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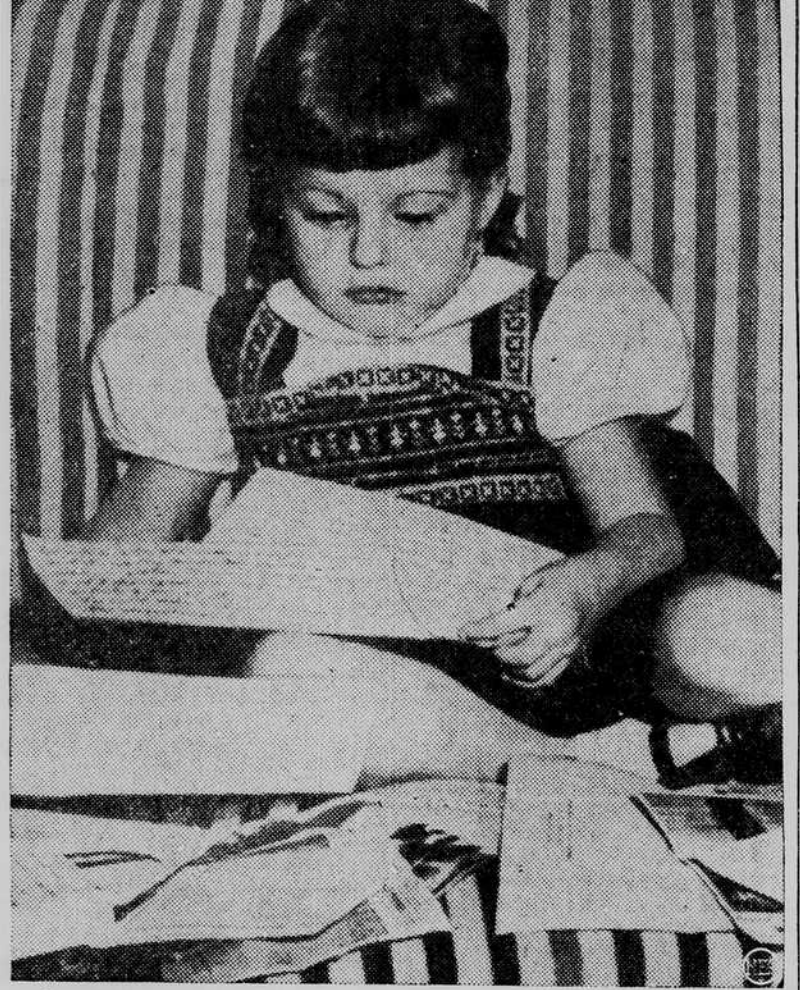
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REDS LAUNCH THIRD GREAT DRIVE ALONG DON NEAR VORONLZH

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

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Sunday, Dec. 20.—(AP) The third great Russian winter offensive within a month has struck deep into German defenses along the Don in the Voronezh area, and 20,000 Germans have been killed and 10,000 captured, the Soviet information bureau said in a special communique today.

THE PRICE OF FAME



Lt. James Gray, USN, was the one who got the Distinguished Flying Cross, but his little daughter "Dougie," above, is the one who's getting all the fan mail. That's because "Dougie," during the ceremony at which her dad was honored, broke out of line, ran out on the field and gave him a big hug.

British Push 120 Miles West Of El Agheila Area

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The British Eighth army in swift pursuit of Marshal Erwin Rommel's remnants pushed its spearhead 120 miles west of El Agheila today, some 35 miles behind the Germans and Italians whose main force reached the Sirte area, 240 miles short of Tripoli, despite intense bombing.

WILSON IS GIVEN PRODUCTION POST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Charles E. Wilson of the War Production Board, has been given supreme control over scheduling the production programs of the armed services, it was learned today, by a new order providing that Wilson, former president of General Electric company and now vice chairman of WPB in charge of production, shall be responsible for and shall direct the scheduling of the various production programs of the Army and Navy and Maritime Commission and other agencies.

Rickenbacker Says Objections To Gas And Tire Rationing 'Seem Ridiculous'

By HAMILTON W. FARON WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Back from the south Pacific where a young soldier died in his arms, where he saw American soldiers in "hell holes of mud", where he had floated for 21 days in an open boat, Lieut. Col. Edward V. Rickenbacker declared today "objections to rubber and gasoline rationing seem ridiculous."

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CHICAGO HOTEL SWEEP BY FIRE

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

JAPANESE ROUTED IN HOSUEH AREA

CHUNGKING, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Japanese in the area of Hosueh, on the middle Yangtze, have been routed and are "facing imminent annihilation" within a Chinese ring, an Army communique announced tonight.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for North Carolina, including temperature, humidity, precipitation, and tides for various locations.

GAS SALES TO BE RESUMED MONDAY WITH A, B AND C COUPONS WORTH 3 GALLONS

OPA Relaxes Important Part Of Fuel Oil Rules

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Office of Price Administration today relaxed its fuel oil rationing rules to permit homeowners, who have exhausted their current heating rations, to buy oil with coupons valid for later periods.

Miss Herlihy Acquitted Of Slaying Army Officer

BISBEE, Ariz., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Margaret Herlihy was acquitted tonight of the murder of Capt. David D. Carr, 27-year-old Fort Huachuca anti-tank officer, who was fatally shot in the girl's home last August 14.

CHICAGO RAILROAD STRIKE DEFERRED

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—(AP)—William F. Levander announced tonight that his union of elevated workers had called off a strike that would have crippled Chicago's transportation system at one minute after midnight.

ALLIES POUNDING AXIS IN TUNISIA

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Construction Of Barges To Transport Oil Okehed

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Navigation authorities have approved construction of a fleet of more than a thousand craft to transport petroleum through inland and intra-coastal waterways to relieve the oil shortage on the eastern seaboard, it was announced here today at the Mississippi Valley Flood Control association's annual meeting.

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

"During the past few days some of our troops have advanced southward from the Arakan border into western Burma, and occupied the Maungdaw - Buthidaung area about 60 miles northwest of Akyab.

Enemy Withdraws "The enemy, who had been in occupation of this area since our withdrawal from Burma and had prepared defenses, withdrew without offering opposition."

Maungdaw and Buthidaung are about 40 miles south of the Indian border. Akyab, a small seaport and air base on the eastern side of the Bay of Bengal, is to the south down the Mayu river.

While the restraint of the announcement gave no hint as to the scope of the offensive, observers noted the reference to "some of our troops" and wondered if other parts of the huge army which General Wavell has drilled and equipped in India might not be ready to strike elsewhere.

Ever since U. S. Lieut.-Gen. Joseph Stilwell came out of Burma at the head of a few score men, (Continued on Page Six; Col. 5)

ORDER ISSUED HERE

Shipyards 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 stringent gasoline freeze for employees of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company in need of gas for transportation appeared to have relieved the major handicap caused by the freeze order here as Wilmingtonians in general awaited with relief the lifting of the ban on gasoline sales at 12:01 a. m. Monday.

The special ruling, obtained by the New Hanover rationing board from W. K. Bernard of Raleigh, state mileage rationing officer, allows filling stations to honor one coupon a day for shipworkers who need their automobiles to go to and from their work provided the automobile tank then contains less than three gallons.

Workers are required to exhibit their badges to the filling station operators and no worker who can't show between the yards here and his home by bus is eligible for the special ration.

A second development Saturday was the halting of sales on D, E, and R gasoline ration books for the period of the emergency freeze by the New Hanover rationing board. D books are issued to motorcycle owners while the E and R books are used to purchase gasoline for tractors, station engines, heating and other non-highway use.

The special shipyard worker ruling, made by the board late Saturday afternoon, superseded an earlier announcement by the board, on Monday.

As the jurors were dismissed, they filed by the counsel table and shook hands with the red-haired girl and wished her happiness.

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

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

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A spokesman said that only patrol activity was reported around and no contacts were made with the enemy.

Heavy bombers hit an enemy warship, scored many bursts on (Continued on Page Four; Co. 1)

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Henderson Reports New Bootlegging And Black Market Problem

DEALERS SUSPENDED

By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—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 reduction 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 said and future deliberate violators 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 said he would confer with the three Monday morning. Chairman Maloney (D-Conn) of the special senate committee named to investigate the gasoline and fuel oil situation also announced that its inquiry will be resumed. Recent developments, he said, had shown "the necessity for a complete study . . . with the purpose of keeping the nation informed of just what it must expect in the future."

Plan Tight Supervision Henderson's announcement was made in a statement which also disclosed plans for tighter supervision and stricter enforcement of the gasoline regulations, including, for the first time, a request that the petroleum industry be alert for suspicious transactions at every stage.

Of 975 OPA inspectors in the eastern shortage area, he said, more than 800 are to be assigned (Continued on Page Seven; Col. 4)

ALLIES CAPTURE CAPE ENDAIDERE

American Flying Fortresses Destroy Japanese Cruiser Near Madang

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Sunday, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Allies' ground troops in New Guinea have captured Cape Endaiere to the east of Buna village and Flying Fortresses have sunk a Japanese cruiser near Madang, General Douglas MacArthur's communique reported today.

A third triumph announced was the mopping up of enemy remnants in the Amboga and Kumasi 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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EMPTY STOCKING NEEDS DONATIONS

Contributions Will Help Make Christmas Day Happy For Poor

"Santa Claus is Coming to Town" may be the happy tune that many youngsters are singing these days, but it isn't the melody that comes from the hearts of those who know their house will be an empty place on Christmas and their tables will be without fruits, nuts, and other delicacies.

These children are found in the homes in which it is the purpose of the Star-News Empty Stocking fund to promote happiness by furnishing festive delights.

It is so easy to bring merry smiles and cries of glee from these children, and hearty approval from their parents, that all who are endeavoring to help should be happy to have a part in providing Christmas joy for Wilmington's needy youngsters.

Contributions are still needed so that you play Santa Claus (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)



Shopping Days till Christmas