

Opening Date For New James Walker Memorial Annex Is Set For Jan. 1

EQUIPMENT READY

New Wing Will Add 108 Beds To Increase Total Capacity

60 DAYS ARE NEEDED

Manufacturers Say Furniture For Rooms Will Be Available

January 1, 1944, has been set as the tentative date for occupancy of the new three-story addition at James Walker Memorial Hospital...

Assurance from the manufacturers that essential furniture for patient's rooms is available, and will soon be in shipment...

The new wing will add beds to increase the total bed capacity of the combined hospital units to 358...

Equipment already installed and ready for function momentarily includes the scrubboard, plumbing, lighting and heating systems...

To Be Renovated Renovation of the middle section of the main building will begin as soon as patients are moved into...

JAPANESE ENTER RICE BOWL CITY

Enemy Forces Smash Way Into Strategic Changteh, Reported Using Gas

CHUNGKING, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Supported by poison gas, airplanes and artillery, Japanese forces have smashed their way into strategic Changteh...

The Japanese forced their way into the vital "rice bowl" city in an "all out" attack yesterday from the north and east gates...

The command said other Chinese troops operating behind the Japanese at Changteh, however, were moving toward the city...

Meat Point Values Will Be Decreased

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Price Administrator Chester Bowles announced tonight that ration costs of meat will be cut to allow a 30 per cent larger ration in December.

"Our meat supplies are in pretty good shape and for that reason I am glad to say that we are going to be able to cut the points on meat rather substantially during the month of December," Bowles said.

Bowles said the butter situation has not improved and indicated the current ration cost—16 points a pound—will not be changed.

County War Chest Drive Is Successful

Leaders Report Community Chest Drive Over The Quota

'CELEBRATE VICTORY' Dinner Is Given By Division Leaders And Team Captains Tuesday

In one of the greatest home-stretch drives in Community Chest history in Wilmington and New Hanover county volunteer workers in the 1944 United campaign...

'HERE TO STAY'

"I want to make it clear that the North Carolina Shipbuilding company intends to remain here 'forever'..."

A standing tribute and three rousing cheers were given Mr. Ware and the North Carolina Shipbuilding company by campaign workers attending the final dinner meeting Tuesday night.

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The Southern Coal Producers Association and Alabama Communist producers were the only major groups refusing to negotiate on that basis.

It was understood that the representative of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company asked for more time to announce his vote, and that all other coal associations in...

Cutbacks In Production Easing Manpower Crisis

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Shutting down of munitions plants is easing the labor shortage in some cities, the War Manpower Commission said today...

The Commission reduced the number of acute labor shortage areas from 77 to 69, reversing a steady trend, and said the action was closely related to "cutbacks"—termination of war contracts by the government.

William Haber, WMC assistant executive director, gave the following manpower estimates at a press conference:

'BIG 3' MEETING IN IRAN REPORTED; REDS ADMIT LOSS OF KOROSTEN; 8TH ARMY SHATTERS 'WINTER LINE'

High-Grade German Steel-Plating Mill Raided By Americans

LONDON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—American Flying Fortresses, wounding up the eighth air force's best operational month of the war, bombed the Ruhr city of Solingen east of Duesseidorf by daylight today in the first Allied attack on that target, site of a high-grade steel plating mill and a plant making metal alloy parts for German fighter planes.

The big four-engined American bombers, accompanied over their target by Thunderbolts and Lightnings and covered in withdrawal by RAF, Dominion and Allied Spitfires and Typhoons, had an unusually strong escort for the mission which brought the month's total of American heavy bomber attacks from Britain to a record 11.

Two heavy bombers and five fighters were lost, while seven enemy aircraft were shot down, six by the withdrawal-covering fighters and the seventh by a Fortress.

Solingen, three miles square, lies 14 miles southeast of Duesseidorf. It was well-known for the manufacture of cutlery and weapons, even in peacetime, and was celebrated in the middle ages for its sword blades.

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NO CONFIRMATION

Berlin And Lisbon Reports Say Ancient Persia Is Parley Point

PEACE TALK QUIETED

Senator Truman Expects War To Last At Least Two More Years

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—(AP)—Speculation that the United Nations leadership is preparing to tell Axis members just what each may expect from unconditional surrender received a new fillip today from reports that President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek are to meet in Iran.

Reports came from both Berlin and Lisbon that ancient Persia, or Iran, has been selected as the scene of the long-expected conference of the Anglo-American-Russian leaders, and both agreed that Chiang also will participate.

The Lisbon report, carried by Reuters, British news agency, added to the Berlin radio version by saying a Roosevelt-Churchill-Chiang conference already has been held in Cairo.

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WEATHER

FORECAST NORTH CAROLINA—Fair and slightly warmer Wednesday and Thursday. Freezing temperatures in mountains Wednesday night.

By U. S. Weather Bureau Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

1:30 am, 40; 7:30 am, 33; 1:30 pm, 47; 7:30 pm, 45.

Maximum, 50; minimum, 32; mean, 41; normal, 52.

Humidity 1:30 am, 76; 7:30 am, 87; 1:30 pm, 65; 7:30 pm, 57.

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., 4.02 inches.