

CRIMINAL COURT WILL OPEN TODAY

Fifty-Four Cases Docketed For Trial; Judge John J. Burney To Preside

Fifty-four cases most of them of a minor nature are docketed for trial at the January criminal term of New Hanover superior court which opens here this morning.

Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington will preside over the term.

Nine new grand jurors are to be sworn in when court opens this morning.

Scheduled for trial at this term of court are Alex Corbett charged with murder and Estelle Colvin charged with being an accessory after the fact in connection with the death of Demar Treadwell on November 16. Ernest Williams charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Gertrude Moore on December 1 is also scheduled to be tried at this term.

Father Kills Two Small Sons, Commits Suicide

NORTH BERGEN, N. J., Jan. 12.—(AP)—A father, brooding over his health, killed his two small sons with a hatchet today, Police Chief John J. Simmen said, and then attempted suicide by lying over the open steps of a gas range in the kitchen of their two-story brick home.

Simmen said the father, John Behmer, 41, was under police guard at North Hudson hospital, Weehawken, where he was reported in fair condition although still unconscious.

One son, Robert, 2, died at North Hudson hospital at 8:30 a. m., about two hours after his mother, Emma, 32, awakened by his cries, found him in his crib, his face covered with blood. John, Jr., 6, died two hours later. Simmen said the hatchet blade was found buried in his skull.

FR Asked To Address Legislature By Radio

RALEIGH, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Governor Broughton sent a telegram to President Roosevelt today asking him to make a special address by radio to a session of the general assembly in Chapel Hill on January 30.

Presumably, the proposed address would be broadcast from Washington or Hyde Park.

The assembly decided last week to hold a one-day session in Chapel Hill, where a group of prominent South Americans will be studying at the University of North Carolina. January 30 is the President's birthday.

RUSSIANS HAVE NOT CONSENTED TO NEW NAZI TROOP MOVES

(Continued From Page One) mit soldiers to enter Bulgaria, a little friend of the Soviets, or to pass through that country to attack Greece.)

Without knowledge The Tass statement said that if German troops actually are in Bulgaria and if the further dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria is under way, "all this has occurred without the knowledge and consent of the U. S. S. R. since the German side never raised before the U. S. S. R. the question of the presence or dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria."

"In particular," Tass added, "the Bulgarian government never approached the U. S. S. R. with an inquiry regarding the passage of troops to Bulgaria and consequently could not receive any reply from the U. S. S. R."

The Tass statement began with an assertion that the foreign press, "referring to certain Bulgarian circles as the course of information," had circulated a report that a certain number of German troops already had been sent to Bulgaria, that the dispatching of Nazi troops to Bulgaria was continuing with the knowledge and consent of Russia and that the Russian government had "replied by consent to an inquiry by the Bulgarian government concerning the passage of German troops to Bulgaria."

LINER RUNS AGROUND OFF FLORIDA COAST (Continued From Page One)

"SS Manhattan ashore off Lake Worth inlet. Requires assistance." The coast guard said the cutter Mojave stationed at Miami beach had been dispatched to her aid.

The Manhattan is 688 feet long and has a gross tonnage of over 24,289 tons.

Valued by the maritime commission in 1940 at \$10,000,000, the Manhattan sailed on her maiden voyage on Aug. 10, 1932. At that time she was the largest and fastest ship ever built in America.

In her first five years of service, the ship made 65 round trips between New York and Hamburg, Germany and carried 92,420 passengers.

After congress passed the neutrality act, the Manhattan went into service between New York and Genoa and Naples, Italy, for several months until Italy became a belligerent. Later she plied between New York and Lisbon, ferrying American refugees to this country.

The Manhattan is the sister ship of the Washington.

Their Squadrons Raised to Fleets



REAR ADMIRAL KING



ADMIRAL HART

Under the recently announced reorganization of America's naval forces, the present Atlantic and Asiatic squadrons will be raised to the status of fleets, the former becoming a major force of some 125 units. Present squadron commanders will become Commanders-in-Chief of the fleets, Rear Admiral Ernest J. King heading the Atlantic group and Admiral Thomas C. Hart in charge of the Far East fleet.

Submarine Sailfish Will Join Pacific Fleet Soon

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 12.—(AP)—The U. S. Navy submarine Sailfish, formerly the Squalus, which carried 26 men to death in 240 feet of water off the New Hampshire coast in May, 1939, will sail Thursday to join the Pacific fleet, with four of the original Squalus crew still aboard her.

They will be the only reminders of the ill-fated submersible which lay on the bottom off the Isles of Shoals for nearly four months in 1939. Even the vessel's logbook has been changed to eliminate all trace of the Squalus.

Although the reconitioned submarine was away last summer for a 5,000-mile shakedown cruise, Thursday's departure will be the first clean break with this navy ward where the craft was constructed and later rebuilt.

Schools In Spartanburg Closed Because Of Flu

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Spartanburg city of health today issued an order closing all public schools and theaters and banning all sports events until further notice because of the prevalence of influenza here.

Dr. Sam O. Black, chairman of the board, said that while accurate figures were unavailable tonight, it is estimated there are several thousand cases of the disease now active in the city.

The health board order bans the attendance of children under 16 from attendance at church and Sunday school, and recommends that all persons stay away from public gatherings of every type.

Church Near Thomasville Is Destroyed By Flames

THOMASVILLE, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Hopewell Methodist church, located near Thomasville, was destroyed by fire this morning. It was completed several months ago at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

The Rev. W. B. Shinn, the pastor, had just begun his sermon when some one smelled smoke. The fire started in the furnace room and quickly spread to the main auditorium. The congregation was dismissed without accident.

The loss was partly covered by insurance. Officials said the structure would immediately be rebuilt.

EXPELLED

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Clarence Hathaway, one time power in the Communist party, has been expelled "for failure to meet personal and political responsibility assumed by him, for desertion, and for failing and refusing to take steps to rehabilitate himself," the Daily Worker, Communist organ, disclosed today.

DRAFTEES SLATED TO BE ASSIGNED

Col. Paullin Says 10,000 To Be Given Permanent Assignments In Army Soon

FORT DIX, N. J., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Colonel Holmes G. Paullin, head of the recruit reception center here, said tonight the center expected to place 10,000 selective service trainees on permanent assignments in and outside the second corps area by January 31.

The 44th division, stationed here, has already received 420 men inducted in the second call and Paullin said that by the end of the week the division would have received the 2,703 men required to complete its ranks.

Other assignments that would be made by January 18, Paullin said, included 380 men to Fort Benning, Ga., and 1,500, ninth division, Fort Bragg, N. C. He added that 5,139 men would be sent to Fort McClellan, Ala.; Fort Bragg, Fort Benning and Fort Hancock between January 20 and January 31.

He listed the first McClellan assignments to these New York organizations: 54th infantry, headquarters company, 23; 165th infantry, 962; 102nd medical regiment, 437; division headquarters and special troops, 384 and 102nd air corps observation squadron, 14.

Paullin added that about 75,000 trainees are expected to be cleared through the reception center by June.

City Briefs

CARS COLLIDE Cars driven by William L. Bozeman, 1510 Chestnut street, and John DeVane, 113 North 12th street, were involved in a collision at 11th and Orange streets last night with slight damages to both machines, police reported.

ARRESTED Charles Mosley, negro, was arrested by police yesterday for operating a truck while under the influence of intoxicants and carrying a concealed weapon, a razor.

HELD FOR ASSAULT Willie Jones, negro, 907 Love's alley, was arrested by police yesterday for assault on a female and damage to personal property after he allegedly hit Beatrice Green and tore her coat, valued at \$17.

CAR HITS POLE A car driven by C. P. Street, of the Cape Fear hotel, struck a telephone pole and broke it at Third and Hanover streets. The car was damaged considerably. Street to police that the lights of an oncoming car blinded him.

GLASSES BROKEN Lindsey Rhodes reported to police yesterday afternoon that a group of Gypsy children playing in the lot in the rear of the Plaza cafe broke the glasses out of a car belonging to a Mr. Cumbee.

CAR BURNED Police received a report yesterday that a car belonging to E. T. Bissenger of Masonboro Sound had been found burned on the old River road some time Saturday night.

ARRESTED Police yesterday arrested Joseph Dore, 311 North Ninth, and Harlee Shufford 119 Magnolia alley, both negroes on charges of larceny and receiving after they allegedly stole 40 newspapers belonging to the Star-News from Seventh and Market streets.

POLES KNOCKED DOWN Police yesterday investigated an accident in which a car belonging to Laurence Clemmons, 113 Wooster street, ran over the curb and knocked down one light pole and broke off another at Front and Wooster streets. The driver jumped from the car and fled the scene. Clemmons told police that the car was stolen from him during the early part of the afternoon.

HELD FOR THEFT George W. Brown, negro, 420 North Ninth street, was arrested yesterday by police on charges of larceny and receiving after he allegedly stole a girl's bicycle from Mrs. W. E. Aman of 1015 Grace street.

CLASS TO BEGIN The second semester of the public speaking class conducted here by Rabbi M. M. Thurman will begin tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A. The class is open to both men and women.

SUPPER MEETING The Sunday school council of the Southside Baptist church will hold its monthly supper meeting at the church tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

COUNCIL TO MEET Cape Fear council No. 24, Daughters of America, will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the Junior Order hall. All members are urged to attend.

BEAUTIES BOTH



In the arms of Marion Francis is Sunnyknoll Lochinvar, a smoked Persian cat, who came from California to compete in the 39th annual championship cat show at the Atlantic Cat club of New York. Sunnyknoll Lochinvar came by plane for the event.

Britain May Be Strengthening Its Night Air Raid Defenses

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The British Press association's air correspondent said today that Germany's admission that six planes failed to return from Friday night's raids, in which, the British claimed only two, may mean "progress is being made in the search for a thoroughly convincing answer to the night bomber."

The writer added that a scientific search was being made by the best brains of Britain for methods of locating high-flying raiders and there was reason to believe British instruments already in use are "in advance of anything yet evolved by the enemy."

Opinion varies as to the proportion of losses which any effective reply must entail. The Press association's correspondent quote one senior army expert as saying "I shall not be content until we bring down ten per cent of all night raiders."

Experts, the correspondent added, are not overlooking the possibility that the German air force may be using sub-stratosphere raiders when lower altitudes become too hot for them.

Already against low-flying raiders the Befors gun, equipped with a new predictor, has shown itself to be an absolute "killer," scoring a hit in every twenty rounds, the correspondent said.

"There is evidence," he continued, "that concentration of fire on the estimated position of the raiders as distinct from a barrage or 'wall of fire' has proved effective. For instance, a high percentage of raiders in the later stages of the Coventry blitz were thus turned away. Incidentally rumors that the city's guns ran out of ammunition are groundless."

Broadening Of Social Security Program May Mark This Congress

BY W. B. RAGSDALE WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—A plan to take care of the families of those who go into military service is being worked out for incorporation in the social security program.

Informed officials say it will be sent to the capitol in the new session of congress along with a renewal of suggestions that farm and domestic workers be added to the \$2,000,000 men and women in industry and commerce who already have social security accounts.

For the needy man who heeds the call to military service, the plan being considered would work something like this: As a soldier, he would get \$30 a month. Of this, he might keep \$5 and allot \$25 to the needs of his family. In addition, through the federal security agency, the government would pay another \$15 or \$20, perhaps even more, toward the support of his family, the amount depending somewhat upon the number of dependents and their need.

The adoption of such a plan, like that for broadening the scope of the social security laws, would be dependent upon the wishes of congress. One of the big difficulties about bringing farm and domestic workers under the social security law has been the development of a method of collecting taxes to cover them. Officials now speak of the possibilities of a stamp tax.

What the attitude of congress might be is problematical. It might easily adopt one of the plans and bat down the other, it might accept both, or it might refuse to agree to either. Efforts to include farm and domestic workers have failed in the past.

Already the social security agency is approving about a thousand claims for benefits a day from retired wage earners, their aged wives, and from widows, orphans or the dependent parents of workers who have died. Benefits of this type became available only last January and upward of 237,000 such claims have been approved already. Benefit payments are going out to them at the rate of \$4,250,000 a month. That figures out to an average of \$17.93 a person.

Actually, there is considerable variation in the figures for the different groups. Retired workers of 65 or older are getting an average of \$22.72 a month. Added to this, in many cases, is the \$12.21 a month drawn by wives who are 65 or older. Children under 18 get an average of \$12.23 a month. Widows 65 or older get \$20.45. Widows of workers who have died, and with children under 18, are getting an average of \$19.73 a month. And dependent parents of insured workers who have died are getting an average of \$13.11.

Twenty-eight million workers now are covered by unemployment compensation laws, operating in all the states, which help them to bridge the gaps between jobs. Significant of the rise in employment under the defense program, benefits paid to them in November

Obituaries

JOHN S. WATTERS

Committal services for John S. Watters, who died in Asheville January 7, were held in the Watters' lot in Oakdale cemetery yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

SIDNEY P. JOHNSON

Funeral rites for Sidney P. Johnson, 76, farmer of Kelly, who died in a local hospital Friday morning after a week's illness, were held from the Haw Bluff Baptist church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock.

Interment followed in the Haw Bluff cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: F. A. Murray, Juddie Moore, R. Rooks, Marion Johnson, William Rooks and Nolin Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were: C. S. Porter, R. T. Hunt, Dr. G. C. Beard, H. M. Cartell, Johnny Marshall, Blane Pridgen and D. W. Pridgen.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Rooks Johnson, of Kelly; two daughters, Mrs. Bettie J. Dudley, of Grand Ridge, Fla.; and Mrs. Irma L. Ward, of Wilmington; two sisters, Mrs. Martha McDuffie, of Dublin, and Mrs. Alberta Horrell, of Barto, Fla.; two brothers, W. C. Johnson, of Delco, and J. F. Johnson, of Ivanhoe; 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

WILLIAM E. EICHORN

Funeral services for William Edward Eichorn, 63, prominent citizen of Brunswick county, who died at his home in Bolivia Saturday morning after a lingering illness, will be held from the Bethel church this morning at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Walter Pavy, assisted by the Rev. W. J. Freeman, will conduct the services. Interment will follow in the Reynolds cemetery near Bolivia.

Honorary pallbearers will be: E. J. Danford, A. G. Lewis, A. L. Mercer, E. V. Mercer, J. D. Danford, Sr., W. K. Cox, of Bolivia, Dr. L. C. Ferguson, C. E. Taylor, and J. L. Moore, of Southport, T. E. Cooper, Glasgow Hicks, J. G. Carney and J. P. Newton, of Wilmington, and G. H. Cannon. Active pallbearers will be: C. W. Knox, C. P. Willetts, D. L. Mercer, S. P. Cox, Garvin Mercer and W. H. Yopp.

The body will remain at the Yopp funeral home until the time for the services.

Mr. Eichorn was a lifelong resident of Brunswick county and was a prosperous farmer of the Bolivia community. He was a lifelong member of the Bethel Methodist church and a member of the board of trustees for a number of years.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Amelia Danford; three children, Mrs. O. T. Lewis, of Carolina Beach, Mrs. C. T. Register, of Norfolk, Va., and Euclid C. Eichorn, of Bolivia; seven grandchildren, Daphne Clarvye Lewis, O. T. Lewis, Jr., Aubrey E. Billy Kirk, Harold Wray, Jerry Leigh Lewis and Charles Thomas Register; one brother, Pete Eichorn, of Town Creek, and a number of nieces and nephews.

MRS. LIZZIE POTTER

SOUTHPORT, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Lizzie Potter, of Southport, died in the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial hospital here this morning at 2 o'clock after a long illness.

Funeral services will be held from the Trinity Methodist church in Southport Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

She is survived by three sons, G. E. Potter, of Raleigh, J. B. Potter, of Philadelphia, and M. A. Potter, of Philadelphia; one brother, A. F. McKethan, of Philadelphia, Pa., and several nieces and nephews.

MOSES ALBERT DUNCAN

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 12.—Funeral rites for Moses Albert Duncan, 75, who died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in the Western Front section Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, were held from the Western Front Baptist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Rev. D. G. Myers conducted the services. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Duncan is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maggie Hooks Duncan, and nine children as follows: R. E. W. A. and R. L. Duncan, all of Whiteville, D. G. Duncan, of Spartanburg, S. C., Thomas J. Duncan, of Aiken, S. C., and L. D. Duncan, of Lumberton, Mrs. C. H. Atkinson, of Columbia, S. C., Mrs. Harvey Brisson, of Lumberton, and Mrs. Major Owens, of Whiteville.

LIB M. COOPER

KENANSVILLE, Jan. 12.—Funeral services for Lib M. Cooper, 91, Kenansville's oldest citizen, were held from the home here this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The Rev. J. L. Jones, Baptist minister, conducted the services. Interment followed in the Golden Grove cemetery.

Survivors are six daughters, Miss Mary Cooper and Mrs. Davis Farior, of the home, Mrs. L. E. Bale, Magnolia, Mrs. J. D. Larkins, Wilmington, Mrs. Leo Abrington, Kinston, and Mrs. D. L. Wells, Wallace. Several grandchildren, including Senator John D. Larkins, also survive.

He was born at Coopers Mill, Duplin county, in 1849. His wife the daughter of the late Dr. Blunt, of Kenansville, preceded him to the grave many years ago. Mr. Cooper died Saturday morning at 12:05 a. m. He had been in declining health for about a year and recently became much worse.

TREATED

Goldie Hayes, negro, 513 3-4 Foster alley, was treated at James Walker Memorial hospital last night for a gash over the left eye.

Italian Losses In Bloody Mountain Fighting Terrific

Stresses Defense



Warning that the "lust of war-craved dictators" threatens the American way of life, Governor Herbert H. Lehman makes a precedent-breaking message to the opening session of the 1941 New York state legislature in Albany. The message dealt with only one subject, defense, on which he asked united action.

Van Zandt Predicts AEF Will Be Sent Abroad Soon

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Despatch of an American expeditionary force abroad "within the next two years" was forecast today by U. S. Rep. James E. Van Zandt (R-Pa), former national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"There's no use kidding ourselves," he told 600 Massachusetts V. F. C. members. "We're going to war; it's only a matter of time."

Asserting that the Axis powers outnumber Great Britain and her Allies in manpower by 1,500,000 men, Van Zandt asked:

"Where are the men coming from to make up the difference? From the United States? There's no doubt about it."

Haile Selassie's Men Flock To His Cause

KHARTOUM, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Haile Selassie, deposed by his Italian conquerors five years ago, is receiving a constant stream of tribal revolutionary agents in this city only 300 miles from the Ethiopian frontier.

These native tribesmen loyal to the ex-emperor have been evading Italian border patrols to cross into the Sudan and contact the Lion of Judah who has set up an informal court here.

Here they receive guns and ammunition furnished them by the British through their exiled leader, and re-enter Ethiopia to carry on guerrilla activities against the Italians.

Arrest Follows Crash On Carolina Beach Road

C. E. Taylor was arrested by state highway patrolmen yesterday afternoon on charges of operating an automobile while intoxicated, hit-and-run driving and damages to property after a car he was driving was allegedly involved in a collision with a car operated by J. E. Sternberger on the Carolina Beach highway.

He was charged with striking the Sternberger car and leaving the scene without stopping.

The Sternberger car was damaged considerably and Sternberger received slight injuries, officers reported.

NEW SHOE GADGET

A new gadget that can neither be seen nor felt when the shoe is on eliminates the necessity of tying and untieing shoe laces. It is a small metal loop and button which goes between outside of shoes and the lining. Just touch the button and the shoe will slip off without even touching the shoe lace.

BY J. WES GALLAGHER

WITH GREEK MOUNTAIN TROOPS ON THE ALBANIAN CENTRAL FRONT, Jan. 11.—(Delayed)—Italy's casualties in bloody mountain fighting in Albania have been terrific—measurable, the evidence shows, only in the thousands.

This conclusion was reached after six days spent climbing slushy mountain trails thousands of feet high and walking over mile after mile of fighting ground.

No accurate accounting may be made until registration lists are checked for missing men after the war, for in the isolated brush and gorges whole patrols were wiped out and the men left where they lay—lost and forgotten in the wilderness.

Almost every foot of these awe-some peaks has seen fighting. If one stumbles off a mule trail a few feet, one is likely to blunder onto some hidden Italian machine gun nest with gruesome, green-clad crews sprawled upon a litter of unexploded hand grenades, bayonets, packs of ammunition and explosion-torn refuse.

These nests of shallow trenches hang onto the sides of jagged peaks, cloaked in mist.

Trench mortar and machine gun positions are cunningly concealed. The steep slopes with brush below them are laced with barbed wire. Thousands of grenades and red and black trench mortar bombs strewn for hundreds of yards speak for the abundance of Italian munitions.

The positions look impregnable but their occupants lie dead in the bright feathered caps of Alpine divisions or the brilliant insignia of other choice Italian regiments.

Somehow Greece's bayonet infantry with full packs on backs charge up the slopes on the run. Somehow they dodge a rain of bombs poured down by hundreds of Italian aircraft.

Somehow they smash through the tangled wires and reach the trenches, machine gun nests and mortar positions which, as the hundreds of still forms mutely testify, are stubbornly defended.

Once the position is won, the Greeks snatch a hasty meal of bread and cheese and push on.

Gov. Broughton Teaches Bible Class As Usual

RALEIGH, Jan. 12.—(AP)—More than 100 persons today heard Governor Broughton teach his Sunday school class at the Tabernacle Baptist church.

The newly inaugurated governor, who has been a Sunday school teacher for the last 15 years, said he followed the regularly scheduled lesson, and that the title of the lesson happened to be "The value of personality."

SLIPCOVER TIP When making slipcovers, you will save extra laundering and wear on the sections where head and arms rest, if you cut squares of the same material, taking care to match bindings on the slipcovers. If the material is loosely woven, such as a homespun, edges might be fringed.

FAN WEAPON Looking like a common folding fan, the dagger fan really is a sheath containing a short, sharp stiletto. The deceptive weapon was invented by the Japanese.

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TAX LISTING The Machinery Act provides that Poll and Tangible Property tax returns shall be made to the list-taker during the month of January under the pains and penalties imposed by law. OWNERS OF AUTOMOBILES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE TAX LISTERS FULL INFORMATION AS TO MODEL, YEAR OF MANUFACTURE AND STATE LICENSE NUMBER. Wilmington township tax listers will be on the main floor of old court house daily 8:30 A. M., to 5:30 P. M., (Sundays excepted), beginning January 2nd, 1941. County tax listers will meet their usual appointments as advertised. Harnett listers will meet at the court house January 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st. Cape Fear, Federal Point and Masonboro listers will meet at the court house January 30th and 31st. J. A. ORRELL, County Auditor.