

### NAVY VOLUNTEERS MAY DELAY CALL

#### May Postpone Entrance Into Service Until First Of Year

Potential volunteers for the Navy in eastern North Carolina who desire to postpone their being called to active duty until after the first of the year should not hesitate to file applications immediately, according to Jesse Helms, petty officer in charge of the Wilmington Navy Recruiting Station.

Voluntary enlistments now are being accepted for three branches of the Navy, Helms said. They are the Navy Air Corps, for general service, and for the Waves. "Women who desire to enlist in the Waves, but are waiting because they don't want to report for duty until January need have no fear of making application now. No woman in the Waves who is accepted this month will be called before January 7th," Helms said. Seventeen-year-old boys who are High school graduates, or who are in their Senior year in school, now are acceptable for the Navy Air Corps, the recruiter said. Full information and application papers may be obtained at the recruiting station, which is located on the second floor of the post office.

There are also many good places open in general service for 17-year-olds. For this branch, it is not necessary that the youth be a High school graduate. In this phase, volunteers are eligible for training as aviation machinist mates, or in any one of 55 different trades.

Women in the Waves are desperately needed—both for officer and enlisted posts. Waves are trained at Hunter college, in the heart of New York City, and receive the same rate of pay and privileges which are accorded men in the service.

Age limits are 20 and 35, and the recruiter emphasized that no enlistments are being taken in any feminine branch of the service at a lower age than 20. That was in contradiction to recent rumors that the Navy has lowered the enlistment age of Waves to 18.

With reference to the Navy Air Corps, the recruiter said that boys now in their senior year of High school should make application now. "They will not be called until they have been graduated, and after that, they will be given eight months of college before they begin actual air corps training," Helms said.

Information about any branch of the Navy may be obtained at the recruiting station. It is open every day in the week except Sunday.

### LONGER SHOPPING HOURS SCHEDULED

#### Stores Will Start Remaining Open Until 7 P. M. Beginning Friday

Longer trading hours for the convenience of Wilmington Christmas shoppers will begin Friday when stores start remaining open until 7 o'clock each night through December 24.

John A. Sheehan, secretary of Retail Merchants association, said Wednesday that a check of local retailers disclosed that the big shopping "rush" is expected by merchandisers this week-end and on Monday. For the benefit of Saturday shoppers the free wrapping center at the chamber of commerce office will remain open until 7:30 p. m.

Although retail stores will remain open an extra hour and one-half this week-end and next week, it is asked of Wilmingtonians who can to continue to do their shopping during the regular hours. The longer trading hours are scheduled primarily for those who, principally because of business reasons, cannot do their buying at the usual hours.

It is also urged that shoppers complete making purchases by 7 p. m. as government agencies have repeatedly impressed upon the store executives the need for conserving fuel and manpower. Longer store hours mean use of more electric current, use of more fuel, and added strain on the already serious shortage of labor.

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### SIDE GLANCES



"Don't forget, I'll meet you at noon and we'll go shopping—this year you're not going to stop in the drug store Christmas Eve and send everybody the same kind of perfume!"

### Airmen Optimistic On Prospect Of Offensive Softening Nazis

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Wellwood E. Beall, engineering vice president of Boeing Aircraft company, reported today on his return from England "quite a feeling of optimism" among airmen over the prospect of the aerial offensive softening up Germany for an early Allied victory.

Germany's losses of planes in the air battles over Europe now are much greater than her ability to replace them, he said, and while the Nazis are working on new plane designs, including a Messerschmitt 209, "those won't do them any good in this war."

While suggesting that the Germans may undertake more drastic defensive measures against the bombers, Beall said the rocket-bomb equipment now in use has cut the speed of German fighter planes and made them "more susceptible than ever to the destructive gunfire of American daylight bombers and fighters."

"The rocket guns fired from fighter planes have been costing some American casualties," he said, "but they are by no means saving German cities from destruction."

Beall told a news conference that "pacing" of rocket-equipped German planes by American fighters indicated the two rocket-launching tubes hung under the wings, cut the plane's speed 50 to 70 miles an hour. The continued use of the technique, he added, was indication that the Nazis were willing "to pay an extremely high cost in lives and machines in their effort to stop our attack."

Beall said the first one or two rocket attacks on formations of heavy bombers caused considerable damage, "principally because

### KIWANIANS HEAR CHRISTIAN ZIONIST

#### The Rev. Richard E. Evans Speaks Against British White Paper

What makes democracy great said the Rev. Richard E. Evans before the Kiwanis club on Wednesday, is to be found in five words: goodwill, responsibility, enthusiasm, appreciation and triumph.

Mr. Evans is a Presbyterian minister and, in the words of Rabbi M. M. Thurman, who introduced him, a crusading Christian Zionist. He directed his remarks chiefly against the British White Paper which, unless cancelled in the meantime, will stop all immigration in Palestine next March. He made a strong appeal for a proper place for Jewry in the post-war world.

Dr. W. H. Doshier introduced his guest Dr. Bill Mebane. President C. David Jones announced that directors and committee chairmen will have their regular monthly meeting at the home of the Solomon next Wednesday evening.

### REV. R. E. EVANS SPEAKS TONIGHT

#### Appearance Of Outstanding Minister Sponsored By Zionists Here

The Rev. Richard E. Evans will speak in the Temple of Israel at an open meeting Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock, completing a tour of 80 communities.

The appearance of the fighting Presbyterian minister, who was proclaimed the outstanding citizen of Milwaukee and awarded the Distinguished Service medal there, will be sponsored in Wilmington by the Zionist organization.

Evans has been elected to an honorary life membership of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was the first membership of this type to be offered by the association. A similar honor was conferred upon him by the Miami Beach Civic league. He also served as national director of the 150th anniversary observance of the Bill of Rights, presiding over the national broadcasts commemorating this event.

The Zionist organization extends a cordial invitation to the citizens of Wilmington to attend the lecture. Rabb Harry Bronstein, of the B'nai Israel Synagogue, will pronounce the invocation. The Rev. H. W. Glazier, vice-president of the Wilmington Ministerial association will extend greetings on behalf of that body. Rabbi Mordecai M. Thurman will preside.

monies held in a North African port. One Legion of Merit was awarded posthumously to Lt. Com. John O. Speer, Annapolis, Md., who was killed in an explosion the instant the bomb struck the Savannah's turret, but his previous efforts as chief damage control officer in training the men under him was credited with saving many lives.

After the bomb hit the turret it penetrated the decks and exploded beneath them, trapping many men in various compartments.

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