

TODAY and TOMORROW

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Because of the time it takes to recruit and train men, to produce goods and load them, and to cross the oceans, the battle only some months later. For this reason it is far less important that we hear news of a battle a few hours earlier than that we should have a reliable understanding of what will be needed in the future.

In making estimates of the future our temptation is to try to predict the date when the war or some phase of it will be concluded. Almost invariably the prediction of dates leads to trouble. For civilians are almost certain to take these changeable time-tables as pledges, and to feel that they have been misled if the time-table is altered. In the Philippine campaign we are, as the President disclosed in his message, ahead of schedule. In the European campaign, we were behind the schedule in July, way ahead of it in August and September, short of it in early December, and now almost surely we are very considerably behind it.

The military planners do, of course, have to draw up schedules and time-tables in order to move troops and supplies. But military men know that all time-tables are tentative and subject to quick and radical changes.

Estimates of the future, in which dates are named, are certain to be misleading to civilians. What kind of estimate, then, is both true and useful? It is an estimate which in the first place is always conservative in the sense that it takes no account of miracles, windfalls, happy accidents: in other words it is an estimate which assumes that the armed forces of our enemies will have to be beaten in military combat by the armed forces of the Allies. This does not mean that the war must not also be waged politically, morally, economically. Far from it. But it does mean that we must never assume that the invulnerable weapons will be effective unless our military power is decisive.

We may then say, I believe, that the true and useful estimate will be one which describes conservatively the probable result of the present operations. Where, in other words, shall we be when General MacArthur has reconquered Luzon? Where shall we be when General Eisenhower has squeezed Von Rundstedt out of the Belgian bulge? This is what Congress and the people need to know because the measures they take now to support the war will affect the situation which is likely to exist after the Luzon and Ardennes battles have been fought.

General Bradley's statement to the press provides the clew to an understanding of the real situation with which we are dealing: "In leaving the Ardennes I am highly held," he said, "I took what is known in military terminology as a 'calculated risk' to strengthen our northern and southern drives. In other words, instead of employing our surplus divisions in the then-quiet Ardennes, we used them to attack in other sectors."

This discloses the important military fact that General Eisenhower did not have enough divisions to defend his whole line and also to attack in the plain of Cologne and

SIX CITY BLOCKS PAVED LAST MONTH, ENGINEER REPORTS

Six blocks of streets were graded and paved with sand asphalt hot mix and one block widened during the month of December, it was reported yesterday by City Engineer J. A. Loughlin. In addition, 800 linear feet were graded and paved on Greenfield Lake drive at the Ninth street entrance. Fifty-two blocks of dirt streets were scraped under the maintenance program.

Graded and paved last month were two blocks on South Eighth, between Carolina avenue and Nun street; one block on North Fourteenth, from Grace to Rankin; one block on South Second, between Wright and Meares; one block of Wright street, from Third to Fourth. One block of Nutt street was surfaced, from Red Cross to Walnut street. Walnut street was widened from Front to Second.

Wadesboro Man Named Aide To New Governor

RALEIGH, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Governor Cherry today announced the appointment of Hoyt Patrick Taylor of Wadesboro, as his legislative advisor for the current session of the General Assembly. In making the announcement, the Governor said he expected Taylor to remain here through February, at which time the executive's legislative slate was expected to be clear.

Taylor is former senator from the 19th Senatorial District, embracing the counties of Anson, Stanly and Union. He is a native of Winton, N. C.

In a recent Dallas, Texas, War Bond rally, a pencil crayon portrait of Ernie Pyle was sold for two million dollars in War Bonds.

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Palmolive Soap Reg. Bath Size 11c  
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Octagon Toilet . . . . .5c  
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**REID'S SUPER MARKET**  
Maffitt Village

WILMINGTON AREA SCOUTS TO MEET

The annual meeting for the Wilmington district, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at the Lutheran parish house at 7:30 p.m. today.

A report on 1944 activities, setting objectives for 1945, and election of officers will take place during the business part of the program. Officers to be elected include a chairman, vice-chairman, and commissioner, and appointive officers are chairmen of the six operating committees.

W. J. Riley, council commissioner, will preside at the meeting, and J. E. L. Wade will lead the group in some songs. Carroll Tinsley, assistant Scout Executive will report on activities during 1944. L. F. Woodbury, Jr., national council representative, will give the report of the nominating committee.

All district committeemen, troop committeemen, Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, commissioners, merit badge counselors, and their wives are invited to the meeting. Troop 19, sponsored by the First Baptist church, will give a Tenderfoot investiture ceremony to close the session.

Main speaker for the event will be the Rev. Mortimer Glover, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, whose subject will be "The Value of a Scout Troop to a Sponsoring Institution."

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**SPARE RIBS** Lean 1 lb. 21c  
Meaty  
**WEINERS** Small 1 lb. 35c  
Skinless  
**COUNTRY SAUSAGE, lb. . . 39c**  
**LAMB LEGS, lb. . . . . 29c**

**Potatoes** 4 lbs. 25c Sweet  
**Salad** 10c lb. Mustard  
**Spinach** 10c lb. Fancy

**NEW PERSONAL SIZE IVORY** 2 For 9c  
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Try NEW IMPROVED **CAMAY** 3 For 20c

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THE NEW TRIPLE-FRESH SANDWICH LOAF  
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- ASPARAGUS** RITTER CUT (10 Points) No. 2 Can 31c
- HONEY NUT MARGARINE** (2 Points) 1-Lb. Ctn. 17c
- STERLING SALT** . . . . . 2-Lb. Pkg. 6c
- KRISPY CRACKERS** . . . . . 1-Lb. Pkg. 19c

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U. S. NO. 1 VIRGINIA WINESAP **APPLES** 5-Lb. Mesh Bag 49c

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**SLICED BEETS** COLONIAL No. 2 Can 14c  
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**HURFF'S VEG. SOUP** 20-Oz. Can 18c  
**TOMATO SOUP** HURFF'S 20-Oz. Can 14c  
**MOTHER'S COCOA** . . . . . 1-Lb. Can 10c  
**PINTO BEANS** . . . . . 2-Lb. Cello 21c  
**PRUNE JUICE** SUNSWEET Quart Bottle 29c  
**BISQUICK** GOLD MEDAL Pkg. 31c  
**LUZIANNE COFFEE** . . . . . 1-Lb. Can 29c  
**AMMONIA** PARSON'S Quart Bottle 19c

**Northern Towels** 2 Rolls 17c | **Northern Tissue** Roll 5c

**EXTRA SPECIALS!**  
**GRITS** Jim-Dandy Medium 2 Lb. Bag 13c  
**RICE** Fancy Blue Beauty 2 Lb. Box 21c  
**TUNA** Fancy White Meat 7 Oz. Can 38c  
**EGGS** Fresh Grade "A" Medium Doz. Ctn. 55c

**Ivory Snow** Med. Pkg. 9 1/2c | Lge. Pkg. 23c  
**Oxydol** Med. Pkg. 9 1/2c | Lge. Pkg. 23c  
**Ivory Soap** Med. Cake 6c | **Camay Soap** Large Cake 9c

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