THE PRICE OF FAME

British Push 120 Miles

NAZIS LEAVE MINES | Appeal For Christmas

small strings of Christmas tree

lights was made Saturday by

The strings of lights are urg-

ently needed and must be in

the Red Cross office at the

customhouse before December

22. Citizens with lights to do-

nate may contact the Red Cross

The Christmas lights are

needed to decorate wards at

the Camp Davis station hospi-

Production Programs Of

Armed Services

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.- (P) -

Charles E. Wilson of the War Pro-

WILSON IS GIVEN

the Wilmington chapter

American Red Cross.

at phone 5366.

Abandon Zauta En Nofilia,

Without Fight

LONDON, Dec. 19 .- (A)-The Brit-

short of Tripoli, despite intense

In flight across Mussolini's last

African colony the Africa corps

abandoned Zauta en Nofilia, a nat-

ural defense position, without a

fight, but leaving thousands of

mines and booby traps to slow

the pace of Gen. Sir Bernard L.

Near Sirte Area

advanced elements of the Eighth

army had reached a point 19 miles

from Sirte, which is 155 miles be-

yond El Agheila, but there was

no confirmation from any other

The British made no mention

the main body of Rommel's force. cated.

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ber 10,000, reported trapped be-

The Morocco radio said the most

Montgomery.

advancing British.

THE SUNDA

WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1942

Shipyard Men May Use One

Coupon Today To Get

To And From Work

MUST SHOW BADGES

Ruling Also Announced

For Civilian Airplane

Spotters In This Area

A special temporary ruling

Saturday easing the string-

ent gasoline freeze for em-

ployes of the North Carolina

Shipbuilding company in need

of gas for transportation ap-

freeze order here as Wilming-

ban on gasoline sales at 12:01

The special ruling, ob-

rationing board from W. K.

Must Show Badges

JAPANESE ROUTED

Reported Facing 'Imminent

Annihilation' With New

Chinese Ring

nounced tonight.

MONDAY WITH A, B AND C

PRICE FIVE CENTS

REDS LAUNCH THIR GREAT DRIVE ALCG DON NEAR VORONLZH

KILL 20,000 NAZIS

Soviets, Striking From Northwest, Open 60-Mile Breach In Line

FORM SPEARHEADS

New Offensive Threatens German Flank Extending From Kursk Area

Sunday, Dec. 20.-(A)

10,000 captured, the So-

lines 60 miles wide, ther army in the Vorochopped a hole 12

spearheads advanced miles after the hardenemy fighting equipmmunique said.

ne extended German has reached from the

from southwest of Stal-

upper flank, while continudown still farther north he Velikie Luki and Rzhev ns northwest of Moscow, a second offensive wa

189,000 Killed

In the three offensives, accord-Soviet information bureau, 189,-00 German and satellite soldiers we been killed and 84,500 captotal of 273,500, incuding 30,000 killed and captured in ish Eighth army in swift pursuit latest double-barreled thrust. of Marshal Erwin Rommel's rem-The offensive is in two direc- nants pushed its spearhead 120 said the special communi- miles west of El Agheila today, m the northwest in the some 35 miles behind the Germans ctor of Novaya Kalitva and Mon- and Italians whose main force drischina and from the east in reached the Sirte area, 240 miles

de- bombing. ases in the sector of Novaya alitva and Monastirschina over distance of 60 miles and in the area of Bokovskaya over a dis-

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EMPTY STOCKING NEEDS DONATIONS

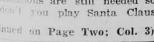
Contributions Will Help Make Christmas Day Happy For Poor

by be the happy tune that many gsters are singing these days isn't the melody that comes e hearts of those who know will be an empty place stmas and their tables will ut fruits, nuts, and other

children are found in the mes in which it is the purpose of Star-News Empty Stocking fund ote happiness by furnishing

is so easy to bring merry and cries of glee from thes n, and hearty approval from prosperity should be happy part in providing Christfor Wilmington's needy

ons are still needed so You play Santa Claus





And Tire Rationing 'Seem Ridiculous' By HAMILTON W. FARON

(gulch) Matratin, indicating the production programs of the armed

Reuters, quoting a radio observ- One order provides that Wilson,

er in Cairo, said some of Rom- former president of General Elec-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.— (P) _ war supplies. Back from the south Pacific where a stimulus to the people back a young soldier died in his arms, home to drive on to greater ef- his personal conviction that the where he saw American soldiers' fort because without the materials quality and experience of the Japin "hell noles of mud", where he had floated for 21 days in an open Given the seat of honor in War boat, Lieut. Col. Edward V. Rick- Secretary Stimson's conference enbacker declared today "objections to rubber and gasoline ratio a corner chair—"Rick" told for of Japanese pilots are inexperi-

tioning sem ridiculous." to be called, bronzed, slightly ner- spent in rubber life boats after Solomons, where soldiers and matill Christmas vous and thin, talked swiftly and their plane was forced down, out eriously at a press conference, of gas, in the Pacific.

| calling for greater production of | He told also of an inspection

Rickenbacker Says Objections To Gas

"I hope our hardships will be Given the seat of honor in War increasing swiftly. the first time of the harrowing enced and green." "Captain Eddy", as he prefers 21 days he and seven companions

trip through the south Pacific as representative of Stimson and of

"It is quite evident," he de-

Teiling of Guadalcanal in the (Continued on Page Six; Col. 6)

British Army GAS SALES TO BE RESUMED Advances Into West Burma

Makes 40-Mile Drive In Offensive To Re-Open Famous Highway

NO OPPOSITION

Other Parts Of Wavell's Army May Be Ready To Strike Elsewhere

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 19.—(P) part of the million-man army of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell has passed to the attack, after months of preparation, and has advanced about 40 miles into Burma in the first phase of an offensive to re-open the Burma road

A cautiously - worded communi que telling of this latest addition the list of world-wide United Nations offensives said:

"During the past few days some peared to have relieved the of our troops have advanced south- major handicap caused by the ward from the Arakan border about 60 miles northwest of Akyab. with relief the lifting of the **Enemy Withdraws**

"The enemy, who had been in a. m. Monday. occupation of this area since our withdrawal from Burma and had tained by the New Hanover prepared defenses, withdrew without offering opposition."

Maungdaw and Buthidaung are Bernard of Raleigh, state about 40 miles south of the Indian mileage rationing officer, al- Arizona Jury Of Miners border. Akyab, a small seaport lows filling stations to honor and air base on the eastern side one coupon a day for shipof the Bay of Bengal, is to the workers who need their autosouth down the Mayu river. While the restraint of the an- mobiles to go to and from

Lt. James Gray, USN, was the one who got the Distinguished Flying Cross, but his little daughter "Douggie," above, is the one who's getting all the fan mail. That's because "Douggie," during the ceremony at which her dad was honored, broke out of line, ran out on the field and gave him a big hug. Newspapers carried the picture, and the approving letters followed. Here is "Douggie" looking some of them over at her parents' home in Pensacola, Fla.

(Official U. S. Navy Photo from NEA Telephoto) nouncement gave no hint as to their work provided the automobile the scope of the offensive, observ- tank then contains less than three ers noted the reference to "some gallons other parts of the huge army which General Wavell has drilled their bads and equipped in India might not operat be ready to strike elsewhere.

West Of El Agheila Area | Ever since U. S. Meut.-Gen. Jo- special retion. A second dat the head of a few score men, as the head of a few score men, as the healting the head of a few score men, as the healting the (Continued on Page Six; Col. 5)

Tree Lights Renewed | CHICAGO HOTEL

Three Persons Killed And Nine Burned Or Injured During Blaze

CHICAGO, Dec. 19. —(P)— Three persons died today and nine were ourned or injured in an extra alarm fire that raged for two and half hours and sent occupants of a 50-cent-a-night hotel jumping from windows and scrambling down fire escapes.

Firemen poked through the smouldering embers in search for possible additional victims of the noonday blaze that Fire Commissioner Michael J. Corrigan de-Will Control Scheduling Of scribed as the worst in Chicago

Corrigan estimated damage at \$125,000. The structure involved, was the five-story West hotel at 802 West Madison street, a 78room brick establishment built as a luxury hotel some 65 years ago. The fire started and spread so of the Axis troops, said to num-duction Board, has been given su-rapidly that many of its residents preme control over scheduling the were forced to flee in light clothing into December weather, Many reached safety via two fire esclock and enabled, at least some, croers more sweeping than an jumped from windows into fireto continue their flight west with earlier announcement had indimen's life-nets.

Several hours afterward the dead remained unidentified. A man and woman leaped to their deaths from mel's rearguard broke out of the tric company and now vice chair- the fourth floor before firemen arnet by means of superior weight man of WPB in charge of production, "shall be responsible for tinguished, firemen found the body The observer said the Germans and shall direct the scheduling of of another man in the third floor already were ploughing up their the various production programs of ruins.

airfields far to the west of the the Army and Navy and Mari- In her panic, firemen said, the time Commission and other agen- woman dived from a window only four feet from a fire escape by (Continued on Page 16; Col. 5) which others had reached saety.

WEATHER

in a series of raids on Dec. 9.

westerly outpost at Ichang.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours

nding 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperature

1:30 a. m., 40; 7:30 a. m., 39; 1:30 p. m., 59; 7:30 p. m., 50; maximum, 65; minimum, 38; mean, 52; normal 48.

Humidity 1:30 a. m., _; 7:30 a. m., _; 1:30 p. m., _; 7:30 p. m., _; 7:30 p. m., _;

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month, 1.91 inches.

of the month, 1.91 inches.

Tides For Today

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey).

High Low

Wilmington 8:14a 2:39a
8:31p 3:15p

Masonboro Inlet 6:04a 11:42a
6:22p 12:20p

Sunrise, 7:13a; sunset, 5:06p; moonrise, 4:02p; moonset, 5:15a.

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) 900 wooden barges for transport- (Continued on Page Four; Co.

ORDER ISSUED HERE OPA Relaxes Important Part Of Fuel Oil Rules Henderson Reports New

COUPONS WORTH 3 GALLONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19-(R)-The Office of Price Adminisstration today relaxed its fuel oil rationing rules to permit home owners, who have exhausted current heating rations, to buy oil with coupons valid for later periods.

The procedure is open only to householders who have asked their local boards to review their rations and who have exhausted their currently valid

In such cases, the householder may apply at his local board and there exchange coupons for the next heatings period-those numbered "3"-for coupons which can be redeemed at once. The exchange is permitted only up to one half the total gallonage allotted to the

homeowner for the next heating period. In other words, the householder who has used up his period one and period two cou-

pons will get currently valid coupons up to one half of his ration for period three. The "3" coupons will be exchanged at the present value of the "1" and "2" coupons-that is, ten gallons for a residential coupon and 100 gallons for a commercial or apartment house

The coupons to be received by the householders in the exchange will have a definite gallonage value stated on their face. These are the coupons normally used to issue rations for cooking, lighting, industrial

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into western Burma, and occupied tonians in general awaited the Maungdaw - Buthidaung area with relief the lifting of the Of Slaying Army Officer

GASPS AT VERDICT

And Ranchers Reaches **Decision In 27 Minutes**

BISBEE, Ariz., Dec. 19.-(P-Margaret Herlihy was acquitted tonight of the murder of Capt. David D. Carr, 27-year-old Fort Workers are required to exhibit Huachuca anti-tank officer, who ges to the filling station was fatally shot in the girl's home or and no worker who can last August 14. een the yards here and

The jury of miners and ranch ers was out only 37 minutes. A second development Saturday the halting of sales on D, E, daughter of Lt. Col. Edward G. was the halting of sales on D, E, and R gasoline ration books for Herlihy of Fort Benning, Ga., and the period of the emergency freeze a former commander of infantry by the New Hanover rationing board. D books are issued to Carr's superior officer, waited in motorcycle owners while the E and the courtroom, surrounded by

heating and other non-highway ise.

Miss Herlihy, an expectant mother, gasped as the verdict was ng, made by the board late Satur- read, but otherwise remained

day afternoon, superseded an earlier calm. announcement by the board, on in-As the jurors were dismissed, they filed by the counsel table (Continued on Page Nine; Col. 3) and shook hands with the redhaired girl and wished her happi-

"I don't know how to thank you," Miss Herlihy told the jurors. She IN HOSUEH AREA was smiling through tears.

John F. Ross, county attorney, who prosecuted the girl, also congratulated her (Continued on Page Five; Col. 1)

ALLIES POUNDING

AXIS IN TUNISIA CHUNGKING, Dec. 19.-(P)-The Japanese in the area of Hosueh, on the middle Yangtze, have been

Roth Sides Continue To routed and are "facing imminent annihilation" within a Chinese Move Up Materials For ring, an Army communique an-Renewal Of Battle The Japanese, who had held the river port for two days, were

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN reported yesterday to have been driven out with loss of 400 to 500 NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 19. -(P)men. The Chinese recapture of Allied and Axis armies alike con- 12:01 a.m. Sunday to enforce de-Germans might have broken the services, it was learned today, by capes and other exists. Several Hosueh again endangerde the intimed to move up materials mands for wage increases. vaders' communications between through sporadic rains for a renewtheir big Hankow base and most al of the battle of Tunisia, while ries almost 600,000 passengers a the United States Army 12th Air day. At the height of the Christ-The Japanese were reported also Force and the RAF rounded out a mas shopping season, it has been to have been repulsed twice in at- week of heavy pounding of Ger- operating 5,383 trains daily over Guinea have captured Cape Endaitacks at Changtung, in Honan man communications. province: and in eastern Kwang-

Chinese inflicted heavy casualties and no contacts were made with increases by three cents an hour. eral Douglas MacArthur's com-

warship, scored many bursts on hour, with a 17-cent increase for

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Moore Quits Chamber Of Commerce Position

Officials of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce announced Saturday that Louis T. Moore, assistant to the executive secretary, has resigned, effective January 1. It was explained that the

Tourist and Convention phase of chamber of commerce activity, which Mr. Moore had headed since reorganization of the chamber sometime ago, has been suspended for the dura-

CHICAGO RAILROAD

Stay On Jobs During Further Negotiations

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.-(P)-William F. Levander announced tonight that his union of elevated workers had called off a strike that ute after midnight.

telephoned Bernard J. Fallon, co- every stage. trustee of the Rapid Transit company (elevated) to tell him:

"The executive board of the union will exercise its power to defer taking strike action until a special meeting of the membership can be held Dec. 29."

lowed receipt of a telegram from the War Labor Board asking the workers to stay on the job during further negotiations. He said the members would would decide "what to do about it," at the Dec. 29 meeting.

About 4,500 union members had been instructed to walk out a

The Rapid Transit company car-Originally the union asked a

Heavy bombers hit an enemy blanket increase of 12 cents an

Construction Of Barges To Transport Oil Okehed NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19 .- (P)- | ing of oil from producing areas to

Washington authorities have ap- the east. proved construction of a fleet of 7:30 a. m., _: 1:30 incre than a thousand craft to routes already were moving valtransport petroleum through inland and intra-coastal waterways ed route which is free of submato reliev the oil shortage on the rines" and that the new fleet coneastern seaboard, it was announc- struction was approved "only this ed here today at the Missssippi week." Valley Flood Control association's annual meeting.

> of the Inland Waterways corporation, said the fleet would consist of 120 new tugs and towboats and

He said the inland waterway

uable commodities "up a protect-The association adopted recom-

mendations by Sen. Overton (D-Chester C. Thompson, president La), Brigadier General Max C. man of the Mississippi river com-

BEGIN AT 12:01 A. M.

Bootlegging And Black Market Problem

DEALERS SUSPENDED

Byrnes Calls For Reports And Recommendations For Remedial Action

By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. -(P)-Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced today that gasoline sales would be resumed in the east at 12:01 a. m., Monday, with the coupons of all A, B and C ration books good for three gallons. In the case of the B and C books this is a re-

duction of one gallon. At the same time, he reported a bootlegging and black market problem had arisen and promised to deal with it vigorously. A total of 190 dealers have been suspended, ten of them today, he will 'get the limit''—a suspension for the duration "which means they will be out of business."

Calls For Reports

Earlier, James F. Byrnes, the director of economic stabilization, stepped abruptly into the gasoline and fuel oil situation. He asked Henderson, Petroleum Administrator Ickes and Transportation Director Eastman to submit reports showing in what way present policies and machinery had proved inadequate, together with recommendations for remedial action, Byrnes sadi he would confer with the three Monday morning.

Chairman Maloney (D-Conn) of SWEPT BY FIRE

| R books are used to purchase gasoline for tractors, station engines, heating and other non-highway. | Cases At Variable | Cases A the special senate committee namnouncement that its inquiry will . . with the purpose of keeping the nation informed of just what it must expect in the future.'

> Plan Tight Supervision Henderson's announcement was would have crippled Chicago's made in a statement which also transportation system at one min- disclosed plans for tighter supervision and stricter enforcement of Levander, president of the AFL the gasoline regulations, including, Amalgamated Association of for the first time, a request that street, Electric Railway and Mo- the petroleum industry be alert for Coach Employes of America, for suspicious transactions at

Of 975 OPA inspectors in the eastern shortage area, he said.

more than 800 are to be assigned (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 4)

Levander's announcement fol- ALLIES CAPTURE CAPE ENDAIDERE

American Flying Fortresses Destroy Japanese Cruiser Near Madang

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Sunday, Dec. 20-(P) -The All'es' ground troops in New 286 miles of track. Leavander, dere to the east of Buna village A spokesman said that only pa- earlier arnounced that the union and Flying Fortresses have sunk tung, the communique said, the trol activity was reported aground had boosted its demands for wage a Jap cruiser near Madang, Genmunique reported today.

A third triumph announced was the mopping up of enemy remnants in the Amboga and Kumusi river sector some 40 miles above Buna where the Japs last Sunday achieved landings despite bloody losses. Since the Allies recently captured Buna, Jap resistance in that sector has been split between a group to the northwest at Cape Sanaman-

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