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LET US NEVER DOUBT THAT A JUST GOD, IN HIS OWN GOOD TIME, WILL GIVE US THE RIGHTFUL RESULTS.
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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Larger Plant For Locker Expected To Be Approved

Heavy Fighting In Italy Seen By Person Man

Hurdle Mills Soldier With Regiment That Took Mt. Battaglia In Italy And Held It Seven Days Against Continuous Counterattacks.

With the Fifth Army in Italy, Cpl. Hugh J. Cates, of Roxboro is a member of the medical unit in the 350th Infantry Regiment, which recently took Mt. Battaglia in northern Italy and held it for seven days of almost continuous German counterattack and close-quarter fighting.

The 350th, a unit of the 88th "Blue Devil" Division of Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army, was ordered to occupy the mountain and reached its objective only a short time before German infantrymen apparently acted on similar orders. The 350th got the first and greeted the Germans with intense fire. It was the start of the week-long ferocious battle. Clouds hugged the mountain top, concealing advancing Germans until they were within a few yards of the defenders, and much of the fighting was done at a range of 50 yards. Six Germans were killed within the castle that marks the peak of the mountain.

Attacking two or three times daily, the Germans were supported by intense, accurate concentrations of artillery fire. In three morning attacks, they used flamethrowers. One counterattack temporarily denied the crest to the 350th, but the doughboys regained the dominant ground and continued to hold it.

Brigadier General Paul W. Kendall of Palo Alto, California, commanding general of the 88th Division, described the stand of the 350th as "magnificent" and paid high tribute to the "courage and aggressiveness displayed by every man in the regiment."

It rained continuously, and automatic weapons were repeatedly choked with mud. These were cleaned with all manner of improvised devices, including the undershirt and dress scarf of the regimental commander, Colonel J. C. Fry of Washington, D. C. Later as the dense artillery concentrations on the approaches became highly effective, the defenders relied heavily on the weapons and ammunition of the fallen. There were many of them when a heavy machinegun section dwindled to four men, not enough to carry the guns and ammunition, one of the survivors ran back 1000 yards to the rear, gathered 19 replacements and returned to form a new platoon.

Heavy weapons companies fired light machineguns, rifle company weapons, swarmed the crest to build up an impenetrable curtain of rapid small arms fire to fend off the swarming attackers.

One member of the 350th, unidentified, stood up on the crest to get an extraordinary field of fire down the slope, killed 24 Germans with an automatic rifle and two others with hand grenades.

Almost the entire siege was fought at range permitting use of hand grenades by both sides, the Germans throwing potato mashers uphill and receiving fragmentation grenades in exchange.

Three direct hits on the castle were scored by German artillery in one morning alone.

Motor Club To Open Next Week

Office of the Carolina Motor club, now closed for inventory, will be open again for business on Monday, January 8, according to Mrs. Lloyd Moore Crumpton, manager. The office, which is in the Tar Heel Chevrolet company building, closed on Saturday, Dec. 30. Motorists will have until February 1, to secure their plates, according to Mrs. Crumpton.

While men's work shoes went up 125 per cent in price in World War I, the rise in the present conflict has been only 58 per cent, according to reports.

Leasburg Road Site Selected. Building Backers Announced.

The Person County and Roxboro Freezer-Locker plant, plans for which are now awaiting Government approval, is expected to have a capacity of 350 lockers, instead of 300, the number previously planned, according to announcement made today by Gordon C. Hunter, executive vice president of People's Bank and personally interested in assisting with the project, which has been discussed here since last Summer.

The necessary sixty per cent of rural subscribers has been secured and applications are still obtainable, according to Mr. Hunter, but citizens who wish locker space and have not yet signed for it are urged to do so at once. It is thought there will be little or no difficulty in obtaining a go-ahead government priority for the structure, which may be completed by this Summer.

Site for the building has already been secured on property near the Leasburg road, close to the Prison Camp and near the plant of Roxboro Coca-Cola company. Officials who are backing the construction of the building and who will be expected to select operators and managers, include D. L. Whitfield, of Hurdle Mills, Wharton Winstead and John H. Merritt, Jr., both of Roxboro.

70-80,000 G. I.'s On Rotation List

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The Army is returning a total of 70,000 to 80,000 men every month from overseas, but only about 22,000 of the total are coming back under the rotation plan.

About 8,000 are being returned for temporary duty in the States. The remainder represents sick and wounded soldiers, and men brought back for operational reasons.

The information came from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, in reply to a letter from Senator Guy Cordon (R) of Oregon. The Senator had received several petitions from relatives and friends of personnel of the 41st Division, which has been in the Pacific theater of operations more than two years. The petition pleaded that the 41st be brought home, with regiments having the longest combat service given preference.

Mr. Stimson wrote that he saw no way in which one unit could be singled out for return without setting off a series of similar transfers which would "severely damage" the war effort.

Send Letters In Projectiles

London, Dec. 31.—Letters from British prisoners of war in Germany are being sent to England in German V-bombs, it was revealed today.

Jury Call Heard By Fighting Seabee

Asheboro, Dec. 31.—Mrs. James Miller of 423 Silver Ave., notified her husband when she saw his name listed in a newspaper as having been placed on the list of jurors for next court session.

From an advanced Naval base in the Pacific, Navy Seabee James Miller, shipfitter, 3c, USNR, replied that he wasn't quite sure how he could get back to Asheboro in time but, "if they need jurors that bad, I guess I'll be willing to serve."

Miller, former High Point and Wilmington Shipyard welder, also was a popular radio entertainer over WMFR, High Point, before he entered the service.

OPA Inventory Reports Will Be Required Here

Person Offices Makes Requests That Blanks Be Filled And Turned In.

The Person OPA office, which last week moved to new quarters in the Kirby building, next door to its old stand, today issued a statement regarding inventories required as of December 31, to be filed by January 7.

The statement reads as follows: "It will be necessary for all Retailers, Wholesalers and Institutional Users (hotels, boarding houses, safes, etc.) to report their inventories as of December 31, 1944 of sugar, processed foods, and meats-fats to the local Ration Board by January 7, 1945.

Bulletins and inventory balance sheets for use will be mailed around January 1.

All inventories are to be figured on the basis of point values as set forth in the new point chart, No. 21, which should be in the hands of the trade by the last day of this year.

The notice from the District Office states: "We cannot stress too greatly the importance of prompt action in the above matter as certain future adjustments are going to depend on the information contained in these inventory reports."

No allotments to Institutional Users will be issued until this inventory is made as of December 31, 1944 and filed with local Boards. Persons, firms and institutions not receiving bulletins and inventory balance sheets through the mails in the next few days are requested to call the Person OPA office.

Lost Colony To Face Revival

Green Hopes To Resume Drama At Fort Raleigh In Summer If War Permits

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—The Board of Trustees of the Roanoke Island Historical Association has unanimously approved and authorized the execution of a contract between the association and the National Park Service providing for continuance of "The Lost Colony."

The play, written by Paul Green, was presented each winter before the war at the Fort Raleigh site on Roanoke Island.

Author Green, who was present at yesterday's meeting, said that he is revising the script of the drama and hopes that it might be possible, if war conditions permit, to resume the production in the summer of 1945.

Officials of the association living in Manteo were delegated as a special committee to supervise and manage the property and to handle claims for insurance resulting from damage caused by a hurricane last September.

The following new trustees were named to fill vacancies on the board: M. K. Fearing, Manteo; Mrs. Richard J. Reynolds, Winston-Salem; and J. Spencer Love, Greensboro.

Plant E Loses Labor Decision

Richmond, Va., Dec. 28.—A petition of the National Labor Relations Board for enforcement of its order against the Collins and Aikman Corporation was granted today by the Fourth United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

According to the NLRB, the corporation had violated the National Labor Relations Act at its mill near Roxboro, N. C. Alleged violations included surveillance over union activities of employees and discriminatory discharge of Arthur Hanks, an employee, because of union activities.

In granting the petition and enforcing the board's order the appellate court held that there was substantial evidence of the board's findings in the violations.

Deposits Advance

Annual stockholders meeting of Peoples Bank to be followed by a meeting of the Board of Directors, will be held on January 18, at which a report will be presented showing deposits, as of December 31, at \$5,769,441.08, an increase in deposits of about a million dollars over the same date in 1943.

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Happy New Year To All!

Joe Ellis, Jr., To Leave This Week For Saint Croix

Soil Conservationist Takes Job At Christiansted, St. Croix.

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Hester's Gather At Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hester, Jr., and their little son, Stewart, of Danville, Va., M-Sgt. Randolph T. Hester of Boise, Idaho, and Miss Catherine Hester of ECTC spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hester, Sr., N. H. Hester, Jr., of the U. S. Maritime Service has just returned from the European ETO. Mr. and Mrs. Hester have two other sons in service, Charles Stedman Hester, Petty Officer 2-C in the Pacific and George William Hester, Weather Observer in the Army Air Force, at Selridge Field, Michigan.

Doubts Voice As That Of Hitler

London, Jan. 1.—To anyone who has heard Adolf Hitler's voice for years, as I did, his early morning performance awakened grave doubts whether the man at the microphone was the Fuehrer, according to Louis P. Lochner.

If he was, Hitler is a totally changed man. The delivery, while imitating the Hitler of olden days as far as pronunciation was concerned, was apathetic and completely lacking in the old Hitler passion and consuming fervor.

At no point did the speaker reach the peaks of oratorical fire which used to move the masses. The speech itself seemed to be a blending of earlier: Hitler utterances, with pet phrases of Propaganda Minister Goebbels.

Along The Way

When I saw Doug Robinson, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, on Monday days and he began to tell me what Santa was going to do that Santa had a cold and my mother was with him and she caught his cold since he had her mother's reply: "I don't still have it."

Gen. Reade Has 98th Birthday

Gen. William Franklin Reade, of Mount Tirzah, commander of the North Carolina division of the United Confederate Veterans, observed his 98th birthday Thursday at his home with a quiet family dinner attended by his sons and daughters and grandchildren and other family members.

Gen. Reade only surviving Confederate veteran in Person county, has recently improved after being somewhat ill a few days before Christmas.

Country Editor Gains Attention For Farm Leader

Story Based On Work Done By Broom, Former County Agent.

Raleigh, Dec. 31.—North Carolina agriculture and the work of county agents has been given a boost nationally by an article from the pen of Roland F. Beasley of the Monroe Journal in the magazine, "Free America."

The story was based on the 37 years of work in Union County by T. J. W. Broom, veteran county agent of the State College Extension Service, who last year was honored as "Man of the Year in Agriculture" for North Carolina.

Beasley pictured the many changes that have occurred in his section since supply merchants compelled the farmer to plant cotton and give a mortgage to cover his needed supplies; with the more cotton planted, the better the financial risk.

He quoted the growth of bespedeza production, cattle raising, dairying, and better methods of marketing. Cotton yields have increased from about one-third of a bale of cotton per acre to more than a bale and the quality of the lint has greatly improved. Warehouse facilities have been greatly increased. Farmers have been assisted in controlling disease and insect pests. There has been a revolution in the social life of rural communities, through the leadership of the home demonstration agents.

Archbishop Sworn In As Regent

Athens Dec. 31.—Archbishop Damaskinos was sworn in at noon today as regent of Greece and tonight Prime Minister George Papandreou and his Cabinet handed in their resignations to give the aged clergyman a free hand in forming a new government that will attempt to heal the wounds of civil war in the strife-torn country.

Although Papandreou's government has designed, under Greek constitutional law it will retain its actual governing powers until a new Cabinet is sworn in.

It was expected that Damaskinos, who had as his opponent the extreme rights in the Greek world, would play an important role in the government.

Hicks, Wrenn And Kirby Rotary

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Hold Rites For Barber Who Dies In This City

Garvie Reddick Howard, Of Aulander And Aoshkie, Dies In Roxboro From Heart Attack.

Funeral services for Garvie R. Howard, 37, who died in Roxboro Thursday morning, were held from the Comarista Baptist Church near Aulander, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Lonnie Sasser of Murfreesboro, and interment was in the Parker Cemetery.

Mr. Howard was a former resident of Aulander and Aoshkie, where he worked as a barber. He had worked in Roxboro as a barber for the past three months.

Surviving are three children, Dalton, Bobby and Barbara Ann Howard, of Aoshkie three sisters, Mrs. T. B. Morris of Roxobel, Mrs. William Beale of Aulander and Mrs. Emmet Mizell of Windsor.

Howard was found dead about three o'clock Thursday afternoon in his room at the W. Radford Gentry residence, where he had been ill for about two days. Sheriff M. T. Clayton and Coroner Dr. A. F. Nichols were summoned. Death resulted from a heart attack, probably about 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

The body was removed to Woody's Funeral home, where the remains were kept until Saturday morning, when they were taken to Aulander.

Mr. Howard was a cousin of Russell Sanders, of Longhurst, and had worked at White's Barber Shop and at the Palace Shop.

Lights Go Out In Hammerfest

Most Northern City In Nazi Grip, Has No Lights.

London, Dec. 31.—The lights have gone out in Hammerfest. Only the fading glow of the fires started by German S. S. demolition squads, and the occasional rosy flicker of the Northern Lights, remained to break the Arctic darkness which has now descended upon the most northerly town in the world.

This once proud "City of Light," where some 4,000 Norwegians, with the aid of modern natural science and with the spirit of pioneers, had conquered nature's realm of cold and darkness and built up a flourishing community of fishermen and fur-traders, now lies empty, with every mark of civilized living wiped out by the rough hands of the modern barbarians.

Before the Germans came, Hammerfest was the symbol of man's struggle to subdue the most stubborn forces of nature. Far back in the middle ages Norwegian fishermen and seal-hunters, pushing steadily northward against the cold and fury of polar storms, had discovered here on Whale Island a small bay. 300 miles beyond the Arctic Circle which could provide shelter for their boats and a landing-ground for their catches.

Gradually, a regular fishing station grew up. Then in 1787 a bold man resolved to found a permanent trading station there, and Hammerfest became a "chartered market-town." At first, only a handful of people were prepared to face the rigors of the Arctic winter in so bleak and remote a settlement. But during the nineteenth century the fishing and whaling trade grew and flourished, especially with Russia. Then in 1891 came Hammerfest's proudest day. Before any other town in Europe, before even the great capital cities of the south, it lit up its streets with a system of electric lights.

On the Western Front, Dec. 31.—Rochefort fell yesterday to U. S. First Army troops who stopped the Germans' smash into Belgium and now are beginning to put on the squeeze from three sides.

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Indian Soldier Who Wears Silver Star Missing In Action

Two Men From Here Listed As Wounded In Action And Another Is Missing.

At least two Person and Roxboro soldiers have within the past few days been reported as missing in action and two more are wounded, according to reports compiled today. One of the missing men is St. Sgt. Elmore W. Shepherd, 20, an Indian, gunner on a P-47 and son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shepherd, of Route 1, Virginia, Va., previously listed as winner of the Silver Star award and officially reported as missing in action over Germany since November 26.

Also listed as missing in Germany since December 6, is Pfc. David C. (Polly) Walthall, 30, of Roxboro, in an infantry unit in Patton's Third Army and son of Mrs. Pearl A. Walthall, of Charles street, Roxboro, Pfc. Walthall, before entering the service in December 1942, was with Plant E, Collins and Aikman.

Reported as wounded are Pvt. Talmadge C. Coates, 19, on Dec. 14, and Pvt. Richmond S. Frederick, Dec. 1, both in Germany. Pvt. Coates is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Coates, of Roxboro, Route 3, and has been in service about a year, while Pvt. Frederick is a son of Mrs. Stella Frederick, of Roxboro, and a brother of the late Lt. W. Ransome Frederick.

Pvt. Frederick, according to additional information received by Mrs. Richmond Frederick from a Red Cross nurse, was shot in the neck by a rifle bullet and was removed from Germany by plane to an unnamed hospital. Members of the family said today that they feel encouraged by the letter from the Red Cross nurse.

Sgt. Shepherd, who received the Silver Star award in September, is one of three sons in his family now overseas. Others are Pfc. Glenn Shepherd, 26, with an infantry unit in Germany, and Ralph Shepherd, 22, now in New Guinea and Australia. A sister is in defense work at Wilmington, Del.

Sgt. Shepherd entered the Army in March 1942 and has been based in England since March 1943. He and his other Army brothers all attended High Plains school. Younger children, including twin sons, are at home with the family.

Rochefort Falls To Allied Arms

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Official Information

This week of the General Assembly and the inauguration of Governor Cherry will take to Raleigh various public officials, including Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris, who ends his term of office, Sen. Flem D. Long and Rep. R. P. Burns. R. D. Bumpass will also be in Raleigh again in his usual legislative capacity.

Person Lodge 113 To Meet Tuesday

Person Lodge 113 will meet Tuesday night in the Lodge Hall at 7:30 o'clock for work in Second Degree, according to announcement made today. Master is J. W. Greene and secretary is C. A. Harris. Visitors will be welcomed.

QUIET NEW YEAR
A quiet New Year was observed here last night, with little, if any, in the way of celebration and festivity. Stores are open today, although some public offices, including the Post Office and Bank, are closed.

New Rationing Means Revision, Chiefly Meats

Housewives Urged To Destroy Invalidated Stamps.

Housewives are urged to destroy all food ration stamps that have been declared invalid, the Office of Price Administration said. Use of these stamps by consumers, as well as acceptance of them by retailers is a violation of rationing regulations, OPA said.

At the same time, OPA explained that red ration tokens continue good and housewives may use them for buying meats-fats. Grocers will continue to give them to housewives as change for the red 10-point stamps.

Blue ration tokens, however, have not been good since October 1 and, therefore, cannot be used for canned fruits and vegetables. They are no longer needed as change for the 10-point blue ration stamps used for processed foods because point values for these items are set in multiples of ten.

Ration stamps which were invalidated as of 12:01 a. m., Tuesday, December 26, 1944, and which are not good for consumer use are: Red Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through W5.

Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, and 40, along with all home canning coupons out standing.

Stamps continuing to be good are those soon to be reissued: Red Stamps Q5, R5 and S5, which became good December 3. In addition, five more red stamps T5, U5, V5, W5, X5—will become good on Sunday, December 31.

Blue Stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A5 and B2. In addition, five more blue stamps—C2, D2, E2, F2, and G2 will become good on Monday, January 1.

Sugar Stamp No. 34, which became good on November 16. Another sugar stamp will become good on February 1, 1945.

Expiration dates have not been set for the stamps that still remain good.

Sugar Stamp No. 34 remains valid for five pounds of sugar. All other coupons outstanding have been cancelled. Another sugar stamp good for five pounds will be validated February 1, 1945.

Meats, Fats
Red stamps Q5, R5, and S5, good for ten pounds each, continue valid. Five new red stamps will be validated on Sunday, December 31. New point value for meat will become effective December 31, when many cans of meat will be returned to the rationing. Increased point value for butter was effective December 26.

Processed Fruits and Vegetables
Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A5 and B2 continue to be valid. On January 1, five new blue stamps will be validated. Canned vegetables have been added to the ration list.

Changes in point values for processed vegetables were effective at 12:01 a. m., December 26. Changes in point values of all other processed foods are effective at 12:01 a. m., Sunday, December 31.

Gasoline
A-14 coupons, good for four gallons each, are valid through March 25, 1945. "B-4," "C-4" and "4th qtr. T" coupons expire December 31, 1944.

Fuel Oil
Period 3 coupons, good for 19 gallons per ton, continue valid throughout the heating year. In the Midwest and South, period 3 coupons are now valid.

Period 1 coupons continue valid throughout the heating year.

Alpine
Alpine stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book Three are valid indefinitely.

Has Purple Heart
Pvt. James W. ... of this City, now with the 5th Army in France, has received the Purple Heart award, according to information received here today. The husband of Mrs. ... of Route 2, ... son of J. W. ... more. Ga.