

MAJOR MARSHALL CALLS FROM ROME

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Marshall, 1601 Princess street, had a rare experience in store for them early last night when the telephoned jangled.

"Mrs. Marshall?" the operator's voice queried, "Rome is calling. Rome, Italy."

It was the Marshall's son, Major John Marshall, calling his parents from the Eternal City where he is now stationed with the Army Air Forces.

Business manager for the county school board at the time he entered the Army in 1942, Major Marshall has been overseas for approximately two years, stationed with the Air Service Command in the Mediterranean and in Europe. He had been recently promoted to his present rank, he informed his parents.

He is a brother of Alan A. Marshall, city juvenile judge and himself a recently discharged naval lieutenant commander. Another brother, B. H., Jr., is comptroller of the Wilmington Housing authority.

Alleged Punch Board Operators Arrested

Two alleged operators of what police termed \$25-a-punch boards were arrested by city officers last night.

The alleged operators, according to police records, were S. F. Persell, owner of a beer parlor near the shipyard, and J. S. Clark, proprietor of an oil service station at 10 Carolina Beach road. They were arrested by City Detectives J. T. Rich, E. B. Herling, and H. A. Avant.

Bond for each was fixed at \$300 pending their appearance in Recorder's court tomorrow morning.

The U. S. has the highest per capita rates of consumption of matches among adults in the world, about 14 per day, and the lowest per capita cost for matches, six mills a week.

City Briefs

TO INSTALL OFFICERS

An open meeting will be held by the Woodmen of the World tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the WOW hall Third and Princess streets at which time new officers will be installed and certificates of recognition given to its World War II veterans.

VISITING IN BOSTON

Lt. William B. Morris, who in on terminal leave after two years service in the European theater, is visiting friends in Boston, Mass.

SCOUT RADIO SHOW

Boy Scouts who desire to take part in a radio dramatization have been requested to meet in the scout office, Trust building, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 30 at 3:45 p. m. for try-outs.

HIT-AND-RUN REPORTED

George M. Hawkins, Henderson, reported to police yesterday that while driving east on Grace street near the 1500 block early yesterday morning his car was struck by a hit-and-run driver. Damage to Hawkins' car was slight according to the police report.

TRASH FIRE

Firemen were called to 2202 Park road at Princess place yesterday afternoon to extinguish a trash fire. The call, which was received at 12:30 p. m., resulted in no damage.

NEW CLASS

A class in "Preparation for Marriage" will be held at the YWCA Thursday night at 8 o'clock. Miss Virginia Ward, coordinator of the Family Life Institute program in Wilmington, will be in charge of securing speakers for the series of talks on aspects of success in marriage. Girls wishing to enroll in this class may phone 8566, the "Y" office.

Originally a brogue was a light shoe formed of one piece of half-tanned leather gathered around the ankle.

RUSSIA PROMISED JAPANESE ISLANDS

LONDON, Jan. 26.—(P)—The Moscow radio said tonight that the United States and Great Britain had promised Russia the Kurile islands of northern Japan under terms of the Yalta agreement.

The broadcast noted U. S. Undersecretary of State Dean Acheson's recent statement that he believed no definite commitments were made at Yalta, and said Tass, official Soviet news agency, had been "officially authorized" to disclose that Russia would get the Kuriles, southern Sakhalin and adjacent islands.

"On the question of the Kurile island, Mr. Acheson is definitely wrong," the Tass statement was quoted as saying.

"At the Yalta agreement of the Three powers, signed on the 11th of February, 1945 (which was then not published for very understandable reasons), it was clearly set out that after victory over Japan the Kurile islands would be handed over to the U. S. S. R. In addition, southern Sakhalin and the adjacent islands would return to the U. S. S. R."

AGREEMENT REACHED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(P)—Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson said at his news conference this week that agreement had been reached at the Yalta meeting of the Big Three for Soviet occupation of the Kurile islands. Even earlier government officials told the Associated Press that the Russians were moving in troops and their families "bag and baggage" apparently for a long stay, in the islands which stretch fan-wise across the Okhotsk sea. There has, however, been no indication from American officials that agreement was reached at Yalta for permanent possession by Russia of the Kuriles, which the Japanese used as a springboard early in the war for their assault upon the Aleutians.

NEED MATERIALS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Lack of materials and "red tape" are responsible for the current housing shortage confronting war veterans, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce today reported to the United States Chamber of Commerce.

In a report telegraphed to Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, responding to the national trade body's query, declared the housing situation in the North Carolina Port City was "as bad as other cities in North Carolina."

J. H. Farrell, secretary of the Wilmington organization, wired Johnston: "Housing situation for veterans as bad as other cities in North Carolina. Local Federal public housing authority projects have waiting list of 140 veterans for shelter. American Legion officials here contend local FPHA not giving veterans preference. President local real estate board says building contractors reluctant to build homes under G. I. Bill of Rights and Federal Housing authority regulations. Too much red tape. The prefer building for industrial and commercial expansion. Local reliable source says 85 per cent returned veterans want to build and 15 per cent for renting. Lack of materials and government red tape are other drawbacks. Apparently financial institutions, builders and realtors desirous to aid veterans for home building when materials available and red tape cut to minimum."

City Housing Authority Moves To Aid War Vets

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accommodations to the additional applicants for better housing who are pouring in every day. But we have a responsibility to work out satisfactory arrangements for these applicants, particularly the war veterans. Therefore the Authority announces a program of re-ovation and re-use of vacant masonry units at Maffitt Village.

"A large crew of men has been put to work reconditioning units in the part of the Raleigh section of Maffitt Village lying along Vance street nearest the community and shopping center. Units will be put in the best possible condition. They will be repainted inside and out. Floors will be treated. All trim will be reconditioned. Equipment will be refurbished, and where necessary replaced. Units will be rented with or without furniture, according to the needs of the applicant. In brief, all the resources of the Housing authority will be thrown into an effort to make these houses as livable as possible.

"These houses will be offered to eligible applicants, either war veterans or others, on a basis which will allow them to retain their

Name of development	Total Units	Units Unfilled applications		Total
		Vacant	on hand	
Nesbitt Courts	215	1	8	105
Taylor Homes	248	0	12	110
Lake Forest	1,057	6	111	180
Hillcrest	216	0	27	69
Vance Section	800	5	27	88
Hewes Apartments	720	404	0	0
Raleigh Section	1,286	1,056	0	0
Hewes Dorms	356	356	0	0
Worth Section	599	142	0	0
TOTAL	5,495	1,970	185	421

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IRAN CLAIMS IT CAN PROVE INTERFERENCE

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of Tehran, by which the allied powers undertook to respect the territorial integrity, sovereignty and political independence of Iran."

MISQUOTED

The Iranians said the Soviet delegation had mistranslated or misquoted the Iranian note of Dec. 1 so that "the sense has been so altered it is exactly the opposite of what was said in the note." The Iranians said Russia quoted Tehran as denying Soviet interference, while the opposite was the truth.

The new note called attention to American and British representatives to Russia over the situation in Azerbaijan province.

Expressing agreement with a United States letter to the Soviet government last Nov. 24, which declared there no longer was any reason for the presence of foreign troops in Iran, the delegates' note said, "it is desirable that all foreign troops leave Iranian territory immediately."

It asserted that the Soviet-Iranian treaty of 1921—which Russia cited in partial defense of her stand—"is not relevant" because it "is only meant to apply to a case where Iran is occupied by a hostile power and by reason of this fact Iranian territory becomes a base of aggression against the USSR" which the Iranian government could not eliminate "by its own action."

places on the waiting list either at Lake Forest or the Vance Section of Maffitt Village, where the housing is of better design. In other words, an eligible applicant does not need to sacrifice his place in the waiting list for the better housing in order to take one of the renovated units in the village. As soon as the name of the applicant is reached, he will be offered a house in Lake Forest or the Vance section, the same as if he had not moved into one of the reconditioned units.

"To bring this about, the Housing authority is rescinding its rule against transfers from the masonry units in Maffitt to Lake Forest. The rule as to transfers from masonry units into the Vance section had been previously rescinded. The no-transfer rule was necessary during the peak of war-time occupancy because it was possible to accommodate little if any of the demand for such transfers.

"A program similar to this will be put into effect to place Negro applicants, both war veterans and other eligible persons, in vacant units in the Worth section of Maffitt Village."

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METHODIST RALLY TO BE HELD HERE

RALEIGH, Jan. 26.—(P)—Young people of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church will hold district rallies next month in connection with the Methodist crusade for Christ and the year of evangelism.

WOMAN IS HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Apprehended by city police while hiding in a backyard shack about 100 yards from the scene of an automobile accident which resulted in serious injuries to a young Wilmington woman, Robert T. Polston, 25, 212 S. Second street, was held in \$1,500 bond late last night on a charge of reckless operation and hit-and-run driving.

Polston was arrested by City officers W. N. Leitch and L. E. Culbreth following his flight from his damaged automobile immediately north of the Fifth avenue railroad bridge where, it is alleged, Polston crashed another vehicle, injured two women passengers in his car, and then assertedly fled into hiding.

Injured was Arleen Sneed, 25, 613 Swann street. She was taken to James Walker Memorial hospital where preliminary examination indicated skull fracture and possible internal injuries. Unscathed in the accident, although riding with Polston and Miss Sneed, was Helen Watts, 23, 819 Princess street. Polston suffered head injuries, which were treated at James Walker prior to his formal arrest.

Polston, according to arrested officers, crashed into an automobile driven by Robert Cornitche, at the north end of the bridge. He is alleged to have run from the accident scene, leaving the two women passengers alone.

He was apprehended in an out-building, some 30 minutes later, by Leitch and Culbreth.

Texas is rapidly gaining on Florida in grapefruit production; in the coming season Florida's crop is estimated at 32 million boxes, Texas 24 million and California-Arizona 8 million boxes.

NOT EXCITED

HUTCHINSON, Minn., Jan. (U.P.)—Milburn Henke served the customers in his restaurant here today and regarded as un-called for any fuss over the fact that it is the fourth anniversary of the day he stepped off the gangplank on North Ireland to become the first Yank into Europe.

"This particular anniversary doesn't excite me a bit," he said. "It just so happened that I was the first guy in line and that's that."

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

John F. Collum, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Collum, 1007 N. Fourth street, and a nephew of Mrs. Leona T. Carroll, 1020 N. Third street, has received an honorable discharge from the Army following service overseas with the 82nd and 101st Airborne divisions.

BIBLE CLASS MEETING

The weekly meeting of the Men's Bible class of St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian church, located at Fifteenth and Market streets, will be held Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. Dr. J. E. Evans is the teacher. All men of the community are cordially invited to attend.

Evansville Shipyard Swept By Large Fire

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 26.—(P)—A spectacular fire which firemen said was completely out of control was sweeping the Evansville shipyards tonight.

Authorities said the blaze, which started in a warehouse containing paints and oils, was licking through abandoned frame warehouse and office buildings and threatening to destroy the entire installation.

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