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**Enemy From Ground** 

Near Mateur

Also Raided By Al-

lied Airmen

ESTABLISHED 1867. BIG RUSSIAN DRIVE CLUTCHES

# OPA Bans All Pleasure Driving On East Coast

Fuel Get 25 Per Cent Reduction

IS EFFECTIVE TODAY

Both Orders Become Operative At Once; To Affect Many

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. -(P) - OPA today banned pleasure driving in the East and slashed the amount of fuel oil that schools, stores. theaters and other non-residential establishments may consume in the 17-state area.

Many such buildings face the possibility of curtailing their hours or days of operations under the order. OPA FORMER REVENUE left it to the school boards, store operators and others in charge of oil - consuming buildings to determine how fuel rations.

Amusement Places Hit

Amusement places were especially hard hit. The order forbidding pleasure driving in the East specifically banned motoring to theaters as well as race tracks. With this order certain to cut age and the fuel oil order threatening to make theaters and night tinued operation of some of the seemed in doubt. Use of fuel oil in non-residenial establishments in the east was curtailed 25 per cent below prescent of normal requirements. Under the edict aganist pleasure driving, effective at noon tonorrow, any motorist driving to amusement centers or to "pure- use during the month of Decemv social engagements" faces the cancellation of all or part of his

District of Columbia where the Solicitor J. A. McNorton. oline shortage is acute.

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## MANY CONVERTING FURNACES IN CIT

Local Ration Board Says Public Responding To OPA Request

Home-owners of Wilmington have responded well to the call money and I feel right about keepfor conversion of fuel oil heating ing it," officials of the New Hanover War deputy collector as declaring. systems into coal-burning devices, Price and Rationing Board declared Wednesday night.

However, business firms have version. On Wednesday the board burning plans with coal furnaces.

Ration board heads pointed to an urgent te'egram relayed from Washington through the OPA office in Raleigh to the local organization:

"In view of increasingly serious fuel oil supply situation, it is im-perative that buildings other than convert or lose their fuel oil ra-

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### WEATHER

FORECAST

NORTH CAROLINA: Slightly higher temperature 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., 31; 7::30 a. m., 29; 1:30 p. m., 45; 7:30 p. m., 42. Maximum 48; minimum, 28; mean, 33; normal, 47.

Humidity

1:30 a. m., 63; 7:30 a. m., 52; 1:30 p.

1:30 a. m., 63; 7:30 a. m., 52; 1:30 p. 26; 7:30 p. m., 51. Precipitation Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.

Total since the first of the month,

COMMERCIAL OIL CUT Congress Meets In Moss Non-Residential Users Of For United War Activ

> F. D. R. Will Deliver Annual Address To Congressmen Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7-(AP)-President Roosevelt will appear before a joint session of the Senate and House at 12:30 P. M., Eastern War Time, tomorrow to deliver his annual address.

The address will be broad-

cast. It was believed that, among other things, the president would touch upon Russia's stand against the Nazis, the swift conversion of American industry to war purposes, and the contribution it has made in unprecedented production of war materiel.

# **COLLECTOR HELD**

Over To Superior Court Here

After a preliminary hearing befere Recorder H. Winfield Smith their feet in a stormy and pro-here Wednesday morning, William longed ovation. And when Rep. down amusement centers' patron- W. Pearsall, Jr., former deputy collector here for the state department of revenue, was bound over to the January term of superior court here under \$500 bond on charges of embezzlement.

> Pearsall, who was represented ed. by Attorney David Sinclair, pleadby Assistant State Revenue Commissioner Ben Eaton of Raleigh, that he converted \$400 of the department's funds to his personal

He was freed under \$500 bond OPA called upon state, county which convenes here next Monday. and local law enforcement agen- Assistant Revenue Commission-

Pearsall's daily report for Dethe department offices in Raleigh before the report arrived he re-

ceived a long-distance telephone call at his home in Raleigh from Pearsall, Eaton testified, told N. C. SOLONS OPEN

him that his December 7 collections had totalled \$811.87 and that he had mailed in the December ' report with checks for \$411.87 and was retaining \$400.

Eaton quoted the former The assistant commissioner exhibited the December 7 report, showing collections of \$811.87 from

had taken steps to replace fuel- mileage on an average of \$5 a travelled for the department bebeing withheld to cover it.

missioner Edwin Gill and others, and county boards of education to Eaton continued, Pearsall con-determine whether the longer term tended that he felt he had acted would be advisable. private dwellings be compelled to rightfully Pearsall, he said, after That clause apparently was in some questioning said he had ap-cluded to meet the wishes of the tions. Only most conclusive proof plied the \$400 to personal debts agricultural sections which are beand had about \$4 left.

nally asked Commissioner Gill month. they would revert to the thing for him (Pearsall) to do and. public schools the following year.

RAYBURN LEAF Both Parties

Handle Domest.

sues This Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—(F)—The
78th Congress—dubbed the "victory Congress" from the rostrum of the House—met today in a mood for solemn united action to win the war and for sharp insistence

Corporal Murray Katzen of New York, an American Army Ranger, and typical American soldier, proved himself a hero in the invasion of French North Africa. In one action he wiped out a sniper's machine gun nest, and captured forty-two prisoners in another, single-handed. Katzen has been recommended for a decoration. upon writing its own laws on domestic issues, regardless of the

wishes of the White House. These two determinations dominated a brief preliminary session of speechmaking and of organization for the tragically vital period which lies ahead. They were expressed by Republican spokesmen, conscious of their greatly reinforced strength. And they came from the Democratic side of the political barrier as well.

Last tall's election, with its wide they will meet the reduced W. W. Pearsall, Jr., Bound Republican gains, was reflected at the outset in the closest vote the last decade. The Democrats won. By 217 to 206, they relected

Speaker Sam Raybur.n Immediately, the tension of the situation was broken. Republicans and Democrats alike jumped to Martin of Massachusetts, the defeated Republican nominee for Speaker, said it was particularly appropriate that this honor should go to Rayburn on his 61st birth-

giving them about 45 ed not guilty to the charge, brought started chanting 'Happy Birthday to You." It was quickly picked up by others and in a moment, the whole House was singing, while Rayburn stood on the dais, smiling, but nearly overcome with embarrassment and emotion.

This was in vivid contrast with to await trial in superior court a later development. Rayburn, accepting the speakership, referred to President Roosevelt as the greatest "war leader" that could cies to carry out the new regula- er Eaton was the chief witness have been found for the present tion in 17 eastern states and the put on the stand for the state by emergency. The Dmocrats shouted and hand-clapped their noisy Eaton testified that the deputy approval. The big Republican a total slightly in excess of \$110,- sives within the target in a day-

date of the two bodies, meanwhile tions, the official auditor's report announced that hits were scored on pushed preparations for the final cember 7. he said. did not reach solemnly went through its historic on the drive, made public at a quays and buildings.)

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"The state is due me that much Receive Bill Today Establish Optional Nine-Months School Term

RALEIGH, Jan. 6. -(P) The taxpayers here, attached to which North Carolina legislature, openbeen slow to indicate plans of con- was a note in Pearsall's handwrit- ing a wartime session for the first ing which declared that he (Pear-time since 1865, received a bill could report that only one barber sall) had deliberately submitted today to establish a statewide opshop and one dry cleaning plant weekly expense accounts showing tional nine-months school term. The measure, introduced by Rep. week under that which he actually Gass of Forsyth after the assembly convened and near - perfect tween April, 1941, and November, harmony, was sent to the educa-1942. The note stated that \$400 was tion committee. It would lengthen At conferences with State Com- 180 days but would allow the state

moaning a lack of labor. Where ca, Pierre Boisson of once-suspect been rumored. Eaton declared that Pearsall fi- funds are not used for the extra

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**Gets 42 Prisoners** 

Corporal Murray Katzen of New

Chinese Forces Slay 500 Japanese During **Encounter At Lihuang** 

CHUNGKING, Jan. 6-(A)-Chinese forces killed 500 Japanese soldiers in street fighting at Lihuang, western Anhwei province, and beat back the enemy in other scattered action during the past four days, tonight's Chinese communique reported.

Japanese rushed reinforcements into Lihuang and the Chinese withdrew from the but continued to fight from the suburbs.

In another skirmish. Japanese force was driven back after attacking Kingkou in the Canton area, the communique added. The enemy also was reported thrown back at Yuho in the southern Honan province by a counterattacking Chinese force that at first had met stiff resistance.

Recent Drive Here Marks National High For Oversubscription

The Senate, always the more se- tional record for chest oversubscrip- southern quays. The British merely ritual of organization. In groups meeting of the board of directors until December 16 and the night of four, new Senators were escort- of the drive Tuesday afternoon, revealed.

> All 1942 officers of the Commun ris Newman, president, were reelected by the board of directors man troops in a three-hour fight.) heavy bombers were out of the Tuesday.

400, also set a national low for ex- one Junkers 87 dive bomber were

penses in chest drives. Both records are based on figures

executive secretary of the drive, of Sousse. said Wednesday. The previous record for oversub scription had been held by Newton. Ohio, with an oversubscription of Jan. 6. - (P) - The Italian liners after and four anti-aircraft posi-173 per cent, easily surpassed by Vulcania and Saturnia, carryin Ital. tions were destroyed by direct routes across the Pacific. Wilmington's 220 per cent.

The board of directors unanimous-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 1) cy announced today.

# the present eight-months term to the present would allow the state. French West Africa Head To Support Allied Cause forces under General Douglas have

LONDON, Jan. 6.-(A)-The gov-| Morton, who was assured by Boissupport to the Allies and that he or refuel off Dakar," Boisson said. acting on the advice of Gill and The controlling boards would be favors alliance of the Giraud for- "There never has been a German ces with the Fighting French, who or Italian commission here."

Boisson's new pledge of support General Giraud's high commission to the United Nations, including an authoritative source said-apthe use of his fleet, air and sea parently on Boisson's assurances ports and his superb Senegalese to Giraud-that the French fleet soldiers as fast as they can be at Dakar would continue at the armed, coincided with the arrival disposal of the Allies and manned in Dakar of Gen. Henri Honor by French sailors despite the as Reflecting tremendous industrial bank personnel has been taxed to Giraud on an inspection tour of sassination of Adm. Jean Darlan.

Boisson said:

"In the highest interests of the usual tribute to the Senegalese man. France I consider a rapproche- who died in the last war. ment to be most desirable. Howentirety.'

The statement was given in an sible. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3) "In view of the fact that our (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) ciated Press correspondent, Joseph & than of principle," he said.

only to West Africa. It rests upon a meeting on French African soil, lied victory this year and added: General Giraud to treat it in its but one source who should know

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—In a day a Liberator bomber (Consolidaring foray into the Japanese- dated B-24) scored one direct and dominated middle Solomons, an two near-hits on an enemy ship

21 MORE TOWNS IN CAUCASUS:

BRITISH TROOPS SIEZE JEBEL

185 miles southwest of Kiska.

from Munda.

fighters which got into a battle

10.000 War Prisoners

Now Interned By Japs

LONDON, Jan. 6 -(AP)- A

British War Office statement

said tonight that 10,000 pri-

soners of war-half of them

Americans - are interned in

It said a Red Cross repre-

sentative in Tokyo had visit-

ed three prison camps and re-

ported conditions "compara-tively satisfactory" although

some prisoners were suffer-

The prisoners, the statement

continued, have been forced to

nese diet, consisting largely

some bread, fish and vege-

tables. It said the prisoners

get very little meat.

adapt themselves to the Japa

ing from tropical diseases.

American force of surface war-**AXIS CRUISER BOMBED** ships has shelled and battered the force which bombarded the Munda enemy air base and installations airfield was not indicated. Ordi-Tunisian Port Of Sousse at Munda, New Guinea island. The operation, which was car-

ried out auring the early morning and several destroyers. darkness yesterday, was reported As the force was withdrawing, in a Navy communique today it was attacked by enemy divewhich told also of an air attack, bombers. Four American Wildcats A L L I E D HEADQUAR- with uncertain results, on a heavy -fighter planes of the type used TERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Japanese cruiser, and the bomb- by the Navy and Marine Corps Jan. 6. — (A) — Veteran ing of an enemy transport some —engaged the Japanese planes, 300 miles north of Guadalcanal is-shot down four certainly and pos-British First Army troops land. sibly two chars. The remaining

captured Jebel Azzag and In addition, the communique re-nearby points in an attack lated that 84 Japanese were killed It was not clear whether the Amernearby points in an attack lated that 84 Japanese were kined it wis not clear whether the American said that these drives have launched yesterday to drive in mopping up operations in the line in mopping up operations in the were catapulted from cruisers, or cost the Nazis more than the Axis enemy from high canal. Mount Austen, a 1,514-foot were carrier-borne. They could 330,150 dead and captured ground dominating Allied po- peak southwest of the American- have operaetd from the Guadalsitions along a road about 15 held airfield, was wrested from canal airfield, which is 180 miles miles west of Mateur, the the Japanese January 4.

down and four others were prob- gainville island. They were accom-It was the first real fight-ably destroyed. Two United States panied by Lockheed Lightning ing in two weeks in north planes were lost. In Aleutian waters, meanwhile, with 25 Japanese planes, both

In the air, a headquarters American P-25s) sank an enemy Three of the enemy were shot which the Russians said fell Mitchell medium bombers (North Zeros and float - type biplanes. 25 miles west of Tsimlyansk, spokesman said, Fortress cargo ship 110 miles northeast of down and two others probably bombers scored hits or near Kiska. This action took place yes- downed. The two American planes misses on a cruiser leaving terday, the Navy announced. To- were lost in this action. the Tunisian harbor of Sfax

**ALLIES BOMBARD** JAPANESE AT LAE

assault on the remaining Jap foot

Except for an attack on the

"Our medium bombers and at

lations. A twin-engined bomber

-in the Sanananda area.

energy from both ends of the Med-Four Gun Positions And iterranean, reports showed. (The Admiralty announced in Lon-Grounded Enemy Bomdon that British submarines had de stroyed a large enemy troop transber Destroyed port and supply ship; hit and probably sunk two other vessels in the Mediterranean and bombarded the ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN

Italian and Axis occupied Greek AUSTRALIA, Thursday, Jan. 7 --(AP)-Medium bombers and at (The British and Americans announced in Cairo that their bombers tack planes of the southwest Paciblasted the Tunisian port of Sousse fic command yesterday (Wednesyesterday. The Americans said their ity and War chest drive reached heavy bombers put all their explo-OPA prohibited all pleasure mo- collectors of the department were membership sat, stony silent, and ooo, \$60.000 above the \$50,000 goal light raid and bursts were observed receiptions and a grounded homber. set for Wilmington and a new na- on the commercial phosphate and positions and a grounded bomber. Meanwhile, Allied ground forces

and left the Sfax power sta-

Pounding Axis With Energy

(The British and Americans were

pounding the Axis with relentless

tion in flames.

Mateur is 25 miles southwest of hold in northeastern New Guines the naval base of Bizerte. (Reuters, British news agency. said that a British force of Com- Gasmata airdrome on New Britity and War chest, headed by Har- mandos and parachutists won the ain island by a Flying Fortress battle over some of the best Ger- General Douglas MacArthur's

RAF Hurricane bombers and operations picture yesterday while The audit also revealed that the fighters supported the British on B 25s and fighters carried on the bolstered the belief of British miliexpenses of the entire drive, ap- the ground. An RAF spokesman said tob of softening enemy positions proximately four per cent of the that in battles yesterday four Ger- giong the Sanananda trail with total receipts or approximately \$4, man Focke-Wulf 190 fighters and bombing and strafing attacks. The communique reported condowned at the cost of one plane. corning the raid on Lae, a point

In addition to the Fortress attack ctien bombed because of its proxisubmitted to the National associa- on Sfax, American Martuder bombmity to the Papua battle field: tion of War and Community chests ers struck at a Nazi airdrome a and councils, George Stearns, Karouan, about 36 miles southwest

NATIONALS ARRIVE

ROME (From Italian Broadcasts), caught on the ground was set ian civilians being repatriated from hits." East Africt, have arrived at an Other Allied bombers paid an Italian port, the Stefani news agen- other visit to the airdrome at Gas-

> RABAUL SMASHED MELBOURNE, Jan. 6- (AP) smashed again at massed enemy shipping in Rabaul harpor, leav ing eight vessels afire or sinking

mata, on New Britain island.

rect hit by a half-ton bomb, it was officially announced today. Probably a tenth vessel was destroyed, an Allied headquarters communique reported on the heeis

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BEGIN NEW ATTACK American Warships Batter 2 STATIONS TAKEN Drive Intended To Oust Japanese Bases At Munda Reds Claim New Pushes Have Cost Germans

> 330,150 Men FOE NOW RETREATING The size of the surface task

Nazis Running From Sonarily, however, such a Navy designation for a surface force means viet Forces To Avoid Entrapment

> LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 7.—(P) — Russia announced the capture of 21 towns and two more railway stations yesterday in the middle Don and Caucasus offensives and since November 19.

Two communiques broad-Allied command announced anese planes definitely were shot Japanese cruiser at Buin, Bouth the Soviet monitor here listcast by Moscow and heard by ed one town as Marinsk. which may be a town of that name on the lower Don about to their armies on Tuesday.

Marinsk is about 92 miles from Rostov, Caucasian gateway whose fall would trap hundreds of thousands of German troops in the Cauca-

One Area Not Located Another town was listed as Krem-Konstantinovskaya, which the Soiet monitor here did not locate. Many of the newly-won points vere in the Nalchik-Prokhladnenski

ector deep in the Caucasus where the Germans were reported retreating hastily northwestward toward Rostov lest they be tapped by the Russian columns striking westward from Stalingrad and southward along the Moscow-Rostov railway in the middle Don area.

The capture of these cites was reported in the regular midnight communique. Before it vas issued 26,500 Germans had been killed from January 1 to January 5 on the Stalingrad front, and the regular bulletin added approximately 1,. 050 more Nazi casualties during yesterday's operations to than fig-

tary quarters that the Germans

were withdrawing in that area with-

out putting up an organized fight

The tremendous quantities of cap-

Red army troops were "conduct-

ing engagements for the annihila-

This phrase has been used fo

describe action apparently along the

heavy resistance from fresh Ger-

man reserves thrown into the strug-

to have driven the Germans from

an unidentified town, killing 300

Nazis and capturing much equip-

West of Stalingrad, presumably

in the Don-Volga river pocket where

WAR GROUP TALKS The Russians admitted the Germans were counter-attacking heavily in the middle Don and southwest of Stalingrad, but did not acknowledge any sustained resistance in the Caucasus battle zone some 360 miles southeast of Rostov. This

Strengthening Supply Lines

tured equipment listed by the Rus-WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. - (P) sians in the action southwest of The Pacific War Council, meet-Stalingrad was seen as further evitack planes bombed and strafed ing with President Roosevelt at dence of a Nazi withdrawal so prethe airdrome and supply instal- the White House, discussed today cipitate that huge dumps of valuathe possibility of strengthening ble stores fell intact into Russian supply lines by opening up new air hands.

> The British ambassador to the tion of an encircled enemy garri-United States, Lord Halifax, dis- son" on the middle Don front, the closed that the matter had been midnight communique said. discussed, but gave no hint where any additional routes might be lo- several days by the Russians to

Richard G. Casey, British min- Moscow-Rostov railway in the Mil-Heavy bombers of the Allied air ister of state in Cairo, attended lerovo area. The Russian columns forces under General Douglas the meeting and reviewed operations in the Libyan campaign and the difficulties encountered there. Halifax said Casey was in this gle. country primarily on problems of supply, and that the principal problem of the British Eighth Army was one of obtaining adequate amounts of such essentials as gas, food and ammunition. Halifax said he never made pro phecies, but that he was "quite

## U. S. Admiral Scorns Jap Service Man's Ability

6.-(P)-Admiral William F. Halsey, lieve they are. They are just low

tary and naval works. They paid estimate of the Japanese service Japanese in combat in the Solomons, Halsey said they occur usu-In an interview in New Zealand, ally when Americans are trying Giraud still has not offered to the United States admiral stood to aid Japanese who are either uation we greatly regret, but one ever, the problem is not limited take up de Gaulle's invitation for confidently on his prediction of Al-"When we first started out, I this kindness is with a hand gre-

"The way the Japanese meets three Japanese. I now increase line with their apish or beastal in-"They are not supermen, al- (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

the Russians are trying to annihi-

ment.

late the remnants of 22 Nazi divisions which they say they have encircled there, the communique acknowledged "stubborn resistance." but said Soviet troops had advanced to overrun a series of enemy trenches. Approximately 400 Germans were killed in this battle, the communique said, and Red airmen destroyed three grounded Nazi trans-AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan. though they try to make us be- port planes and shot down nine other aircraft in combat.

### NOTICE!

If your carrier fails to leave your copy of the Wilmington Morning Star, Phone 3311 before 9:00 a. m. and one will be sent to you by special messenger.

# Bank Clearings In City \$140,000,000 Over 1941

ed \$362,603,183,62. In December, alone, local banks that cannot be helped.' handled \$31,516,092.99, topping the The clearing house association

development, increased population, the limit by the current volume several days. and greater military activity in the past year were phethis area, bank clearings for the tivities in the past year were phethis area, bank clearings for the south Pacific, monkeys because I cannot say what I would like the Fighting French of General confer with Boisson and the U.S. City of Wilmington during the year nomenal," Mr. Darden pointed out. Charles de Gaulle, who were beat- mission of Vice-Adm. William A. recently predicted the complete de- to call them.' were \$40,000,000 in excess of 1941 "I should like to say," he con- en off in their 1940 attack on Dakar, Glassford, Jr., and to inspect mili- feat of the Axis in 1943, has a low Of reported atrocities by the

Wilmington

Total since the first

Were \$40,000,000 in excess of 1941

figures, D. M. Darden, secretary figures, D. M. Darden, secretary tinued, "that we naturally have for individual customers with the association, announced Wednesday.

10:49p 5:41p

8:21a 1:55a

1042 hank clearing totals reach-

(All times Eastern Standard)
Sunrise, 7:19 a. m.; sunset, 5:18 p. m.:
1941 by nearly \$7,500,000, Mr. the North Carolina Shipbuilding
Darden said.

ernor-general of French West Afri- son that French West Africa never had served the Axis, as long had and destroying a ninth with a di-Dakar, has given assurance that "There never has been a single what he thought would be the right state treasurer to be used by he there would be no recession of his Axis submarine to enter the port

attacked his capital with British At the Algeric headquarters of

General Giraud arrived at Da-

said the union was distinctly pos- held one of our men equal to nade," he said. "That is quite in

interview at Dakar to the Asso- "It is a question of method rath- this to 20.