

... again we reach that joyous season when children in many lands, with the very light of the star of Bethlehem reflected in their eyes, hear the blessed story of the birth of the Savior; and parents pray fervently that a lasting peace on earth and goodwill may come out of chaos and strife which now envelopes the globe. And again it is our privilege to extend to every reader of this newspaper, at home or in far away lands, greetings and a wish that each may have

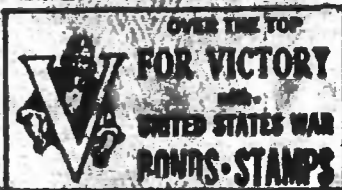
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### Allies Continue In Offensive Actions

#### Russians Drive Nazis Westward

Allied forces on many parts of the globe today continued their offensive actions against Axis powers. Some of the war news highlights were contained in the following news dispatches:

**Reds Drive Westward**  
Moscow.—The Red armies fanning across the middle Don river with gathering speed have seized Kamensky, north of the key city of Rostov, in their effort to throw a noose around perhaps 1,000,000 Germans extended deep into the Caucasus and before Stalingrad, the Soviets announced yesterday. A special Soviet communique announced this gain and other news and said for the second time that "our troops are pursuing the disordered retreat of the German fascist troops..."  
Popovka and Morozovka, astride the Moscow-Rostov railway about midway between Millerovo and Gronesh, were among several dozen populated places liberated by the onrushing Red armies, the communique said.

**French Forces Attack**  
London, Dec. 22.—French forces operating south of Tunis under newly-established Allied aerial superiority reported tonight they had captured "numerous prisoners, armored vehicles and artillery" in one section while beating off repeated Axis counterattacks in another.

The Axis forces entrenched in this main foothold in North Africa, however, were found to be in strong positions by Allied Command troops which, it was disclosed today, raided northern Tunisia last week at a point within five miles of the big Axis naval base of Bizerte.

The activity of the French forces was disclosed in two dispatches reaching London late tonight.

**Japs Are Cornered**  
With U. S. Troops Somewhere In New Guinea, Dec. 22.—More than 100 pillboxes with many Japanese dead in each one were found behind today on Cape Endaladere as American and Australian troops pushed the enemy into narrowing coastal sectors with a combined length of approximately five miles.

Sweeping inland from Cape Endaladere, which was captured Saturday in a fierce assault, the Australians had advanced one mile to Semlin creek. Simultaneously the Americans completed capture of the new airstrip at Buna and its defending pillboxes.

The Japanese caught inside this pressure apparently had withdrawn to a point on the coast where the next big battle probably will be fought.

#### Soldier From Wilkes Dies At Fort Knox, Ky.

Messages have been received here of the death of Pvt. Walter J. Gwyn, of Ronda, at Fort Knox, Ky.

Pvt. Gwyn was a son of Bob Gwyn, well known colored resident of the Ronda community. The body will arrive on Friday train and it is expected that the funeral will be held the following day.

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### WILKES Men In The SERVICE

**Pvt. Charlie O'Neal Visits Home**  
Pvt. Charlie O'Neal, who is stationed at Camp Butler, was a week-end visitor here with his mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, and also visited Miss Alma Wyatt. Pvt. O'Neal was inducted in the army Sept. 15, 1942, and is planning on a furlough during Christmas or New Year.

**Donald Melville Going Into The Navy**  
Donald Melville, who has been working at Cherry Point for the past few months, has been accepted in the Seabees division of the navy and will be inducted at Raleigh January 4. Mrs. Melville will meet her home here. Mr. Melville is a navy veteran, having served four years in the navy several years ago.

**Pvt. Dave C. Lowe At Camp Rucker**  
Pvt. Dave C. Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lowe, of Pores Knob, is stationed at Camp Rucker, Alabama. Pvt. Lowe entered the army in June and has been at Camp Rucker since he was assigned out at the induction center.

**Bob McNeil At Home**  
Bob McNeil, who is in the marine corps and is stationed at Quantico, Va., is home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. McNeill, in the Maple Springs community.

**Pvt. Vaughn Jennings Ill With Pneumonia**  
Pvt. Vaughn Jennings has been ill with a severe attack of pneumonia at Buckley Field, Colorado, according to messages received by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jennings, of Pores Knob. Friends will be glad to learn that Pvt. Jennings is now recovering. Before entering the service he was a member of Wilkesboro high school faculty.

#### BROTHER OF MISS LITTLE KILLED IN ACTION IN AFRICA

Miss Evelyn Little, who is in charge of the laboratory at the Wilkes hospital, has received news of the death of her brother, Pvt. Phillip Little, who was killed in action in north Africa recently. Miss Little's brother was a member of a tank corps in the north Africa invasion.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Little, of Catawba.

Workers in occupied Holland don't answer advertisements featuring attractive jobs in the Russian Ukraine, with "room, board, and clothing free."

#### Grand Jury Delivers Favorable Report To Court

With the exception of needed repairs at the county jail, the grand jury in Wilkes court last week gave its approval to practically all things inspected.

The following report was submitted by J. H. Davis, grand jury foreman, to Judge Felix E. Alley, presiding:

"The Grand Jury begs to submit the following report:

Number of bills examined, 23; Number of true bills, 26; Number continued for lack of evidence, 2.

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### IN ENGLAND



Sgt. Pilot Hale Jones, who recently graduated from a flying school in Canada and is now in the Royal Canadian Air Force, has arrived at some point in England, according to messages received here by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones. Sgt. Jones is a bomber pilot and will be transferred soon to the American Army air forces in England, in which he will have the rank of second lieutenant.

### Wilkes Sailor Killed

Arnold Sheets has been killed in action with the U. S. naval forces in the South Pacific, according to reports received here.

Sheets was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Sheets, of Union township. According to reports received here, his parents have received official notice of his death from the navy department.

Sheets was the first Wilkes man to lose his life in action against the enemy in World War number 2.

#### Journal-Patriot Not To Be Issued Monday, Dec. 28

In order that the staff may have a few days holiday rest, the Journal-Patriot will not be issued on Monday, December 28.

It has been a custom of this newspaper for the past several years to omit one issue during Christmas week and advance notice is given in order that subscribers may not be disappointed.

Office of The Journal-Patriot will be closed on Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26, along with practically all other business offices and stores in North Wilkesboro.

### Winter Strikes

#### Traffic Is Tied Up On Tuesday By Ice On Highways

Winter weather has been prevailing with a vengeance here this week.

On Tuesday afternoon a slick coat of ice covered everything following a drizzling rainfall during the day. The temperature remained far below freezing throughout the day.

Many were the groans of disappointment from children and some adults who wanted snow for Christmas.

Traffic was almost paralyzed throughout western North Carolina Tuesday evening as the highways and streets were ice coated.

Many minor motor accidents were reported, and many were the hard falls of pedestrians on the sidewalks Tuesday afternoon.

Luckily, no one was seriously hurt.

Many motorists, without chains became stranded along the highways as their cars and trucks slid off the ice-coated pavements. Occasionally there was a dented or smashed fender, but the majority of motorists who braved the bad weather proceeded with extreme caution and accidents were held to a minimum.

The weather was mild and clear yesterday and the ice which made any kind of travel so dangerous disappeared.

#### Rev. Fred H. Shinn Not To Be Called

Application For Chaplain Service In The Navy Is Turned Down

Rev. Fred H. Shinn, pastor of the Wilkesboro and Union Methodist churches, will not be called, for the present at least, to serve as a chaplain in the United States Navy, according to a letter received last week by Rev. Mr. Shinn.

The Wilkesboro pastor has been under consideration for service as a chaplain by naval authorities for sometime, and at the time of his appointment as pastor of the Wilkesboro charge Rev. Mr. Shinn was expecting his call at most any time.

If the minor ear defect that has held up Rev. Mr. Shinn's appointment is not waived in the near future by naval authorities, Rev. Mr. Shinn will finish out his year's work with the Wilkesboro and Union Methodist churches.

Names for 24 Liberty ships, submitted by school children, winners in the national salvage campaign, and approved by the Maritime Commission, include 3 Protestants, 5 U. S. Senators, 3 frontiersmen, 3 famous Indians, and 2 flyers—Colin P. Kelly and Amelia Earhart.

### In Medical School



Pvt. Archie E. Church, who was inducted into the army at Jewel Ridge, Va., in October, 1942, is now stationed at Robins Field, Warner Robins, Ga., where he has been assigned to the army medical corps schools. Pvt. Church is a son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Church, of the Goshen community.

### 'Jehovah's Witnesses' Win Motion

#### Motion to Dismiss the Warrants Allowed In Court

Three members of "Jehovah's Witnesses" who appealed convictions from the city court here to the Wilkes superior court won their cases on motions before Judge Felix E. Alley.

Judge Alley allowed their motions to quash the warrants and notice of appeal was given to the supreme court.

Andrew Yeatts, H. E. Oehling and E. W. Oehling were convicted in city court for three consecutive weeks for violating an ordinance which forbids distribution of literature or soliciting on the streets without obtaining a permit from the city clerk. The defendants admitted they had distributed "Watchtower" and "Consolation", two of the publications of their sect, and had not obtained permits.

Motion to quash the warrants was made on the form of the ordinance. In their first case here they were given a 30-day road sentence suspended and in subsequent cases were given road sentences not suspended.

Other cases disposed of during the latter days of the December term of Wilkes court follow:

Georgia Cashion versus J. W. (Continued on page eight)

### Holiday Trade Sets New High In Sales

#### Marriage License

License to wed were issued during the past week by C. C. Sidden, Wilkes register of deeds, to two couples: F. W. Laws, of Timberlake, and Mrs. Ruth D. Keener, of Durham; Ruel Pardue and Valle Adams, both of Ronda.

#### VICTORY FUND GOAL REACHED

#### Lucas Thanks The Journal-Patriot For Part In Making Bond Drive Success

United States Treasury campaign to borrow nine billion dollars in December has gone over the top in a big way and the goal has been more than reached.

John Paul Lucas, Jr., of Charlotte, and who is well known here as an executive of the main office of Duke Power company, is director of information for the Carolina Victory Fund Committee.

Today The Journal-Patriot received from Mr. Lucas the following letter relative to the victory fund campaign:

"As the United States Treasury campaign to raise nine billion dollars in December through the volunteer services of Victory Fund Committee draws to a successful close we thank you for the part you have had in making this campaign effective in your community through news coverage and promotion.

The Victory Fund Program has, of course, just begun—so long as we have a war to fight and to finance it must continue. It is apparent to all of us that in succeeding drives the need for bringing all guns to bear will be increasingly acute.

#### Christmas Service St. Paul's Church

The Christmas Festival service will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church on Christmas day at 5:30 p. m. The altar will be lighted from the glow of candles. The chancel and sanctuary will be decorated with evergreens and flowers. The service will consist of congregational singing of Christmas carols and hymns led by a choir in vestments; prayer for a world at war, and a sermon by the rector, Rev. B. M. Lackey, on the subject, "The Characteristics of the Shepherds of Bethlehem."

The public is invited to attend this service and join with St. Paul's congregation in honoring the Christ Child, and giving praise and thanksgiving to God for His many blessings, and especially for our country that allows its citizens to worship God according to their own consciences.

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#### Records Broken In Gift Buying

Holiday trade here and in other parts of the country today had broken all records.

With but very few exceptions, North Wilkesboro stores and business houses will close this evening for the week and will not be open again until Monday morning.

Holiday trade has been exceptionally heavy here for a week and shoppers have rapidly unloaded the shelves of local mercantile establishment. Christmas eve buying today is expected to swell the volume of holiday trade to unprecedented volume, despite the fact that many items are off the market because of the war.

One reason for the record sales this season was early buying. Fearing congested malls, Christmas mailing began many weeks ago, especially to men in the service overseas and to distant points in this country.

In addition to practically all of the stores, many public offices will be closed on both Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26, this week. Both banks will be closed on both days, as well as county offices in the courthouse and both rationing board offices.

With traffic curtailed by strict gasoline rationing, and with public transportation facilities crowded, a quiet Christmas in this part of the country is forecast.

#### Myers Tourist Home Damaged

#### Fire Tuesday Noon Practically Ruined Residence Of Mrs. J. I. Myers

Fire at noon Tuesday badly damaged the residence of Mrs. J. I. Myers on B Street.

When discovered, the flames had made much headway in the interior of the large frame building and spread almost instantly over parts of the first and second floors.

The fire department answered the call promptly but was delayed by a frozen hydrant and the flames made great headway.

Roof and upper rooms of the house were destroyed and fire, smoke and water practically ruined all contents of the residence, which has been one of the most popular tourist homes here.

#### L. T. Barnard Is Hurt In Accident

L. T. Barnard, well known citizen of the Cricket community, and his daughter, Mrs. Claude C. Caudill, were injured in an auto accident near Danville, Va., Monday morning.

Mr. Barnard was driving the car of Mrs. Caudill, who was on her way to Baltimore to make her home with her husband, when the accident occurred. The car skidded on the icy pavement into a transport truck.

Mr. Barnard sustained a fractured neck bone and other injuries. Mrs. Caudill received a fractured arm. Mr. Caudill has been removed from a Danville hospital to his home and is now recovering.