

## Suburban Residents Hear Explanation Of City Limit Extension

### Council Members Answer Questions Of Dwellers In Affected Area

### FACILITIES OUTLINED

### Mayor Declares Sections Incorporated to Get City Advantages

City council members sounded out the opinion of suburban dwellers on the question of extension of the city limits, as 20 citizens appeared in the January council meeting Wednesday morning to air their views on Wilmington's current number one project.

The council itself was subjected to questioning, as again and again the citizens testifying asked the city group to explain exactly what facilities would be available to them once their homes and streets are incorporated into Wilmington city limits.

### Yes Replies To Queries

In answer Mayor Edgar L. Yow, speaking for the council, declared that all facilities now enjoyed by citizens living within the present limits with the exception of street lights and paving (lighting materials and asphalt are now rated critical materials) would be extended to the areas immediately upon coming into the city limits or as soon thereafter as they could be installed.

Elaborating on this statement, he said:

A bill is now being drafted to be presented at the present session of the legislature which he said will make it possible to bring the personnel of the police and fire departments up to a strength to cover the expanded city.

There are no priorities on sewer and water line material and sewer and water lines will be built out to homes in the new areas as fast as they can be constructed.

Although asphalt is unobtainable, the city's repair crews will be sent to the new areas as soon as they are brought within the limits to bring roads and streets there on a par with streets in the present limits.

A second oft-reiterated question was that of taxes and the mayor said that citizens in the affected areas would have to pay the present city tax rate of \$1.40 per hundred dollar valuation in addition to the county tax rate.

However, he said, that if the plan goes through this year, citizens coming into the city will not have to list taxes until January, 1944, and the taxes would not become due until October, 1944. By that time, he declared, the city will have had time to extend a majority of the facilities into the new areas.

In answer to questions from the group, he said that it would be impossible under present laws for sections of the area to be zoned and city taxation instituted only at the facilities are installed.

On several occasions, Mayor Yow pointed out that the plan adopted and publicized by the council was only a recommendation and that Senator J. E. L. Wade and Representative R. M. Kerman were free to follow or disregard the council plan. He further pointed out that the bill drafted by Messieurs Wade and Kerman would not become law until adopted by the general assembly and voted on here by the citizens affected.

A number of citizens present objected that the council's plan, both as to area involved and facilities to be extended, was too vague and that it had received insufficient publicity for the average citizen to pass upon its merits.

"Is there any doubt about the plan on the part of the people outside the city limits that they are going to get the facilities?" the mayor asked.

He was answered by a chorus of "Yes" and one citizen declared that

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## WEATHER

North Carolina: Slightly warmer Thursday.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Metereological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.

Temperature

1:30 a. m., 44; 7:30 a. m., 40; 1:30 p. m., 42; 7:30 p. m., 40. Maximum 50; Minimum 38; Mean 44; Normal 46

Humidity

1:30 a. m., 70; 7:30 a. m., 47; 1:30 p. m., 46; 7:30 p. m., 66.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.08 inches. Total since the first of the month, 0.58 inches.

Tides For Today

Wilmington High 4:10a 11:26a Low 9:30a 3:56p

Masonboro Inlet High 4:34p 11:44p Low 2:12a 8:28a

Noore's Inlet High 2:37p 8:46p Low 1:17a 7:31p

New Topsail Inlet High 2:22a 8:36a Low 11:00p 6:56p

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## Nazis Slashed By U. S. Flying Over Europe

### Great Series Of Daylight Sweeps By Americans And British

### FACTORIES HARD HIT

### Many Direct Hits Registered On Industrial Area At Lille

LONDON, Jan. 13—(P)—Large bomber forces and American and Allied fighters—nearly 400 in all—made one of the greatest series of daylight raids of the war today on occupied France and Holland.

The heaviest attack was delivered by Flying Fortresses which bored through swarms of German fighters to register many direct hits on industrial plants at Lille.

Three Fortresses were missing from the Lille attack and two RAF fighters failed to return from Holland. Three enemy planes were shot down.

The Flying Fortresses and the RAF's newest and fastest light bombers shuttled across the channel from noon until late afternoon to paste these targets:

Lille—High altitude attacks by the Fortresses on Nazi-controlled industrial plants and railways were successful. It was the third heavy raid on Lille and the 17th bombing attack there since it was captured by the Nazis in 1940.

St. Omer—RAF Boston bombers scored many hits on the German-occupied airfield.

Abbeville—Vega Ventura bombers with an escort bombed the airfield from a low level.

Northern France—Mosquitoes bombed railway centers from low level and engine sheds and repair shops were hit.

Holland—Transportation and gun positions were blasted.

Fighter pilots who were out during the day included American, British, Canadian, New Zealand, Australian, Belgian, Norwegian, Polish and Fighting French.

The raids were carried out in (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

## LOCAL NEGRO GETS 80-100 YEAR TERM

### Sentenced On Four Counts Of Burglary; 20-25 Years In Each

Stanish Polite, Wilmington Negro, drew a term of from 80 to 100 years imprisonment, when he was sentenced in superior court Wednesday afternoon by Judge Q. K. Nimocks, of Fayetteville. The judgment represented the longest term sentence for burglary recorded here in many years.

Polite, charged with entering the home of J. A. Owens, 410 North Third street, on the morning of November 21 for the purpose of burglarizing the residence, was convicted on four counts; each count carried with it a sentence of 20 to 25 years. The total sentence, penalty for burglary in the second degree, may result in a prison stretch of from 80 to 100 years.

The defendant was assigned to such hard labor as may be meted out by the State Highway and Public Works commission.

Two true bills were returned by the jury against Polite on Tuesday afternoon and two others were returned on Wednesday morning. Pleading guilty to second degree burglary, the state accused him.

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## Measures To Regulate Justice Of The Peace Placed Before Solons

RALEIGH, Jan. 13—(P)—Two measures to regulate justices of the peace and a pair of bills to put income tax payments on an installment basis were placed before the General Assembly today.

Senator Price of Rockingham introduced a bill to amend the constitution to place control and supervision of magistrates in the hands of the General Assembly, while Senator Leary of Chowan sponsored a measure to provide a uniform system for the selection and compensation of Justices.

Under Leary's bill, each county would be allowed two magistrates and one additional for each 20,000 population above 15,000. The justices would be appointed by a committee composed of the resident judge, chairman of the board of county commissioners, the mayor or mayors of municipalities in the county, a member of the local bar and the clerk of superior court.

## 57TH FREIGHTER LAUNCHED HERE

### S. S. Robert Howe Christened By Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Matteson

The North Carolina Shipbuilding company launched its 57th Liberty freighter, the "Robert Howe" here at 5:15 p. m. Wednesday.

Named for General Robert Howe of Brunswick county, a Revolutionary soldier, the ship was sponsored by Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Matteson of Wilmington.

Her maids of honor were Miss Betty Lee Williams of Hampton, Va., and Miss Peggy Greene, of Florence, S. C.

Howe was born in Brunswick county in 1732. After spending his youth in this country and in England, he was appointed captain of Fort Johnson, N. C., by the English governor, Tryon, and a baron of the exchequer.

However, he sided with the American cause and on August 21, 1775, was appointed colonel of the Second North Carolina regiment by the colonial congress, which met at Hillsboro.

Ordered to Virginia in December, 1775, he was successful in driving the British governor, Lord Dunmore, out of the eastern section of the state, and was promoted to brigadier general.

In that capacity, he commanded the North Carolina troops at the defense of Charleston, and a short time later succeeded General James Moore as chief in command of the southern department.

He was promoted to major general. (Continued on Page Twelve; Col. 3)

## Senator Wants Hull Queried On Feeling On Flynn Nomination

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(P)—Senator Bridges (R-NH) said today he hoped the Senate Foreign Relations committee would ask Secretary of State Hull whether he approved of the nomination of Democratic national chairman Edward J. Flynn to be minister to Australia.

Talking to reporters, Bridges expressed hope also that the committee would hear testimony by members of the grand jury which heard charges against Flynn in the New York City paving block case and exonerated him. This jury investigated charges that a courtyard on Flynn's estate was paved with city materials and labor.

## Slight Hope Given East For Gas Ban Relaxation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(P)—An Office of Price Administration official told a special Senate committee today that OPA was trying to simplify gasoline rationing, but he offered eastern states only slight hope of a return to pleasure driving.

Meanwhile, Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes limited the inventories of all gasoline and fuel oil resellers, as well as industrial and commercial consumers, in the eastern shortage area, to a 10 days' supply. The purpose, it was explained, was to assure

more equitable distribution of the products.

Charles S. Phillips, chief of the automotive supplies division, said it might be possible to relax the ban on pleasure driving after the winter heating crisis which strains transportation for the shipment of fuel oil, and estimated the remainder of this emergency period at 65 to 70 days.

But when Senator Burton (R-Ohio) said, "you don't want to give the impression that after 70 days the ban on pleasure driving

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# RED JUGGERNAUT CRASHES THROUGH SAGGING NAZI FORCE IN CAUCASUS; ALLIES RIP ROMMEL'S AIR COVER

## AIRFIELD RAIDED

### 34 Axis Planes Destroyed By Big U. S. Flying Fortresses

## NOT A PLANE IS LOST

### Heaviest Assault Yet Delivered From West On Nazi Forces

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 13—(P)—American Flying Fortresses, destroying 34 Axis planes aground and aloft in a brilliant raid on Castel Benito airfield, 10 miles south of Tripoli, have torn a considerable hole in the already thin air cover on which Marshal Rommel is depending for an effective retreat from Libya into Tunisia.

In this, the heaviest assault yet delivered from the west on the Axis in Tripolitania, not an American plane was lost, Allied headquarters announced today.

### Tops All Action

The Fortresses' attack, delivered yesterday, topped all other action in the North African theater, where land operations were marked only by patrol encounters in the area between Bou Arada and Goubellat in Tunisia and along Rommel's route of retreat in eastern Tripolitania.

While the Allied communiqué stated only that 14 planes were shot down sharp running combat during the Castel Benito raid, an air force spokesman added that at least 20 German planes were smashed on the ground. He estimated that at least 10 more Nazi craft were damaged in the air—thus bringing the enemy's possible losses to as high as 44 planes.

The Axis pilots, flying Messerschmitt 109's, apparently were under instructions to get the Fortresses at all costs. Avoiding the American fighter escort, they swooped upon the big bombers and were met by terrific blasts from the cannon of the raiders. Enemy plane after plane plummeted out of action but every Fortress, despite the German's concentrated effort, reached home safely, although one limped in two hours late on two motors.

(At the eastern end of the Allied line—in Libya—the British command announced complementary air blows in which five enemy fighters were destroyed in com-

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## Allied Airmen Blast Jap Planes and Ships



In the great air battle, which developed during an Allied air attack (arrows on left) on a Jap convoy bound from Rabaul to Lae, 138 Jap planes have been destroyed, probably destroyed or damaged, and at least three Japanese transports have been sunk. Two more hits on Jap ships were reported. Navy airmen in the Solomons (arrow on right) continued their raid on the Japanese air base at Munda.

## WORK PROGRESSES ON HOSPITAL HERE

### Excavation Work Nearly Finished; Forms For Concrete Laid

With the excavation work for the new addition to the James Walker Memorial hospital nearly completed, the forms for the foundation are now being laid, it was learned Wednesday evening.

The Bear Memorial building, formerly used as an isolation ward, is now being torn down to make room for the new annex to the nurses' quarters.

The three story brick addition, which will provide for much needed ward space and a new power plant, is expected to be completed in six or eight months. This annex will ease crowded hospital conditions now existing due to the increased population in Wilmington.

Financed for the most part by the Federal Works Agency, the construction is being done by the Fowlie-Jones company, general contractors of Winston-Salem, while the plumbing and heating contract has been granted to the J. R. Bagwell company of Durham.

## Allies Increase Attacks By Air On Japanese Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Thursday, Jan. 14—(P)—Slowed down on the ground by pouring rain that turned the whole Sanananda sector of New Guinea into a swampy bog, Allied commanders broadened their air attack against the Japanese with raids on four bases.

A single Liberator raided Madang and Finschhafen on the northern New Guinea coast northwest of Lae. Flying Fortresses, supported by medium bombers and fighters, struck at Lae and Salamaua. Over Gasmata, New Britain, a Liberator shot down two and probably got a third out of six Zeros which tried to interrupt its reconnaissance.

In the area of Lae—where the Japs succeeded in landing remnants of reinforcements from a convoy last week but paid for the attempt with 138 planes destroyed or damaged and at least three transports and a warship sunk—large fires were started among barges, stores and harbor installations. A Japanese fighter was destroyed on the ground at the Malabang inland airstrip adjacent to Lae.

Nine Japanese heavy bombers raided Merauke, on the south coast of Dutch New Guinea for the second day in succession, slightly damaging a jetty.

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## CHADBOURN MAN SLAIN BY NEGRO

### Harry Phipps, White, Fatally Shot While Walking On Street

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 13—Harry Phipps, young white man of Chadbourn, was shot and killed on the streets of Chadbourn about 7:30 Wednesday night, and Wayman Grainger, Negro, has been charged with the slaying. No motive was ascribed for the crime.

Phipps, accompanied by his brother-in-law Graham Walker and his nephew, J. C. Phipps, was walking in front of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company building when the Negro is said to have passed the trio and suddenly whipped out his pistol to fire the death-dealing shot. There had been no previous trouble between the victim and the Negro man, it was said.

Grainger was arrested by Columbus county officers and jailed. Corporal H. Hugh Nance of Cerro Gordo was called to the scene.

Surviving young Phipps is his wife, and two small children, a son and daughter; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phipps, Chadbourn; two sisters, Mrs. Graham Walker and Mrs. Winslow Hinson, Chadbourn; and two brothers, Emory of Chadbourn, and Frank, of Clarendon.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

## 7 FRENCHMEN EXECUTED

LONDON, Jan. 13—(P)—The Fighting French reported today that seven Frenchmen accused of an attempt on the life of Marcel Deat, Fascist editor and collaborationist party leader, had been executed at Tours by the Germans.

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## Driving To President's Birthday Party Banned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13—(P)—The office of Price Administration today specifically banned driving to the President's birthday ball celebration this month in an interpretation of the ban on pleasure driving in the eastern gasoline shortage area.

OPA said that driving to any place of amusement, even though the affair was for charity, was pleasure driving, and gave the President's balls as examples of the forbidden type of gasoline consumption.

Driving to a nearby restaurant to eat, however, was listed as one

## ADVANCE RAPID

### Offensive Continues Roll Forward Near Mineralnye Vody

## MANY GERMANS SLAIN

### Soviet Army Smashes Counterattacks In Tov Sector

MOSCOW, Thursday, Jan. 14—(P)—The Red Army pushed rapidly north through sagging German forces in Caucasus yesterday, advancing 50 miles from the Gievsk-Mineralnye Vody to Zhuravskoye, it was announced officially early today.

The offensive also continued to roll forward at a slow pace northwest of Mineralnye Vody, where sharp counterattacks were being off. Altogether the Russians said they seized 12 towns, railway points, killed hundreds of Germans and captured 100.

To the north, along lower Don river where Russians are threatening Nazis on the approach to Rostov, the midnight communiqué said the Russians had smashed a series of Nazi counterattacks. No specific Russian gains claimed in this area.

Berlin Admits Drive

(The Berlin radio said the Germans had opened another offensive the fifth for the winter—on Voronezh sector on the upper 300 miles northwest of Stalin but said the Germans were caught by surprise and repulsed the Russians. The Germans at times have announced Russian drives ahead of Moscow, muniques.)

Zhuravskoye in the Caucasus the farthest point reached by Russians in their drive due from the Mineralnye Vody-Railway. Other towns seized, Sablenkovye, Novoselks-Koye, Kitaevskoye.

Zhuravskoye is 45 miles west of Budennovsk and less than 20 south of Blagodaroye, the head of a line running north to the Krapotkin-Divnyo line.

The communiqué indicated Germans were now stiffening in Caucasus after being routed more than 100 miles from

EVACUATING OFFICERS

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 13—(P)—Reuters' Moscow correspondent reported today that Germans were evacuating high officers from Stalin by air.

Mozdok-Nalchik areas. The Red Army's advance now is along roads and across fields, but they have reached Blagodaroye. Russians will have cleared a way west across the Caucasus and toward the great lake region.

The latter area already has been reached by a Red army column that pushed south from Stalin through Elista, provincial capital of the Kalmyk republic.

Fanning out along the Caucasus the Russians pushed miles northwest of Mineralnye yesterday to seize the railway station of Kumarsky, and also the settlements of Kangiy and cheshtoye in this sector.

One soviet unit was said to have wiped out more than 500 Germans during the day, and seized 28 machine guns, 67 trucks, cartridges, four ammunition dumps and a herd of cattle.

In another sector the Germans tried a counterattack, the communiqué said, but Red tank men of Senior Lieut. Dorozhnik destroyed 14 Nazi tanks in the battle. Soviet troops

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