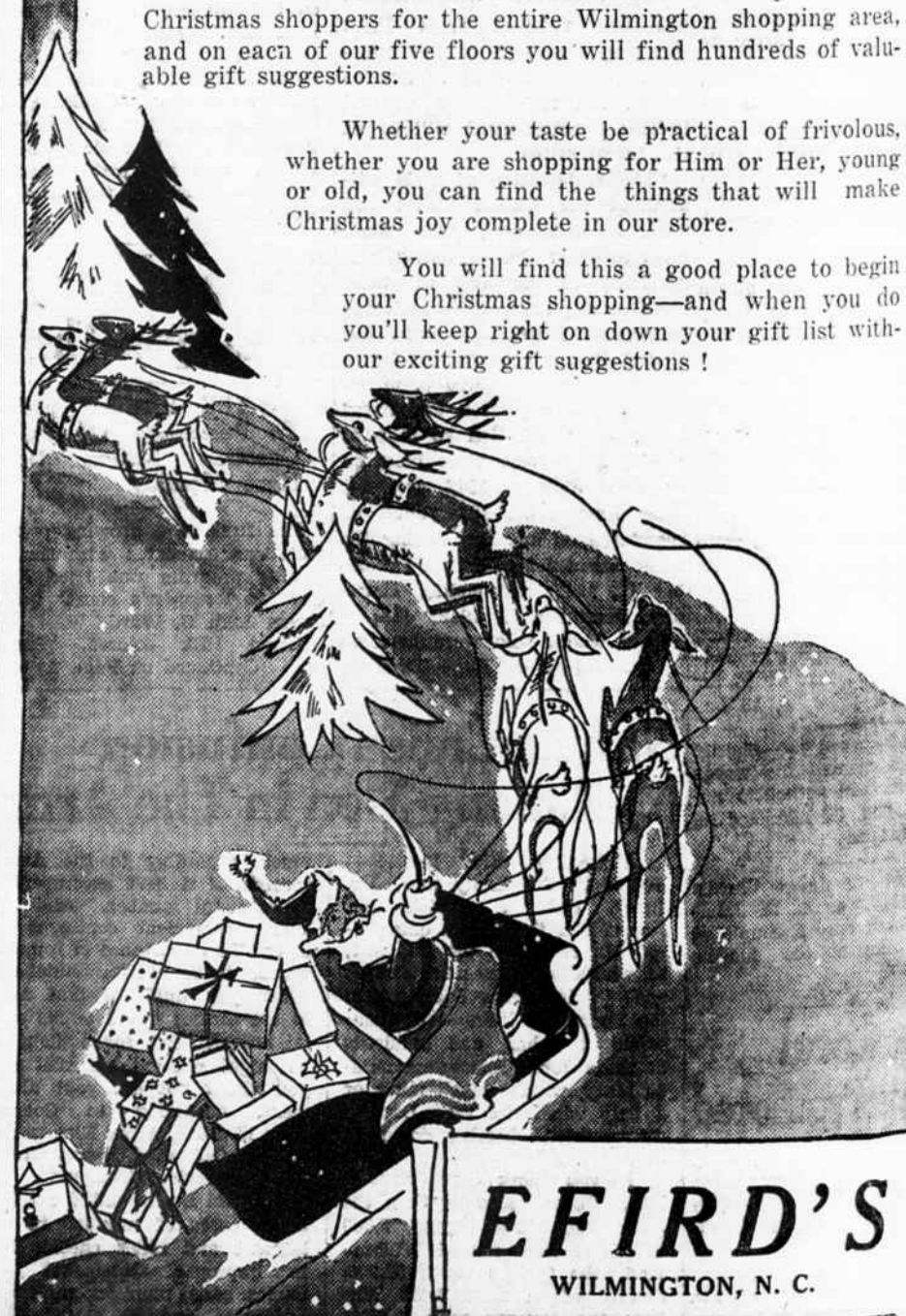
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