

New Hanover County Placed Under Dimout Regulations By Army

Entire Area Restricted; Local Officers Waiting For Orders

CITY COUNCIL NAMES FIFTH MEMBER TODAY

According to informed sources it was reported Tuesday night that Garland C. Currin of 309 North Fifteenth street will be sworn in as the fifth member of the city council this (Wednesday) morning.

FEDERAL WORKERS PAY HIKE OKEHED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Congress unanimously approved salary increases for approximately 1,500,000 federal civilian employees today in a stop-gap, session-end measure for adjustment of wartime government pay until detailed legislation can be worked out in the new Congress.

HOSPITAL WORK CONTRACT GIVEN

J. R. Bagwell Company Of Durham Will Handle Plumbing, Heating

SMOKE KILLS FIREMAN IN PITTSBURGH BLAZE

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Smoke killed one fireman and overcame 158 others but all 1,000 guests escaped injury early today when a stubborn, hard-to-get-at fire burned for the 22-story, 1500-room William Penn hotel, largest hostelry between New York and Chicago.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for North Carolina, including temperature, precipitation, and tide information.

Meet the Queen



Cute Florence Sarle, 4, salutes after she was chosen queen of the ninth annual Little Sister show held by the Boys' Club in New York City.

BAN NOW LIFTED ON ENLISTMENTS

All Service Draft Delayed Until February; Men May Still Volunteer

STORES TO BEGIN NIGHT WORK SOON

Business Houses Will Be Open After Dark To Holiday Trade Next Week

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Invalid Father And Family One Of Many Cases Looking For Christmas

4,000 Fuel Oil Coupon Books Are Mailed Here

Four thousand fuel ration cards are now in effect. Coupons for the periods expiring December 5 and January 2 are to be used by consumers at the present time.

ROMMEL CONTINUES LIBYAN RETREAT ALLIED PLANES POUND TUNISIA; REDS CAPTURE TWO AREAS FROM FOE

DRIVES SLOWED

Nazi Counter Attacks Hinder Soviet Troop Advance In All Sectors

1,000 GERMANS KILLED

Russians Claim Destruction Of 40 Tanks And 10 Aircraft In Battle

MOSCOW, Wednesday Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Russians announce the capture of two more populated places west of Rzhev on the frozen central front yesterday, but the mid-night communique made it appear that steady Nazi counterattacks still were slowing the Red army both there and on the two wings of the Stalingrad sector.

STOVE RATIONING PROGRAM SLATED

Coal And Oil Heating Units In 30 State Area To Be Dated Friday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Coal and oil heating stoves for private dwellings in the 30 state fuel oil rationing area will be rationed beginning Friday, the Office of Price Administration announced today.

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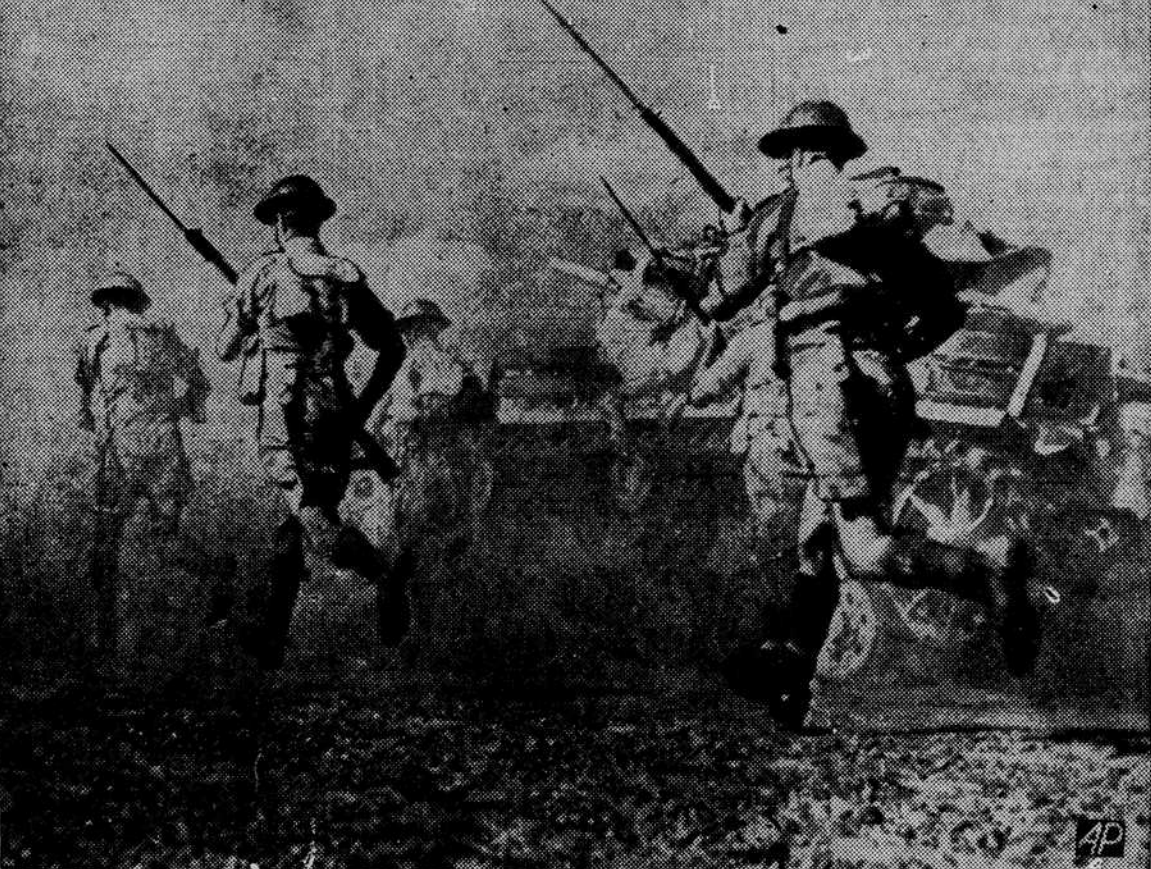
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British Tommies Hot On The Heels Of Rommel



These infantrymen of the British Eighth Army run through the dust of the western desert in their pursuit of Gen. Rommel's Axis forces fleeing across Libya toward Tripoli.

Japanese Troops Make Landings In New Guinea With Heavy Loss

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Wednesday, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Japanese troops have landed northwest of captured Gona and Buna in New Guinea in a new reinforcement attempt, but Allied headquarters said that the enemy's already-torn ranks were under a deluge of bombs and bullets.

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FIRE SWEEPS CITY BLOCK IN NORFOLK

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 15.—(AP)—More than half the north side of the 200 block of West Main street was swept by fire that started shortly before noon today in the three-story building occupied by Hoffer Bros. Furniture store.

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POWER IS GROWING

Heavy Air Attacks On Bizerte And Tunis Reported From Morocco

NAPLES ALSO RAIDED

RAF Keeps Up Steady Bombardment Of Italian Ports Of Supply

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Field Marshal Rommel's army in Libya retreated on to the west today along a harsh and perilous road while official reports indicated that there, in Tunisia and over the Mediterranean generally the Allied air arm was striking with sharply growing power.

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