

### DISTRICT SCOUT RALLY PLANNED

Will Be Held In February With Preliminaries At Burgaw, Finals Here

David L. Liles, Scout executive, announced at the monthly court of honor for Boy Scouts of the Wilmington district in the superior courtroom last night that the district Scout rally will be held in February with the preliminaries scheduled at Burgaw on the first Friday of the month and the championships in Wilmington on the fourth Friday in February.

He also called attention to February being the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts, the organization now being 31 years old. He urged every Scout to try to go up for at least one advancement during the month.

Judge Alton A. Lennon presided over the court and paid tribute to the Carolina Beach troop, which had almost 100 per cent in attendance. Other members of the court present were Leo Sykes and R. C. Motter.

The Giffan advancement trophy was awarded to Troop 9 for the month. Troop 32 ranked second and troop 21 third.

Awards at the court were as follows: Second class — Earl Mobley, Harry Newbold, Brent Marshall, Earl Harris, John Hearn, and George Jones; First class — David Bannerman and Jack West; star rank — William P. Troutman, Jr., Harold Lubicek, Andrew Myers and Robert Chimes; Cagle palms — Jasper Needham (bronze), and Fred Sternberger (silver).

Merit badges were awarded the following:

John Codington, Donald Gibbs, Richard Gibbs, Hooper Johnson, Bill Lassiter, Harry Smith, Bill Stewart, George Daugherty, assistant Scoutmaster, W. P. Jones, Scoutmaster, H. W. Winkle, Lewis Sykes, Earl Mobley, William P. Troutman, Jr., Jasper Needham.

### B. B. Reynolds' Home Is Damaged By Fire

Fire of undetermined origin damaged a part of the home of B. B. Reynolds, of 108 North 13th street, yesterday morning. Fire Chief J. L. Liles reported.

The alarm was turned in at 9:51 a. m., and Chief Croon said that when the firemen arrived that the roof of the house was ablaze. An upper apartment, occupied by A. J. Moore, Jr., was damaged, but outside of damage from water, the lower part of the house escaped.

Firemen answered three other alarms yesterday. At 10:23 a. m. they were called to extinguish a grass fire at 10th and Kidder streets. At 11:15 a. m. they were called to extinguish a blaze on the roof of the home of George McGary, 914 1/2 Princess street.

An alarm to Ninth and Castle streets at 3:59 p. m. turned out to be false.

### GREEK DESTROYERS ATTACK VALONA

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ian supply ships sunk off Bar Jan. 3 by British or Greek warships). Dispatches from the central Albanian front claimed Italian defenders of Klisura, east of Tepeleni, had been endangered by Greek capture of a 5,500-foot peak north of the town and to the rear of the fascist positions.

Day-to-day reports continued to bring slow increases—usually of a hundred or more—in Greek claims of prisoners taken, with reports of the booty of Italian war materials mounting just as steadily.

A Greek spokesman asserted that five officers were among 222 captives taken yesterday.

The Greeks were reported to have come upon many wounded Italian soldiers who were left behind in precipitate withdrawals of their comrades.

It is reported that in 12 states there are laws against driving too slowly.

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### Will Speak Here



The Rev. Homer McMillan, D. D., of Atlanta will arrive in the city today to address a mass meeting of the Presbyterians of Wilmington at St. Andrews Presbyterian church tonight at 8 o'clock. Dr. McMillan is executive secretary of Assembly's Home Missions in the Southern Presbyterian church. With a rich and varied experience extending over a period of years he is well qualified to speak on the subject of missions and the relation of the great home mission enterprise to the life and welfare of the nation, it was said. The public is invited to hear Dr. McMillan.

### WEATHER

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Weather bureau records of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m.:

Station	High	Low	Precip.
Ashville, N. C.	46	16	0.00
Atlanta, Ga.	48	30	0.00
Birmingham, Ala.	53	32	0.00
Boston, Mass.	30	14	0.00
Charlotte, N. C.	39	22	0.00
Chicago, Ill.	31	24	0.00
Cleveland, Ohio	32	19	0.00
Detroit, Mich.	30	18	0.00
Fort Worth, Tex.	47	30	0.00
Galveston, Tex.	62	50	0.12
Jacksonville, Fla.	55	47	0.87
Kansas City, Mo.	36	24	0.00
Little Rock, Ark.	51	31	0.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	65	52	0.00
Memphis, Tenn.	53	28	0.00
Miami, Fla.	75	64	0.00
Mobile, Ala.	61	40	0.00
New Orleans, La.	62	48	0.00
New York, N. Y.	32	12	0.00
Orlando, Fla.	57	28	0.00
Richmond, Va.	40	21	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	34	25	0.00
San Francisco, Calif.	59	51	0.74
Savannah, Ga.	42	38	0.14
Washington, D. C.	39	27	0.00
Wilmington, N. C.	46	29	0.00

### AREA BOY SCOUT BANQUET SLATED

Gathering Of Council Will Be Held At Cape Fear Hotel Thursday Night

The annual banquet meeting of the Cape Fear area council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening at the Cape Fear hotel, David L. Liles, scout executive, announced last night.

Scout leaders and parents who plan to attend are urged to call Scout headquarters, Southern building, by phone, dial 9720, and tickets will be sent to them by Scouts, Liles said.

The Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton, pastor of the First Baptist church, will be the principal speaker. The Beaver award will be made to four of the Council's scouters and the Scouters Training award to another.

Liles said officers for 1941 will be installed at this meeting and reports on 1940 activities will be given. Wilmington Scouters and Scouts will be hosts to representatives from nine counties in Southeastern North Carolina.

Executive board members will meet at 6:30 o'clock to elect officers and accept reports for 1940. All members of the board are requested to be present. All interested persons are invited to attend. Tickets are on sale at Foy-Roe company and Scout headquarters.

### BULGARIA LOOKING TO REDS FOR WAR OR PEACE ANSWER

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along with great quantities of pontoon bridge materials, have arrived in Rumania from Germany. Watching developments closely, the Turkish assembly extended military service to all classes now mobilized another year. Turkey is reported to have 400,000 men along Bulgaria's southern frontier ready to march in to meet any German thrust.

Still unperturbed, the Bulgarian high command granted many officers and soldiers leaves to observe the Greek Orthodox Christmas. Bulgaria is credited with having only 100,000 of its army of 500,000 under arms.

### ITALY DETERMINED TO STAY IN WAR

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efficient," declared Virginia Gayda, fascist editor who usually voices the thoughts of Premier Mussolini. "Victory must belong to the Axis."

Not until today did the high command give the Italian people the news of the British capture Sunday of Bardia, strong Italian base in Eastern Libya.

The high command communique stressed the courage of the defending forces and omitted any mention of British claims that their advance mechanized units had penetrated Libya to a point south of Tobruk.

The government announced a \$2,000,000,000 budget for the coming year, exclusive of probable war costs. Italy already has a budget deficit of about \$1,402,000,000 for the past fiscal year.

The cabinet, in a meeting at which Mussolini presided, adopted a resolution "solemnly reaffirming" Italy's adherence to the alliance with Germany and the tripartite pact and declared Italy's determination to fight on.

### MANY ARE KILLED IN LONDON ATTACK

Germans Stage One Of Longest Daytime Raids On Capital In Weeks

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Waves of fast fighter-bombers gave London its longest and most destructive daytime attack in weeks today and killed and wounded a number of persons in the capital.

Bombers caused several casualties in a heavy assault on an industrial midland town and other raiders, taking advantage of better flying conditions after being balked last night by snow and dirty weather, struck hard at East Anglia and the southeast coast.

But despite severity of the London raid residents of the capital continued their shopping and routine tasks and Prime Minister Churchill and First Lord of the Admiralty A. V. Alexander calmly surveyed damage caused at Trinity House and in the London Tower district in the "fire raid" of Dec. 29.

A number of persons were killed and wounded in London when a line of bombs fell across a street. A street car was blown off its track, injuring eight persons. The spire and main part of a Baptist church crashed. A motor showroom and a bank were demolished.

trapping a number of persons in the wreckage.

In another London section, four soldiers were injured when a gas main caught fire.

The raiders attacking the midlands town demolished several houses in a suburb and killed or wounded several persons, it was reported.

The Luftwaffe used its machine guns in many attacks.

### BRITISH USE U. S. PLANES IN LIBYA

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both in the desert war and in Greece. They said they regarded "future prospects" with "more than reasonable confidence."

They realize, however, some of-

Officers added that terrific damage and demoralization have been inflicted on the Italians in a total of 1,827 bombing raids carried out under the air command here.

Despite the overwhelming superiority of the British in the air here, the Italian air force remains a power to contend with, and there is always a greater danger of the entry of German aviation in this theater of combat.

Italian planes shot down from the air or by anti-aircraft guns since the war began in the Mediterranean area have passed the 500 mark while British losses here

are about 80, air chiefs said.

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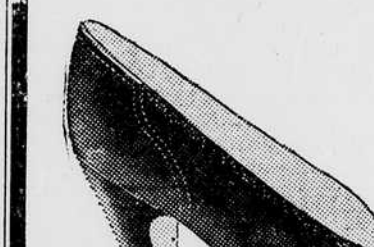
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