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## LITTLE GIRLS AND BIG DOG TEAM UP IN SCRAP DRIVE



A common sight in a residential section of Charlotte, N. C., these days is this view of Peggy Wiriden (left), 2, her sister, Ann, 4, and their huge St. Bernard dog, "Rascal," with a cart load of scrap metal for the united newspapers' scrap campaign. They are taking a broken-down lawn mower and other scrap to the collection pile. The girls are children of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Wiriden. "Rascal" is 18 months old.

## County Per Capita Mark Jumps To 28.9 Pounds In Scrap Drive

Total Collection Now Stands At 1,414,136 Pounds In Area

The per capita average for New Hanover county residents' contribution to the newspaper-sponsored scrap drive, now in its ninth year, was boosted to 28.9 pounds yesterday with the collection of 100,316 pounds, salvage drive heads revealed.

Donation of 37,550 pounds of scrap to the drive by Alexander Sprunt & Sons and 6,900 pounds by the Tide Water Power company helped raise the drive figure here to 1,414,136 pounds.

During the day six Army trucks collected 25,420 pounds, in their street-to-street combing of the city. W. A. Stewart reported, while the Brigade Boys club turned in 13,850 pounds for their day's haul. Collection in the city was down a little yesterday. Mr. Stewart pointed out, since no workers were assigned to help the drivers of the Army trucks load the scrap.

A two-day report, Thursday and Friday, of scrap collection in the rural areas of the county was turned in last night by Mr. Cheek, WPA foreman, in charge of the two trucks making a farm-to-farm canvass. Their total was 16,616 pounds with 8,360 pounds collected on Thursday and 8,256 yesterday. Although the collection in the county is moving slowly, since only two trucks are being used, every bit of scrap will be picked up before the drive is over, Mr. Cheek said.

We are pretty far along toward cleaning Wilmington of its scrap metal, especially in the business sections. Mr. Stewart said last night. "There remain a lot of calls to be answered." Residents really are digging down deep to contribute to the

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## Scrap Roll Of Honor

Each day the Star-News will publish a roll of honor listing the names of those who have contributed in the scrap campaign now in progress under its sponsorship here:

- Yesterday's contributors: 4,246
- Tommy Landen 2,774
- G. W. Trask 2,700
- Electric Bottling Co. 1,920
- C. H. Holten 1,500
- R. E. Owens 50
- T. S. Jacobs 30

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## WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Continued mild today.

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

Temperature: 1:30 a. m., 62; 7:30 a. m., 60; 1:30 p. m., 72; 7:30 p. m., 71; maximum 80; minimum 58; mean 69; normal 68.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m., 58; 7:30 a. m., 68; 1:30 p. m., 61; 7:30 p. m., 67.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.90 inches; total since the first of the month, 9.35 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY: (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey):

High	Low
Wilmington 9:49a	4:31a
Masonboro Inlet 10:20p	4:53p
Moore's Inlet 7:40p	1:16p
New Topsail Inlet 7:45p	1:21p
(Elmore's) 7:37a	1:30p
6:28a; moonset 6:26p.	

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Friday, at 8 a. m., 9.42 feet.

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# PLANE BOMBS HOLDING FIRM AT STALINGRAD; ARMY SMASHING JAPANESE ON KISKA; U. S. FLYING FORTRESSES RAID LILLE

## MOVE TO REDUCE ISLAND TO RUIN

15 Tons Of Bombs Dropped On Enemy Installation In Aleutians

## 4TH RAID REPORTED

Shipping In Harbor Hit; No Sign Of Enemy On Agattu, Attu

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The Army air forces dropped 15 tons of bombs on the Japanese base at Kiska island last Tuesday, the Navy announced today, indicating that a systematic campaign had been undertaken to reduce to rubble and ruin this last enemy stronghold in the Aleutians.

The Navy communique said that the Tuesday raid was carried out by the Army's B-24 "Liberator" bombers escorted by P-39 "Airacobras" and P-38 "Lightning" fighter planes—all operating from the new advance air base in the Andreanof Islands.

Eight tons of bombs were dropped on the enemy camp area, starting fires, and seven tons were released over the vicinity of the seaplane hangar with unannounced results.

In addition, a cargo ship in the harbor was attacked and left afire and sinking, the radio station was damaged by strafing, and two seaplanes were hit, one being destroyed and the other damaged. This was the fourth big raid reported on Kiska this month. The same land objectives were blasted with demolition and incendiary bombs on October 1 and 2 and other objectives, it was announced officially today.

Not a single Allied plane was lost in this and other devastating raids throughout the island area above Australia, the communique said.

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Euka, in the northern Solomons. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

## GETS PURPLE HEART



According to a report from Australia, Sgt. Julius Schellenberg of Brooklyn, N. Y., was awarded the Purple Heart decoration for bravery. He was among volunteers who entered an ammunition dump to remove explosives while a grass fire threatened to set off 2,000-pound bombs. Schellenberg, who came to the U. S. as a refugee five years ago, is in Army more than a year. (Central Press).

## ALLIES BATTER JAPS ON RABAU

Largest Force Of Bombers Hurlled Against Foe Smash Vital Base

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Saturday, Oct. 10.—(AP)—The largest force of Allied heavy bombers yet hurled against a Japanese base in the Southwest Pacific dumped 60 tons of explosives on Rabaul, New Britain, scoring direct hits on jetties, machine shops, supply dumps and other objectives, it was announced officially today.

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## LARGEST BOMBING FORAY BY 'YANKS'

More Than 100 Big Bombers And 500 Plane Escort Participate

## ONLY 4 PLANES LOST

Germans Reported To Have Machine-Gunned Escaping Parachutists

WITH THE U. S. BOMBER COMMAND IN ENGLAND, Oct. 9.—(AP)—More than 100 American Fortress and Liberator bombers with an escort of 500 Allied fighter planes made the greatest single daylight aerial attack of the war on Hitler's industrial and transport system today at Lille in occupied France.

The raiders directed by Maj.-Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of the U. S. A. E. F. in the European theater, smashed factories and railroad yards against strong Nazi opposition and came home with only four of 600 planes missing.

New Planes Tested In operation beside the battle-tested fortresses were the American Liberators, triumphantly passing their first tests in this battle zone. Both are four-motored planes.

The raid was greater than anything thrown by the Nazis against England in the dark days of the Battle of Britain, before the Luftwaffe called off their daylight attacks and concentrated on night raids.

In numbers of offensive planes involved, today's mass raid topped (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

## WILLKIE COMMENT REFUSED BY FDR

President Declines To Discuss Envoy's Remarks While On Tour

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt refused today to discuss where or to what extent Wendell L. Willkie represented the White House on his tour of battle areas, saying that would be used politically, as it already had been treated last week.

Without specifying who had dealt with the matter in a political way, the Chief Executive told a press conference that everything was all right with the Willkie tour, as far as he was concerned.

He added he was assuming that Willkie, his 1940 Republican opponent for the presidency, was carrying out extremely well just what he had asked him to do, and he thought that covered the whole thing.

On August 21 Mr. Roosevelt said, in announcing the Willkie trip, that Willkie would tell the countries he visited the truth about the American war effort and the unity behind it. Willkie, the Chief Executive added, would carry letters to officials of countries abroad, as well as to certain Americans. Mr. Roosevelt said, at that (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

## N. Y. PORT GUARD



Chief Boatswain's Mate John Hogan is shown instructing Seaman James Schilling, in the use of the .45-caliber Reising sub-machine gun on the rifle range at Peekskill. This new force, under command of Capt. F. V. Lowden, will be responsible for the protection of the Port of New York.

## U. S. MAY RELEASE RIGHTS IN CHINA

Announces Willingness To Abolish Extra-Territorial System

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—To an embattled China on the eve of its national anniversary, the United States tonight announced its willingness to abolish promptly by treaty the system of extra-territorial rights it has enjoyed in that country for nearly 100 years.

Great Britain, the State Department added, "shares this government's views and is taking similar action."

The United States' decision was communicated to Chinese Ambassador Wei Tao-Ming by Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State. Welles told the ambassador that the United States plans to present a draft treaty to the Chinese government for its consideration in the near future.

This treaty would provide "for the immediate relinquishment of this country's extra-territorial rights in China, and for the settlement of related questions."

Abolition of the extra-territorial rights would have little immediate practical effect, in view of the fact that the most important areas in which those rights were enjoyed now are occupied by Japanese troops.

From the point of view of China's national aims, however, such voluntary relinquishment of century-old rights would be of immense importance, not to speak of the lift it could be expected to give to the Chinese fighting morale.

The first paragraph of the Kuomintang Manifesto of 1924 proclaims China's determination to free itself from the system of extra-territoriality in the following words:

"All unequal treaties such as those providing for leased territories, extra-territorial privileges, foreign control of the customs tariff, and exercise of political authority on Chinese territories which impairs the sovereignty of the Chinese nation, should be abolished, and new treaties concluded on the basis of absolute equality and mutual respect for sovereign rights."

## Japanese Fail Again In Determined Effort To Get Wendell Willkie

WITH THE CHINESE ARMY IN NORTH CHINA, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The Japanese have failed again in what appears to have been a determined effort to get Wendell Willkie.

Thirty-five Japanese planes bombed the Honan province city of Loyang yesterday and machine-gunned a railway coach on a siding there which evidently they believed was the one carrying Representative Roosevelt's personal representative on his tour of the North China battle zone.

But Willkie wasn't in it; it wasn't even Willkie's car, although it was painted the same blue as the special sleeper which had been used for part of the journey on the Lunghai line.

Willkie did not learn of the attack until he had finished his tour of the Chinese front lines on the south bank of the Yellow river where he missed enemy shelling by only a half hour.

## NAZIS NOW MOVE TOWARD CASPIAN

Enemy Disclosed Advancing Across Kalmyck On To Astrakhan

## FOE'S LOSSES HEAVY

Soviet Forces Kill Many Of Hitler's Troops In City's Outskirts

MOSCOW, Saturday, Oct. 10.—(AP)—Stalingrad's defenders were reported officially today to have smashed two German attempts to break through to the Volga east of the city, but dispatches said a new threat had developed in a Nazi advance across the arid Kalmyck region toward Astrakhan on the Caspian Sea.

The midnight Russian communique did not mention the Kalmyck area south of Stalingrad after the government newspaper Izvestia told for the first time of a German penetration there. Nazi seizure of Astrakhan at the mouth of the Volga would spare the Germans further costly losses in frontal attacks on Stalingrad and at the same time control that vital Russian communications artery.

Efforts Are Crushed Both tank-supported German efforts to crash through Stalingrad toward the Volga were crushed on the city's outskirts, the communique said. One German infantry company was wiped out, it added.

One Red Army unit fighting in the same general area, a workers' settlement in the northwestern outskirts, was reported to have killed 300 Germans in breaking out of a German ring which had been closed on it for several days.

Northwest of Stalingrad where a Soviet relief offensive has sought to ease the pressure on Stalingrad, the Russians "fortified their occupied positions and on separate sectors engaged in battles of local importance."

Thus, as Stalingrad entered its (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

## AXIS THREATENING ALLIED PRISONERS

Controversy Over Treatment Of Captives Becoming Major Issue

LONDON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Military and propaganda spokesmen in both Berlin and Rome applied new threats today to the unsavory nerve war which the Germans have begun over the treatment of prisoners of war, and the controversy widened to the point where it may affect the future well-being of hundreds of thousands of captives.

The Germans, trading on the fact that they hold some 115,000 British prisoners as compared to 23,000 Germans in British hands, announced that 1,376 Britons had been shackled, noted the British decision to fetter a like number of Germans by noon Saturday, and said if that was done three times that number of British would be placed in bonds.

The Italians broadcast charges, based on so-called captured British orders, that Comando forces which recently raided Tobruk had been instructed to kill all Italians in one sector. The Rome radio said the Italians would certainly take reprisals, but did not say what they would be.

The Italians, unlike the Germans, are in a poor position to start "reprisals." The British hold 25,000 (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

## NOTICE

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## Local Citizens Throw Souvenir Trophies And Trinkets On Pile

Wilmingtonians are putting their heart into the local "drive" for scrap to fight the Jap, literally as well as figuratively.

One look at the rapidly mounting scrap pile at the junk yard here, official collection depot for the drive, gives evidence that New Hanover residents are not only donating long discarded useless metal objects but knick-knacks and ornaments with sentimental value.

Silver-plated loving cups, prized possessions of a woman golfer who won them as trophies in the days before the war when golf tournaments were important, have a place of honor on the pile. Battered and rusty toy automobiles and a broken air rifle, the joy of some child's heart, a pair of brass candlesticks that were the only ornaments on a mantle in a pioneer home . . . a metal souvenir of a never-to-be-forgotten vacation . . . These and a thousand other articles of little actual value, but intrinsically priceless to the giver, signify the stuff of which Americans are made.

Strange bedfellows in the scrap pile are a metal life-boat, capacity of 30 people, and a discarded fire extinguisher. Lying side by side are discarded automobile bodies while an automobile engine lies forlornly in the heap. Old radio sets of an early vintage, iron cook stoves, automobile rims, flat irons, cooking utensils, are in the conglomerate pile that some day soon will be ammunition to smash the Axis.

Homes have been ransacked from cellar to attic to furnish (Continued on Page Five; Col. 8)

## Carolina Beach Scrap Pile Steadily Mounts

About 10 tons of scrap have been donated by residents of Carolina Beach for the scrap metal drive now in progress.

Collection of the scrap is being handled by members of the Boy Scout troop while a town truck has been donated for use in hauling. Members of the street force are also lending a hand in the operations.

Scouts will spend the greater portion of today picking up the donations which have been placed along the curbing throughout the vicinity.

Preparations are underway to haul the scrap to the collection depot in Wilmington sometime next week.

## Federal Power Commission Rate Expert Declares Tide Water Profit Excessive

BY ALLEN J. GREEN (Star-News Staff Writer)

RALEIGH, Oct. 9.—After listening to two and one half hours of testimony and debate, the state utilities commission today moved to "take under consideration" the request of the Wilmington city council and New Hanover board of commissioners for action on present Tide Water Power company electric rates and to report to the joint bodies within the near future.

Members of the New Hanover delegation, headed by Mayor Harrogate Bellamy, expressed themselves as pleased with the results of the hearing. The greater part of the hearing (Continued on Page Five; Col. 8)

was taken up by a presentation of the cast for lower rates by H. Zinder, a member of the Federal Power commission's staff of analysts and experts.

Quoting the figures furnished the power commission by Tide Water, Zinder told members of the utilities commission that Tide Water's earnings had been excessive for the past four years and would continue to be excessive unless the company's rates were reduced.

The FPC expert declared that Tide Water admitted a million dollar "write up" of the value of its electrical plant, as of December 31, 1941, over the original cost of the plant.

That the company's 1941 net operating revenue for the electric utility department was \$436,512 or \$109,994 in excess of the 6 per cent margin of profit.

He said the company's 1941 depreciation charge of \$243,668 was excessive by \$50,000.

"Figures of the first eight months of 1942 show that Tide Water exceeds the depreciation figure charged during the same months in 1941 by \$56,500. It is very doubtful whether all or even a major portion of this increase is reasonable," Zinder declared.

"Undoubtedly this represents provision for an anticipated increase in Federal income taxes," the rate expert commented. "In a very recent opinion, the Federal Power (Continued on Page Five; Col. 4)