WORSE SNOW IN 30 YEARS BLANKETS CITY

Falls Within Span Of Six Hours

AFFIC INTERRUPTED

hools To Open But Buses Will Not Operate; Low Of 27 Forecast

With 7.2 inches of snow ling by 12 o'clock last night ilmington was blanketed in e heaviest layer of white lurries" since 1912, accordto local weather bureau

ow began falling at 6 clock motorists were reportg trouble in traveling about e streets while officials at their busses from Charte had arrived two hours f schedule and that two, hich were traveling on the me schedule, had failed to

aviest snow reported

The temperature had dropped to 30 of mather officials predicted that crest.

The day's barometer reading of Il was said to be the lowest here size years, while the all-time re-

periatendent of Schools H. M. ols would be "warm and open" moois during this snow de

my of the school bus drives as snowfall.

trucks had difficulty in climbing of 3.2 inches. railroad overpass on Fourth Four inches fell at Concord and

Weather bureau officials said the

inches on January 30, 1936. Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

MCTIVE MONDAY ear.

h Manager Says Citizens Are Given Few Days Of Grace

Enforcement of provisions of the tw traffic ordinance as to Water. but Fourth and Front streets will reek, City Manager James G. Wal-

ae said Tuesday.
Traffic signs have been posted on these streets several days, but notorists have not been forced to they them, "We are giving them a few days grace and a chance of the set in linear action of the set in linear acti

from Grace to Red Cross, Police Chief C. H. Casteen said. He explained that all traffic on these

Chief Casteen pointed out that the question—began.

ven And One-Half Inches Glamour Girl Rita Sues For Divorce

> HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 24. — (P) Glamour Girl Rita Hayworth of the films filed suit late today to divorce Oilman Ed Judson. She charged cruelty. The shapely newcomer to

movie fame told newsmen: "Due to the fact that Mr. Judson's business takes him to Texas and Oklahoma so much of his time, and my career is in Hollywood, we just came to

a parting of the way.
"There is no one else in either of our lives and I certainly wish him a world of happiness. Eddie is a grand

ficials. Only a few hours after the RECORD SNOWFALL **BLANKETS STATE**

elocal bus terminal said one White Mantle Ranges From Few To Twenty-Five Inches In Depth

By The Associated Press

Show ranging in depth from a few inches in the coastal plain to Pollux after thier ships ran road said trains were travel25 inches in the Black Mountains aground in the storm. fell across North Carolina yester day and last night. It snarled traffic and wrought inconvenience, but otherwise caused little reported damage.

The snow on Mt. Mitchell was 25 inches last night as the fall The Truxtun normally carrid a continued. When the fall began crew of around 145. yesterday morning on the highest peak east of the Mississippi there Pollux perished. The skipper of ess here by 11 o'clock last night already were nine inches at the

The heaviest fall of flakes in two years hit Charlotte and by twilight six inches had fallen There were minor traffic accidents but communications were unim-

paired. Continued cold was forecast. A light snow fell yesterday morning in Raleigh, turned to rain and and said last night that the later the weather became cloudy and cold. Snow rapidly covered morning and that a decision the ground at Wilmington about and he made as to the operation 6 p.m., and a bitter north wind

across Durham reported slight precipitation, with a light snow that melt-Mr. Roland said he contacted as ed. Whiteville reported a heavy

le last night and asked the The heaviest snowfall of the winvers not to operate the buses to- ter fell on Asheville, turning the due to the heavy snow on the city and surrounding mountains into a veritable fairyland. By 2:30 several cars were marooned and p.m., the fall had reachee a depth

tet late last night, police said and Salisbury. Rutherford reported its Med that broken limbs on trees deepest snow in two years but been reported in a number of plows were rapidly clearing the highways. Hills were slick and mington's heaviest snow, 12.1 traffic proceeded at a snail's pace. the fell on February 17 and 18, In some of the residential secand another heavy snow was tions of Elkin, automobiles could Februarry 11, 1912, when 9.4 not climb the grades and lines of the fell, according to figures at stalled cars were observed on many streets. Wilkes and surrounding territory

dist snow in rercent years was inches on January 30, 1936. were wrapped in a blanket eight to ten inches thick. Transportation Winington's heaviest snow last in the northwest was practically on schedule, however. By 8 p.m., six inches had fallen

TRAFFIC LAW at Winston-Salein, and 20 11. Alleghany and Ashe counties reportat Winston-Salem, and Boone, in ed the heaviest snows of the

VON PAPEN ESCAPES

wife escaped with minor shock.

Clark, not one of the 189 men lost in the centers in the Arm. Enlisted men treated in Newfoundland.

land in a strong gale.

Power company employe. The two vessels, part of a convoy, were run aground by the terrific wind and then battered apart ANKARA, Turkey, Feb. 24.—(P) by the gale and waves.

The Pollux was a 6,085-ton conhim on an Ankara boulevard to- 15 knots and carried a normal Camp Davis, where they were ofday, but the ambassador and his complement of 18 officers and 160 ficially welcomed. Chaplain Wol-

House Repeals Pension Red City Manager James C. Well House Repeals Pension Bill By 389 To 7 Votes

get in line, but will begin enous, the House rolled up a whopkneement in the complicated parliforcement on the signs beginning the first of the week," Mr. Wal
of pensions for Congressmen, making that the law signs beginning of pensions for Congressmen, making that the law signs beginning of pensions for Congressmen, making that the law signs repealer found itself. Influening virtually certain that the law sion repealer found itself. Influen-

Actually, the vote was on a tech- was set. nical motion which will lead to re- Then Rep. Vinson (D.-Ga.) prostreets would move south with no chief can traffic permitted

the ordinance provided for no The handful of "no" votes in-The handful of "no" votes instructed from Grace to Dock streets.

Signs have been placed above of the west side of placed above of the street from Grace to Dock streets.

The vehicle was a measure to the street of the vehicle was a measure to the v Signs have been placed above others were representatives Boland others were representatives Boland continue salaries to men in the traffic lights on Front street (D. - Mass.), Moser (D. - Mass.), where were missing or captured. Other Indicating where no "U" turns or Flaherty (D.-Mass.), Moser (D. were missing or captured. Other sections are permitted at in-

One Way" traffic signs will be my traffic sign

morth bound traffic permitted. Casteen said "no parking the long-sought record vote—the first to be taken in the House on Chief Casteen morth."

peal, but they considered they eag a minor naval bill be instructed a minor naval bill be instructed to retain a Senate rider calling for the long-sought record vote—the first to be taken in the House on Chief Casteen morth. The guestion—began. approved. The Senate took similar

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DestroyerAnd New Hanover County
Allotted 32 New Cars **Under Rationing Plan** Supply Sel

North Carolina will receive 2,077 of the 145,000 new 1942 passenger automobiles to be ra-tioned to eligible buyers in the three-month rationing period beginning March 2, the Office of Price Administration announced in Washington Tuesday night.

Although county quotas were based largely on 1941 new car regisrations, the OPA said, counties in strategic war and defense sections were given special consideration in both

A Newfound

land In Loss Of 189

Navy's Worst Disaster

ONLY FEW SURVIVE

Heavy Seas, Poor Visibility

And Bad Weather Ham-

per Rescue Work

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- (F) -

One of the worst sea disasters in

United States Naval history-loss

of a destroyer, a supply ship, and

189 officers and men-was an-

nounced today by the Navy de-

partment in a tragic account of

death and destruction on the gale-

Seldom have ships been battered into wreckage by the deliberate action of enemy guns more quick-ly than the 1,200-ton Destroyer

Truxton and the 6,085-tom freighter

Pollux were dashed to pieces by

And even in these times of whole-

sale losses of men and ships on

the high seas all over the world.

Naval veterans here were obvious-

by the men of the Truxtun and

From the Truxtun seven officers

One officer and 91 men from the

this vessel, whose name was not

The two vessels, forming a por-

tion of a convoy, were voyaging

along the south coast of Newfound-

mouth of Placentia bay, when the

mishap occurred, the Navy report-

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Homer Clark Safe In New-

foundland, Was In Crew

Of Crushed Ship

among the surviving crew mem-

on board, were saved.

wind and wave.

lashed coast of Newfoundland.

quota and reserve allotments. Actual quotas total 12,000 cars, but an additional 25,500 vehicles were placed in "reserves" and a small number released to United States territories.

The machines to be released amount to 43 per cent of the 340,000 new cars to be sold essential users in the next year and 30 per cent of the total supply left on hand before manufacturers converted to war production.

Cars to be received in North Carolina counties, as announced b., the regional OPA office at Richmond, Va., include:

New Hanover 32, Columbus 19, Craven 16, Cumberland 30, Onslow 6, Pender 7, Robeson 34 and Sampson 20.

OFFICER SCHOOL STUDENTS ARRIVE

ly deepl, saddened by the heroic but mostly futile struggle put up Here From Monroe, Greeted By Officers

including the captain. Lieutenant A group of enlisted men who Commander Ralph Hickox, 38, of Washington, D. C., and 90 men were lost. Three additional deaths were expected to be reported later. the new home of the Officer Can-

suming their studies on March 2. While the student were being as-type of expansion required by the signed to quarters in one of the government." given out, and some others of those regimental areas, carpenters were The headquarters is not a new "sympathetic hearing" and their land near St. Lawrence bay, at the provide more offices for the com- ing. manding officer and his staff.

ed. Whether they had been or were going to the United States base at day were several officers who will Foard, architect, who explained hold high positions in the O.C.S. organization, including Lieut-Col. John E. Madison, pioneer of the **LOCAL BOY ABOARD POLLUX IS RESCUED** Madison will be assistant commandant, serving under Col. H. R.

Colonel Jackson was on hand to welcome the new officers and men went into conference with members of the school staff to discuss matters related to the transfer.

Students of the O.C.S., considered outstanding soldiers from the A Wilmingtonian, 21-year-old standpoint of personality and apti-Homer Clark, was listed by the tude, spent their first evening in Navy department Tuesday night much the same manner as any other new arrivals, putting their barbers of the naval auxiliary ship racks in order and visiting the Pollux, which was smashed to bits post exchange to stock up on minor on the rocks off eastern Newfound- necessities. Transfer of the school is a sig-House of Commons today.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. nificant step in the development Clark, Summer Hill, learned of Camp Davis as one of the most nificant step in the development through Washington that he was important Coast Artillery training storm that crushed the Pollux and from one end of the county to the the destroyer Truxton but is being other consider enrollment in an officer candidate school the chief ob-Homer left New Hanover High, jective of their military careers, where he was a senior, in April of and Camp Davis now has the only since. His father is a Tide Water cludes anti-aircraft, harbor defense and barrage balloon units.

As an unofficial good will gesture, Capt. Paul M. Hunt, instructor in the new Officer Candidate verton, formerl, post chaplain, is now chaplain of the O.C.S.

But in the House of Lords, Lord Cranborne, the new colonial sec-

WEATHER

North Carolina and South Carolina and Georfia: Continued cold Wednes-

(By U. S. Weather Bureau) EASTERN STANDARD TIME (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday).

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 45; 7:30 a. m. 44; 1:30
m. 43; 7:30 p. m. 32; maximum 4
minimum 31; mean 39; normal 49.

Humidity 1:30 s. m. 93; 7:30 a. m. 89; 1:30 p. m. 95; 7:30 p. m. 96. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.26 inches. Total since the first of the month 3.40 inches.

Tides For Today (From Tide Tables published S. Coast and Geodetic Survey). Wilmington _____

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ville on Tuesday at 8 a. m., 10.07 fet.

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Hospital May Get \$118,000 Federal Fund

J.W.M.H. Delegation Get **Encouragement From** Washington Officials

NOW GO TO RICHMOND

Application For Additional Allotment Will Be Formally Filed There

BY HOWARD SUTTLE

Star Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.-Prosects were considered bright here onight for approval of a federal location of \$118,000 to round out \$617,000 defense public works xpansion program for James Walker Memorial Hospital, at Wilmington.

Five citizens of Wilmington conerred during the day with officials of the federal works agency and announced following a conference with Representative J. Bayard Clark that "the "situation

is encouraging."
Headed by Allan Marshall, atorney for the hospital board of rustees, and W. D. McCraig, memoffice at Richmond, where tomorrow they expect to file the project application, with assurance that it will be "rushed through the mill o Washington."

The delegation submitted to J hope soon to be commissioned T. Chamberlain and E. G. Marsecond lieutenants in the Coast Ar- quadi, assistant director of finance tillery Corps arrived at Camp and engineering official, respec-Davis from Fort Monroe Tuesday tively of the FWA, that the \$399, and began getting acquainted with 000 originally allocated by the gov ernment, supplement by a local didate school preparatory to re-sponsor's contribution of \$100,000

Mr. Marshall spokesman for putting the finishing touches on the the group, declared that both ofheadquarters building of the school. Icials of the FWA accorded the building but is being partitioned to response "was greatly encourag-

Full details of the porposed ex-Arriving with the students Tues- pansion were presented by O. G.

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school who supervised its organization at Fort Monroe. Colonel

and shortly after their arrival he Prime Minister Admits Japanese Superiority In Air And On Sea

> By The Associated Press . LONDON, Feb. 24.—Painting a somber picture of wrath to come, Prime Minister Churchill foreshadowed further defeats and disasters in the southwest Pacific in a frank but gloomy speech before the

He warned that the Allies there are outnumbered by the Japanese on the sea on th land and in the air, that reinforcement will be difficult because of a "most serious" increase in shipping losses in the last two months and that Britain's smoke-grimed Navy floillas which 1940 to join the nav. He has been officer candidate school in the on the Pollux most of the time Coast Artillery Corps, which inconvoy troops and guns from one "strained to the utmost." The House, mollified by the

prime minister's reorganization of the government into what he termed a compact and "more tensely braced" cabinet, heard Wolverton met the Officer Candi-Papen, the German ambassador. verted Naval stores ship, not quite date school train in Wilmington die at whose doors the Industry exploded only 50 feet away from two years old. It had a speed of and accompanied the students to

retary, referring to the India visit ish government "is in favor of India's political freedom." He conditioned the announce-

ment, however, by explaining that a satisfactory solution in India depends upon Indian leaders getting

Churchill's preoccupation with the Pacific situation was taken by informed quarters as an indication that Britain's war effort will be directed more and more toward defeat of the Axis in the Far East, in Russia, and in the Middle East -with less emphasis upon the thesis that Germany and the Axis can be beaten only by invasion of northern Europe. Churchill announced that a huge

army had been lost in Singapore. The force-which he said recently was about 60,000 at the beginning of the Malaya fight-was strengthened by more than 40,000 men in nine convoys, the prime minister disclosed today. Thus the British troops there at the surrender

16th GERMAN ARMY SHATTERED BY REDS BELOW LENINGRAD

Argentine Duelists Escape With Gashes

(A)-The lithe chairman of Argentina's "Dies committee" and portly retired army colonel retired bleeding from a four-minute duel today with their bitter quarrel unsettled by the slashing

of cavalry sabers. The congressman, Raul Damonte Taborda, towers above six feet and his comparative youthfulness-at the age of 32-enabled him to backpedal away from the plum colonel's more expert blade. But twice he ducked too late, and his right forearm was pinked with two superficial cuts.

Col. Enrrique Rottje, short and 52, was slashed across chest, arm and shoulder.

The challenge was made days ago when Damonte Taborda, campaigning for reelection charged the colonel was a disgrace to his army uniform. Rottjer, acting governor of the rich and powerful Buenos Aires province, was accused of standing by while elections were conducted "fraudulently" in the district.

They met in the grey morning

monte Taborrda had requested pistols but the colonel said he was the one aggrieved and thus entitled to choice of weapons.

Stripped to the waist, they seized their dohble-edge sabers from the referee and spurned his proposal for reconciliation. "A ellos!" shouted the umpire -roughly translated, "up and at

The duelists lunged forward in the first of two 2-minute rounds, slashing furiously.

Rottjer drew the first blood. but by the end of the second rround both men withdrew for medical repairs. Doctors swabbed the wounds

with alcohol and Damonte Taborda had his wrist bandadged. The referee then announced the duel was over and asked the

disputants to shake hands and call it quits. The colonel glared at the congressman briefly and uttered a curt "no." The other echoed it

promptly. Wearing his bandage, Damonte Taborda continued his speaking campaign tonight.

British Preparing To Leave Rangoon

Supplies As U. S. Rushes Store To China

By DANIEL DELUCE

MANDALAY, Burma, Feb. 24. (A)-Rangoon was semi-deserted tonight, and the American military mission in the city worked feverishly to get out thousands of tons of war supplies destined for China while the British themselves

were reported applying the torch to all unmovalbe military stores.

miles along the Sittang and drawing ever closer to Rangoon, U. S. authorities supervised the loading of lend-lease supplies in hundreds of trucks heading northward from the port city in a desperate race

against time. . It was understood that some unassembled American trucks piled on Rangoon docks would be destroyed lest they fall in Japanese

Only military units remained in

As the battle for Rangoon sped age as "very slight." toward a climax, the British uni- Despite the machine-gunning of fied the defense of Burma with motor cars and the bombing, the Alan Fleming Hartley.

called Rangoon's position "gloomy and United Nations' fighters took but not hopeless." and United Nations' fighters took to the air. At least one enemy

the British inflicted enormous cas- about the situation of invader and

sponsor's contribution of \$100,000 "will be insufficient to finance the will be insufficient to finance the sponsor required by the sponsor required by the BANDOENG AREA 10th army and a division of the picked blackshirt S. S. Elite guards.

Oil Drums Fired In Army Headquarters As Invad-

ers Press Attack BANDOENG, Java, Feb. 24.-(A) -Japanese bombers machine-gun-Abandonment of the Burmese apital was under way as the im-GLOOMY PICTURE capital was under way as the imperial defenders withdrew to the quarters area today as civil and west bank of the Sittang river aft- military leaders of the East Iner the Japanese stormed and cap-dies declared the moment of mass Submarines Strike Furitured the eastern end of a bridge- assault on Java was approaching rier to Rangoon, some 60 miles pledged their people to fight "with faith and an iron will" and urged

With the fighting raging for 100 reinforced counter - assaults by United Nations' naval forces. It was the third attack on Bandoeng, inland site of the N. E. I. army headquarters and important

military installations.

Ten bombers dropped from the clouds in two waves of five, glid-parent toll of 12 lives, the Navy ing silently toward their objectives without apparent fighter support. They dropped very light bombs which caused only small craters. Some oil drums caught fire at one point, causing enormous smoke Rangoon, compulsory civilian clouds which made the damage evacuation having been carried out seem greater than it actually was. A communique described the dam-

that of distant India under the only known fatality in the raid command of the British command-was a rat, found near a bomb er in chief for India, General Sir crater. Some houses, however, were hit.

Anti-aircraft guns crashed into London military commentators voice soon after the alert sounded the loss of five lives. Twenty-eight bomber was shot down and sever-An official announcement broad- al others were damaged. cast b, the all-India radio said Communiques preserved silence

of China's Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-Shek, announced that the Brit-Curbing Veneral Disease

together and devising a scheme of tial North Carolina Shipbuilding he will be considered for employgovernment which is satisfactory employes are encouraged to rid ment. themselves of social diseases with A large number, upon the proma possible job as the reward was ise that a cure will mean a posexplained Tuesday by a company sible position, have taken the five

> "We hope that we are not only maintaining a high physical standard among the shipyard workers but doing a service to the community as well," the officer said. A prospective employe of the big yards here is first given a blood test for syphilis and then a a physician. Before his check-up has been completed, a technician

in the company's seriological labdepartment, tests the blood. If the test is positive, the applicant is given a card to the health department, the majority of county health board and told that persons found to have such dis-

A system through which poten- to make him totally immunized,

treatments required.

When the company began hiring a large number of men last summer, blood samples were sent to the State Board of Health in Raleigh for tests. The procedure required more than a week. And general physical examination by as a result, the firm inadvertently employed infected persons.

The laboratory was later set up here to curb hiring of diseased oratory, adjacent to its personnel workers and to assist in stopping the spreading of venereal ailments According to the organization's (Continued on Page Five; Col. 2) if he takes sufficient treatments eases are negroes

Russian Claim 12,000 Out Of Force Of 45,000 Men Slain

BIGGEST VICTORY YET

Routed Nazis Leave Behind Vast And Uncounted

Stocks Of Booty

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Wednesday, Feb. 25.— (AP) —An entire German army of 45,000 men has been shattered and 12,000 of the enemy killed in a smashing, 10-day Red army victory below Leningrad, the Russians

announced early today in a special communique. This Nazi army-the 16th -was encircled in the vital Staraya Russa district, 140 miles south of Leningrad and 270 miles northwest of Moscow, and suffered one of the most crushing defeats yet in-

flicted upon Adolf Hitler's legions. So complete was the rout of the Germans that they left behind vast and still uncounted stores of booty. Guns by the thousands, more than 1.000 motor vehicles, railroad rol-

ling stock, tanks, munitions and horses by the hundreds fell into Soviet hands. Listed officially as smashed were the 290th infantry division of the second German army corps, the 13th infantry division of the

Cost Vital Position Besides the enormous losses in

men and materiel, the defeat cost Hitler vital positions he needed to protect his imperilled forces holdng the town of Staraya Russa it-

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ously; Take Toll Of

Twelve Lives

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 24.-(P)-Enemy submarines, striking with destructive force at American shipping off the Atlantic coast, torpedoed two tankers with an aprevealed today.

Seven men, including the captain, were killed and four others were missing and presumed lost when the 8,103-ton tanker Cities Service Empire, of New York, was Twenty-nine survivors from the flaming wreckage of the vessel were brought to shore at Fort Pierce. Seven of them were burned or otherwise injured and they were admitted to hospitals at undisclosed points.

that the American-owned 5.287-ton Republic, of Houston, Texas, was torpedoed off the Atlantic cost with survivors were brought safely to

Earlier, the Navy revealed here

Eighteen survivors from the tanker Pan Massachusetts were officially reported safe at Jacksonville last Saturday after an attack on their vessel that cost 20 lives.

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