

WAR NEWS

Moscow, Thursday, Dec. 18.— Red Army troops were reported officially early today to have thrown the Germans back almost 100 miles beyond this capital in their 16 day Winter offensive to lift the sieges of Leningrad in the north and Sevastopol in the south.

A communique said that the Soviets reclaimed many more villages besides the hundreds already seized in the continuing two-week drive against the recapture of Alexsin, 85 miles south of Moscow between Sepukhov and Tula. Plunging through the hole made in the German lines by the rout of six divisions from Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of the capital, the fast-moving Red offensive was said by the government to have taken Vysokoe, 40 miles to the west. Other reports said another town five miles farther on had been captured.

Tokyo, Thursday, Dec. 18.— Military dispatches today claimed new Japanese success on all fronts after a speaker in parliament had defined Japan's chief war aims as the creation of a block of 2,100,000,000 Asiatic peoples pledged to mutual cooperation and the elimination of British and American influence in this part of the world.

A summary of developments of the past 24 hours showed: Home front—A naval spokesman said yesterday that 20 American submarines of 2,000 tons each with a cruising radius of 5,200 miles are lurking in Japanese waters. Deputy Tatusonuke Yamazaki, announcing Japanese war aims in the lower house of parliament, said the nation was prepared to stand like a rock and survive all hardships until final victory was won.

Manila, P. I., Thursday, Dec. 18.—A Japanese motorized unit of 100 men, driving inland through a northern Luzon province, ran into a trap set by American infantrymen and was routed after a battle lasting from 3 p. m. to dark last night, when the Japanese retreated leaving 40 dead and several wounded, it was learned today.

United States casualties were only one killed and three wounded. The dispatch identified the Americans only as infantrymen of the Far East and did not specify whether they were United States troops or Filipino forces who have been inducted into the U. S. Army. If Americans were involved, it was their first hand-to-hand brush with the Japanese. It was recalled, however, that Filipino artillerymen had been defending the northern province and had routed a Japanese force trying to drive inland in buses earlier in the week.

News of the encounter was telephoned here to the newspaper Mabusy.

26 Jap Planes Blasted
Earlier, it had been announced that American fliers, led by Lieut. Boyd M. (Buzz) Wagner of Johnston, Pa., No. 1 Hero of the Philippines, had blasted out a nest of 26 Japanese airplanes at Vigan, 200 miles northwest of Manila, while submarines of the United States far eastern fleet had made two "successful" attacks at sea.

No Japanese airplanes have been seen in the Manila area since Monday.

The air attack wiped out one of the main threats to this Philippines capital, which now has gone 48 hours without an air raid alarm. Credit was given mainly to Lieut. Wagner, a 25-year-old squadron commander who already had been cited for heroism and who became the first American ace of the war, by shooting down 5 Japanese planes in combat and destroying numerous others on the ground.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The commander-in-chief of the United States fleet and two Army Generals who were in charge of American forces which were "not on the alert" against the surprise Japanese attack on Hawaii, December 7, were relieved of their commands tonight in one of the most drastic shakeups in United States military and naval history.

Relieved were: Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, both as commander of the United States fleet and as functional commander of the Pacific fleet. (The Navy Department explained that relief of Kimmel as commander of the Pacific fleet automatically relieved of his duties as commander-in-chief of the United States fleet).

Short, Martin Out
Lieut. Gen. Walter C. Short, commander of the Hawaiian Department.

Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Martin, commander of the Army Air Corps at Hawaii.

Kimmel was replaced by Rear Admiral Chester V. Nimitz, chief

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Killed In Action

Franklin County's First Casualty In World War II

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Leigh, of Bunn, received official information this week that their son, Malcolm Hedrick Leigh, had been killed in action in the performance of duty to his country, during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Sunday, December 7th. He enlisted in the United States Navy on Nov. 28th, 1939 and was a gunners mate at the time of his death. Malcolm attended Bunn High School and was 21 years of age. His death is the first officially reported casualty from Franklin County during the present war.

Malcolm was an especially fine boy, capable, pleasant and agreeable, making friends of his acquaintances. His parents are among Bunn community's most popular and respected citizens who have the sympathy of all.

Social Agencies Hold Meeting

The Franklin County Council of Social Agencies held a meeting Friday morning, December 12, to discuss arrangements for Christmas. The following plans were made:

A chairman was nominated for each district in the County. This chairman with a committee will work through churches and other organizations in their respective communities and will have charge of distributing their own gifts for the needy from their own central place. Needy cases already known to the County Welfare Department are being turned back to each community responsible. However, there will probably be other people to be added by the local committee. The Junior Woman's League of Louisburg is sponsoring this program for Louisburg District. Again the Community Christmas Service is being carried out in the Armory at Louisburg at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, December 21. Everyone in the County is cordially invited to attend this service as there will be a program prepared to please all ages. Anyone wishing to do his part toward helping the needy is urged to contact the chairman of the committee in his community.

The following are in charge of districts:
The Junior Woman's League, Louisburg District, Mr. John Chambliss, Louisburg, Route 1; Harris Community, Mrs. M. M. Person, Louisburg, Route 2; Gold Sand; Miss Margaret Stallings, Louisburg, Route 4; Cedar Rock, Mrs. Baxter Patterson; Youngsville, Mrs. Clair Moore; Spring Hope, Route 2; Justice and Seven Path, Mr. A. E. Mercer, Zebulon, Route 3; Pearce's, Miss Victoria Tant, Zebulon, Route 2; Pilot and Pine Ridge, Mrs. W. W. Cooke, Franklinton, Miss Mary White Nash, Bunn, Mrs. S. F. Jurnagan, Henderson, Route 1; Mrs. Frank Reed, Wood.

BAILEY'S SON QUILTS THE FBI

Raleigh.—James H. Pou Bailey, 24-year-old son of Senator Josiah W. Bailey of Raleigh, wired Selective Service officials today that he would resign his position with the FBI in order that he might be drafted into the Army.

At the same time, State Selective Service headquarters announced receipt of a letter from the Navy saying that young Bailey had applied for a commission in the Naval Reserve, and asking that a 60-day stay be granted before he is drafted.

Luxury is likely to transform pleasures into burdens.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Friday Dec. 19th:
Friday-Saturday—Gene Austry in "Sierra Sue"
Saturday Night Owl Show—Dorothy Lamour and Lloyd Nolan in "St. Louis Blues"
Sunday-Monday—Jack Oakie and Linda Darnell in "Rise and Shine"
Tuesday—Jackie Cooper and Susanna Foster in "Glamour Boy"
Wednesday—Edw. G. Robinson and Edw. Arnold in "Unholy Partner"
Christmas Eve Midnight Show—Don Ameche and Joan Bennett in "Confirm or Deny"
Christmas Day and Friday—Rosalind Russell and Walter Pidgeon in "Design for Scandal."

MISS BEASLEY INSTANTLY KILLED

IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SUNDAY NIGHT

Mrs. J. Y. Cooper Suffered Serious Injuries; S. L. Satterfield Also Killed; Funeral For Miss Beasley Held Monday

Funeral services for Miss Cora Beasley, 28, who was instantly killed in an automobile accident near Durham Sunday, were conducted from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Beasley, on Church Street Monday afternoon.

Miss Beasley was a member of the Louisburg Methodist Church and was employed here as a case worker in the Franklin County Welfare Department. She was a member of one of Franklin County's best known families.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, pastor of the Louisburg Methodist Church and the Rev. J. C. Williams, a former pastor of the Tar River Methodist Circuit. Burial was in the cemetery of Trinity Methodist Church, near Louisburg.

Surviving Miss Beasley are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Beasley of Louisburg; two sisters, Mrs. D. S. Cross, of Huntersville, Mrs. M. T. Watson, of Forest City; five brothers, W. L. C. M., J. B. and J. Y. Beasley, of Louisville, F. J. Beasley, of Baltimore, Md., and Jones Beasley, of Bunn.

Pallbearers were: K. K. Allen, Harry Banks, Jr., Numa F. Freeman, Lauren Leete, H. C. Taylor, Jr., Wesley Williams, John Williamson and Louis Wheelless.

The floral tribute was especially large and beautiful signifying the love and esteem in which she was held by her many friends.

The following account of the accident was taken from the Durham report:

Two persons were killed and two others seriously injured early tonight when two automobiles collided head-on on the Oxford highway about seven miles from here. Those killed were:

Miss Cora Beasley, 28, of Louisburg, a case worker for the Franklin County welfare department. Samuel L. Satterfield, 64, of Durham, a retired tobacco warehouseman. William H. Neville, 59, of Durham, suffered a fractured skull and severe lacerations about the head. He was reported to be in a critical condition at a Durham hospital. Neville was believed to have been the driver of the automobile in which Satterfield was riding. Later information reported the death of Mr. Neville.

Mrs. J. Y. Cooper, of Louisburg, who was riding with Miss Beasley, was admitted to a local hospital. The exact extent of her injuries had not been determined. Investigating officers said the accident occurred on a straight stretch of highway. Both cars overturned and were demolished.

Mrs. Cooper returned home Sunday night after examination at a hospital in Durham, but was taken back Monday for treatment of a broken jaw and other injuries.

ROSE BOWL GAME MOVED TO DURHAM

Pasadena, Calif. — The New Year's Day football game scheduled to be held in the Rose Bowl between Duke University and Oregon State College was officially transferred Monday to Durham, N. C., home of Duke.

Director of Athletics Percy Looney of Oregon State announced the official transfer after a telephone conversation with Wallace Wade, athletic director and coach of Duke.



MR. W. N. FULLER, SR.

Program For Christmas Community Tree Sunday, Dec. 21, 3:00 P. M. at Louisburg Armory

1. Mills School Band—Medley of Christmas Carols.
2. Bible Reading and Prayer, Dr. A. Paul Bagby.
3. Christmas Anthem—Miss Frances Ann Earl, Miss Jane Moon, Miss Martha Grey King.
4. The Story of the Other Wise Man—Mrs. Frank R. Rose.
5. Christmas Carols.
6. Talk by Rev. L. F. Kent.
7. Christmas Anthem—Methodist Choir.
8. Mills School Band.
9. Benediction—Rev. Forrest D. Hedden.

Train-Truck Wreck

As a result of a collision of a big tobacco scrap transport truck and a Seaboard Air Line train at the Bunn road crossing Friday afternoon, H. P. Rhodes, of Wendell, driver, was seriously injured and the truck badly damaged. Rhodes was given first aid treatment by Dr. J. B. Wheelless and sent to a hospital in Rocky Mount for treatment of a badly crushed nose and other injuries. The truck was taken to Wendell by a wrecking crew of that town.

Rhodes was alone in the truck at the time, and evidently failed to see the train. The train operator on the branch line between Franklinton and Louisburg.

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The Cotton market will be closed for the same two days.

The Banks at Louisburg and Franklinton will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of the Christmas tide.

The Drug Stores will be closed on Christmas day only.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Co., of Henderson, announces it will be closed on Thursday and Friday in observance of Christmas.

W. N. FULLER, SR., DEAD

Former County Accountant Passes at Hospital Following Serious Illness

Mr. W. Norwood Fuller, one of Louisburg's most popular and prominent business men, died at a hospital in Raleigh, Monday night about 11 o'clock, following a serious illness. He was 51 years of age and is survived by his wife, the former Miss Lena Wilder, three brothers, F. M. Fuller, of Louisburg, Perry W. Fuller, of Baltimore, Md., and Eugene Fuller, and one sister, Mrs. F. J. Beasley, of Baltimore, Md. He was the son of the late R. F. Fuller and Rilla Edwards Fuller.

Mr. Fuller was prominent in local political circles having served as office deputy under the late Sheriff Henry A. Kearney and Sheriff W. H. Allen, and was County Accountant from 1932 to 1939. It was under his supervision that the Franklin County Court House was remodeled and modernized. He was the proprietor of the Fuller Motor Co. He was a devoted and active member of the Louisburg Baptist Church.

Earlier in the year, he lost his son, the only child, W. N. Fuller, Jr., in an automobile accident near Selma.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home on Sunset Avenue, conducted by Rev. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church and interment was made in Oakwood Cemetery. Both services were largely attended and the floral tribute was especially large and pretty. The pallbearers were: J. H. Boone, Perry W. Wheeler, Chas. P. Green, George Fuller, W. O. Fuller, George Griffin, N. D. Medlin.

The bereaved family has the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY QUOTA \$2,000



MR. J. E. MALONE

Facts On The Red Cross Drive

J. E. Malone, Chairman of the War Emergency Fund Drive, advises that up to Noon Wednesday, 35 donations of \$25.00 each had been received, amounting to \$875.00. This was the result of a drive beginning Tuesday morning to obtain 40 such donations before going to the public generally for contributions of smaller amounts. He advises that the response and the spirit in which these gifts have been made have been most gratifying and inspiring and the goal of 40 donations will unquestionably be reached. This will cover one-half of the entire quota.

Headquarters will be opened in the Commissioners room of the Court House Saturday, December 29th. All persons desiring to contribute are urged to carry or mail their contributions to these Headquarters just as early as possible.

LATER—Chairman Malone reported yesterday having received 42 subscriptions at \$25 each, making a total of \$1,050.00.

ANNUAL ROLL CALL AND WAR EMERGENCY DRIVE OF RED CROSS

These two must not be confused. The full report of the Annual Roll Call will be made in next week's FRANKLIN TIMES. The War Emergency Fund will be completed by the 31st of December. In this last drive Louisburg area is asked for \$2,000.00. We are well on our way to this goal, and shall, no doubt, reach it.

The Annual Roll Call up to this time may be briefly summed up as follows: Over 725 members enrolled; about \$850.00 given. This is apart from the Junior Red Cross, which will enroll almost every grade in every school in the county.

A. PAUL BAGBY, Chairman, Louisburg Red Cross.

AIR RAID WARNING SERVICE

I have just received from the Office of the Commanding General the following:

"We request that every effort be made in this emergency to complete the organization of all observation posts and prepare them to begin 24 hour operation on a moment's notice."

With the unselfish service of a few individuals at each of the fourteen Observation Posts in Franklin County, we have developed a splendid service, however, it is unfair for us to burden a few with this work. There should be at least twenty-five observers serving each of these posts. We earnestly request all persons, able to assist in this service to get in touch with the Chief Observer at each post and ascertain how you may serve. If you do not know who these Chief Observers are, you may inquire at your nearest school and you will be informed as to your nearest Observation Post.

Please do this at once. E. H. MALONE, Chairman, Franklin Co. Defense Council.

CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITIES LEFT FOR LOUISBURG

- Opportunity No. 5, widow with two daughters and one son.
- Opportunity No. 6, Man, wife, two daughters and one son.
- Opportunity No. 10, Elderly man, wife, three daughters.
- Opportunity No. 11, Widow and daughter.
- Opportunity No. 12, Man, wife, small boy and small girl.

IN RED CROSS "WAR FUND" DRIVE

J. E. Malone Named Chairman of War Emergency Drive Here; National Red Cross To Raise \$50,000,000

James E. Malone, local attorney, was named chairman of the local Red Cross war fund drive in a meeting of the Executive Red Cross Committee in the court-house Thursday afternoon.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. A. Paul Bagby, general chairman of the Louisburg-Franklin County Red Cross chapter, who, during the meeting expressed his appreciation for the splendid cooperation the chapter had received throughout the county in the Annual Roll Call just completed. Dr. Bagby reported that the schools in Franklin County, both white and colored had responded 100 per cent in enrolling in the Junior Red Cross division. Roll Call funds are expected to total \$850 when all the reports are in, Dr. Bagby said.

War Fund Chairman Malone, whose election was unanimous, has announced that the existing county Red Cross organization, which has scored such success in the Roll Call, would, with a few minor changes, be called again into action to contact Franklin County people in what was described "as a definite responsibility for Red Cross service to our armed forces and civilians."

Chairman Malone called attention to the fact that in this war the Red Cross is the sole agency doing relief and camp work in the armed forces of our country which in the last war was shared by the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, The Knights of Columbus and other social agencies. "The burden of non-military and military force relief will in this war fall directly on the shoulders of the American Red Cross as never before in history," Mr. Malone said. "We cannot fail our own people in this crisis."

To keep people informed as to the progress of the war fund drive, results will be published in the FRANKLIN TIMES as they become available and a signboard will be placed in front of the courthouse with the names posted thereon of those persons who have opened their hearts and pocketbooks to the need of the nation at war. Names to be placed on the signboard will be those of persons who give \$25, \$10 or \$5 to the war fund. Names of donors will also be published in the FRANKLIN TIMES.

Mrs. R. W. Smithwick, county production chairman, during the meeting, issued a strong appeal for ladies to volunteer in the making of Red Cross supplies such as clothing, layettes and bandages. Mrs. Smithwick said that she could be reached by telephone at any time and said that there were a large quantity of supplies on hand at her home here. Ladies can do their part by giving their spare time to Red Cross production work. Mrs. Smithwick said. Again the urgent need of volunteers was pointed out.

The appeal of the Red Cross was voiced by the President when he said "All this is not a sacrifice, but rather a privilege."

War Fund Chairman Malone said the appeal for donations would be based on the fact that there are hundreds of Franklin County men in the armed forces of our country, both in training and in active service defending our homes from both the Pacific and Atlantic. "This \$2,000 we are asked to raise seems so little compared to the lives these Franklin County boys are ready to lay down to defend our homes and our way of life," Mr. Malone said.

VOLUNTEER DEFENSE SERVICE

Franklin County is called upon to volunteer for service in the National Defense. We are asking every person in Franklin County who can give a part of his or her time to this service to register at your nearest store, giving your name, township, and mailing address, with the understanding that you will give such reasonable service as you may be called upon to render during the present emergency. While we will all have to make sacrifices, the service asked for will not be burdensome on any one and we urge you to act at once.

Your local merchant is requested to send in these names to the Defense Council, Louisburg, N. C. Please register at once.

FRANKLIN COUNTY DEFENSE COUNCIL

The grand champion steer of the 42nd annual International Livestock Exposition, held recently in Chicago, was sold at auction for \$3.30 a pound, the same price paid for last year's champion.

RED CROSS WAR FUND CAMPAIGN

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, our country has been viciously attacked and forced into a war of vast proportions, which will inevitably bring grief and distress to many and self-sacrifice to all; and

WHEREAS, for more than sixty years the American National Red Cross has played a vital role in binding up the wounds of the injured, in sheltering, feeding, and clothing the homeless, in succoring the distressed, in rebuilding broken lives, and in rehabilitating the victims of catastrophes of nature and of war; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for just such an emergency as we are now facing, the American National Red Cross has been spending funds at the rate of more than one million dollars a month, which is but a small fraction of the amount that the organization now requires in order to carry out effectively its functions as an essential auxiliary of our armed forces, particularly as a friendly liaison in welfare problems between the man in service and his family at home, and as a key agency in the civil-defense plans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, and President of the American National Red Cross, do hereby proclaim the beginning, as of this date, of a Red Cross War Fund Campaign for the raising of a minimum sum of fifty million dollars; and I appeal to the American people to make this campaign an overwhelming success. Realizing the desire of every American to participate in the national war effort, I confidently anticipate an immediate and spontaneous response to this appeal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixty-sixth.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

By the President:
CORDELL HULL,
Secretary of State.