

1945

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Shelby Daily Star

- State Theatre Today -
"My Gal Loves Music"
Starring
BOB CROSBY

WEATHER
Mostly cloudy and much colder weather tonight and Tuesday. Snow flurries west portion this afternoon and tonight with temperatures 22-26 in extreme west tonight.

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Drive Into German Salient Gains

Fifth Army Recaptures All Positions Taken By Nazis In Recent Drive

ROME, Jan. 1.—(P)—Fifth Army troops pressing forward in the Serchio river area of the Italian front, have recaptured all the ground taken by the Germans east of the river in their recent heavy attack, Allied headquarters announced today.

Advancing from Barga, which was retaken yesterday, the American forces drove a mile and a half and occupied the hill town of Sommacolina, which had been one of the first strongholds to fall before the abortive enemy offensive.

On the Po valley front eighth army troops continue to move forward north of Faenza, capturing several localities against strong enemy resistance.

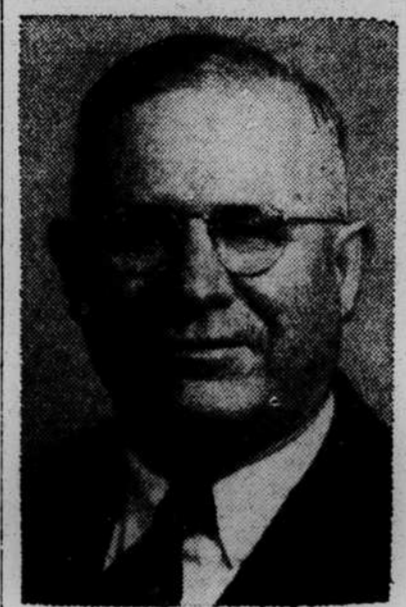
Fifth army troops also made small gains west of the Serchio river under fire from Germans entrenched in the hills overlooking Galliano.

The allied advance on the east side of the river amounted to about four miles in the last few days.

Allied patrols on the right flank of the fifth army sector below Bologna were met by heavy German fire while attempting to cross the Senior river, near Rivola, and had to withdraw.

Meanwhile, the Germans stepped up their heavy mortar fire in the central sector adjacent to the Florence-Bologna highway.

The Tyrrhenian coastal sector, where unusual Nazi movements had been reported, was quiet today.



ADDED DUTIES—Sam C. Lattimore, native Clevelander who has been vice-president of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia for the past decade, today entered upon additional duties as vice-president of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia, another Farm Security Administration unit serving the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida territories.

Death Toll In Wreck Above 50; 60 Injured

Speeding Mail Express Train Crashes Into Rear Of Passenger Train On Causeway

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 1.—(P)—Some 50 persons died and 60 others were injured in the Sunday crash of a speeding Southern Pacific mail-express and a slowly-moving passenger train—both west-bound—on a fog-shrouded causeway in shallow waters of Great Salt Lake.

FURTHER GIFTS MADE CENTER

Final Reports Expected To Press \$50,000 Goal For 1944

Nine further contributions from individuals and firms today swelled the Shelby and Cleveland County's fund for a community center project and gave indication that when final reports are in the \$50,000 goal for 1944 will have been attained.

Thad C. Ford, treasurer, said that several of the special soliciting committees had not completed reports this morning but additional monies are expected from individuals and firms.

- Contributors listed today were:
- George Blanton \$200
 - Hugh's Jewelry \$125
 - Harry Cohen \$250
 - Union Trust Co. \$180
 - First National Bank \$100
 - Johnnie Brewer \$100
 - Charles I. Dover \$100
 - Jack Dover \$100
 - Cleveland Lumber Co. \$250
- Contributions of \$15,000 each from the Shelby Cotton Mill and the Dover group of mills last week launched the fund on a year-end drive expected to have swelled the total to \$50,000. Further contributions will be received in 1945 and continuingly, several individuals having indicated a purpose to contribute memorials to individual men who have given their lives in service in World War II.

Hour Parking Goes Into Effect Today

For the first time in nearly two years, Shelby's one-hour parking law for the business district went into effect this morning and officers were making their rounds marking cars.

Those who get police tickets will report to George Patterson, Jr., police magistrate between 4 p. m. and 6 p. m. each afternoon. Penalties will be assessed only during those hours.

The board of aldermen decided to enforce restricted parking at the last November meeting.

WHAT'S DOING

- TODAY**
- 7:00 p. m.—Boy Scouts of First Baptist church meet at church.
 - 7:00 p. m.—Junior Chamber of Commerce meets at Charles hotel.
 - 7:30 p. m.—Piedmont Boy Scout court of honor meets at court house.
 - 7:30 p. m.—American Legion and Legion Auxiliary sponsor New Year's party at Legion building.
- TUESDAY**
- 7:00 p. m.—City council meets at city hall.
 - 7:30 p. m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

U. S. Will Continue To Recognize Exile Polish Government In London

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(P)—The United States continues to recognize the exile Polish government in London despite claims of the Soviet-sponsored regime at Lublin to be Poland's provisional government.

Secretary of State Stettinius so stated today as the diplomatic front took on an extraordinarily busy character for the New Year's day holiday.

There were these developments on the American diplomatic front: 1. French Ambassador Henri Binnet made a formal call on

JAP DEAD ON LEYTE 117,997

Yanks Use Indian Warfare Tactics In Mopping Up Campaign

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Jan. 1.—(P)—Doughboys mopping up Leyte resorted to warfare in the style of the American Indian—moving rapidly by night and striking isolated pockets at dawn—as they brought to 117,997 the total Japanese dead on the bloody Philippine island.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communique today that 1,191 more Japanese had been killed in the 24 hours ended Friday.

Organized resistance on Leyte was declared ended Christmas day, but small bands of Japanese still roamed the rugged country, foraging for food and fleeing the Yanks, who control the Ormoc valley and all main roads.

POKETS

In Indian style, MacArthur's men were pursuing these scattered remnants of Nippon's blue ribbon divisions, wiping out pockets of 200 to 300 men marooned on the northwest shoulder of the island.

The Japanese hurried new air and installations at Mindoro Island on Saturday but 14 of 32 attacking planes were shot down, MacArthur reported. In two days of such assaults 22 enemy aircraft have been destroyed.

No mention was made of American casualties or damage.

Liberators operating off Mindoro

Schools Reopen After Holidays

Shelby public schools reopened today after the Christmas holidays, which began Dec. 20.

There will be no other break for the remainder of the school year ending June 1, unless an epidemic or bad weather forces it, according to W. E. Abernethy, superintendent of schools.

There were no changes or resignations in the faculty as the schools resumed operation.

'Germany Will Never Capitulate,' Defiant Hitler Tells World

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Adolf Hitler warned his people today that the defeatists within their midst would be destroyed and declared that "the end of the war will not come before 1946 unless by a German victory, because Germany will never capitulate."

In a speech that sounded apathetic Hitler described the war as "a merciless struggle for existence" and said, "we are going to destroy everybody who does not take part in the common effort for the country or who makes himself a tool of the enemy."

His radio address broke a silence of more than five months but did not completely erase the mystery that has surrounded him since the night of July 20 when he hurried to the microphone and told of a bombing attempt on his life.

Most veteran London monitors agreed that the speech was in Hitler's voice. However, Louis P. Lochner, chief of the former Associated Press bureau in Berlin, said that if the voice was Hitler's he is a totally changed man. Lochner pointed out that the speech imitated Hitler as far as pronunciation was concerned but was "completely lacking in the old Hitler passion and consuming fervor."

GHOST VOICE

The broadcast was broken frequently by an incoherent ghost voice. The German radio said Hitler spoke "from his headquarters." There was some speculation in London that it might have been a recording.

Declaring that Germany's foes have prophesied the collapse of the reich every year, Hitler said

FLEEING NEGRO ATTACKS FOGLE

Seven Stitches Required To Close Gash In His Neck

A coal tuff, whom Henry Fogle chased out of the basement of his home on Suttle street Saturday night, turned on Mr. Fogle, severely cutting and biting him about the neck and shoulder. Seven stitches were required to close the gash on Mr. Fogle's neck, a slash which narrowly missed his jugular vein.

Mr. Fogle told police that he thought he heard a dog in his basement and opened the door and shouted for it to come out. Whereupon this negro, whom he did not recognize, ran over him getting out of the basement. He chased the negro back over towards Highway 74 and caught him near a little stream where he was attacked by the negro with knife and teeth.

Mr. Fogle was taken to the Shelby hospital for first aid and was later dismissed.

Police are making an intense search for the negro and say they believe they are making progress in the case.

HOEY LEAVING FOR CAPITAL

Takes Senate Seat Wednesday; Slated For Important Posts

Senator-elect Clyde R. Hoey leaves tonight for Washington where on Wednesday he will take his seat as a member of the United States Senate succeeding Robert R. Reynolds in that office.

At Washington Senator Hoey will be no newcomer to the Congressional scene, having served in Congress 25 years ago for one term after which he declined to offer for re-election.

As he prepared today to close his office here Senator Hoey expressed his gratitude to the people of his home community for all the courtesies and consideration shown him and especially for the tribute given in the testimonial dinner at the Armory Thursday night.

Washington observers feel Senator Hoey is destined to play a vital role in "winning the peace," for they see him virtually certain to occupy a seat on the important senate foreign relations and military affairs committee.

Mr. Hoey has previously indicated he would like also a place on the agricultural committee because North Carolina has come to be one of the principal agricultural states but for half a century has not been represented on the senate agricultural committee.

At Washington he will reside at the Raleigh hotel.

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TIRE THEFTS CLEARED UP

Eight Local Men Involved Are Bound Over To Superior Court

Two recent tire robberies involving entrances into the Wilson and Cabiness service station on North LaFayette street and the theft therefrom of 16 tires were cleared up this morning as eight defendants, six of them white men, and two negroes were bound over to Superior court in connection with the two alleged crimes.

William Franklin Shull, Ben Dixon, Jr., Dwight Billy Wellmon, Louis Hamrick, Jr. and Tom Cabiness, Jr., were all bound over on the charge of breaking and entering. Ben Dover, who operates a filling station on the Dover road, Eugene Wilson and Charlie Williams, the latter two negroes, were also held for Superior court on charges of receiving stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen.

Police have been working on this case for the past three days and traced the stolen tires over devious paths into South Carolina where they were said to have been finally sold. Word was received by police from South Carolina this morning that the value of the tires could be recovered but not the tires themselves. Further investigation is being made into this end of the case.

BOYS TESTIFY

After police had offered their evidence this morning through Officer Paul Stamey, Ben Dixon, Jr., took the stand and told about the first robbery and Louis Hamrick, Jr., gave details on the last job.

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Patton's Men Advance 6 Miles Into Southern Flank Of Enemy Bulge

PARIS, Jan. 1.—(P)—The U. S. Third Army had advanced up to six miles through the southern flank of the German bulge and smeared enemy counterattacks on the Bastogne corridor, destroying or damaging 94 enemy tanks, front dispatches filed just before noon Sunday said.

The dispatches were released tonight.

Infantry, tanks and self propelled guns of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's divisions moved forward from two to six miles along a 12-mile front on both sides of St. Hubert, 15 miles west of Bastogne and near the southwest limit of the salient thrust into Allied lines by Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's Christmas offensive.

Well to the southeast near the French fortress town of Bitche, the Germans smashed at the U. S. Seventh Army's line with five successive counterattacks in widely scattered sectors in what may be the start of another major blow by the German commander. Initial reports made no mention of sizable gains.

Good weather permitted widespread air activity and at least 125 German planes were destroyed over several airfields in Belgium, which the enemy bombed and strafed.

Bitche is a strong point in the old Maginot line, 13 miles south of the industrial city of Zweibrucken in the Bavarian Palatinate.

Front dispatches from the Belgian bulge said Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's divisions were striking heavily northeastward from the Bastogne salient in an effort to narrow the 13-mile waist of the German penetration. The enemy counterattacked heavily southeast and southwest of Bastogne in another vain effort to pinch off that road center. The counterattack was

1,600 U. S. Planes Blast Oil Refinery

Raid Carries Air Offensive Through Tenth Consecutive Day

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(P)—More than 1,600 American warplanes today hit a German oil refinery at Dollebergen, northwest of Brunswick, and the railroad network in the Coblenz area. At least 800 Fortresses, headed by 800 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, took part in the attack on the 10th successive day of one of the war's greatest sustained offensives.

Last night Lancasters of the RAF bomber command attacked the railroad yard at Osterfeld in the Ruhr and large fires were left burning.

The air ministry announced that British Mosquitos raided Gestapo headquarters in Oslo, Norway, and that Lancasters, escorted by Mustangs and Spitfires of the RAF fighter command and RAF second tactical air force, bombed railroad yards at Vohwinkel, south of the Ruhr.

Other Mosquitos attacked and left afire two medium-sized enemy merchantmen in Flekke Fjord, southeast of Egersund, in southern Norway.

The air ministry said seven planes of the bomber command and one of the coastal command were missing from the day's operations.

NAZIS PUSHED BACK IN BUDA

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(P)—Hard-fighting Russian shock troops have hurled the Germans out of two-thirds of Buda, the western half of Budapest and today nearly the Danube embankment in the center of the burning Hungarian capital.

Battling amidst scenes of slaughter unrivaled since Stalingrad, Red army unit overran 300 blocks of houses and buildings in Buda yesterday, while in Pest, eastern half of the capital, Soviet spearheads had driven three miles into inner defenses.

Simultaneously, north of the city Russian troops smashed their last enemy remnants trapped in the Pills hills in the Danube knee and swept the Germans out of northeastern Hungary into Slovakia on a 200-mile front from the mouth of the Ipoly river to the frontier town of Satoraljaihely.

SCORED SUCCESSES

The Russians scored other successes on the Hungarian front yesterday, plunging to within six miles southeast of the Slovak rail junction of Losonc (Lučenec), 55 miles northeast of Budapest, and made a new crossing of the Iron river at two points west of Leva (Levice). In the latter sector the Russians were only 65 miles from Bratislava and 93 east of Vienna.

Meanwhile, Nazi commentators on the Berlin radio told of Russian preparations for a big winter offensive. They said the Red army was massing men and materials on the way to Krakow, southern Polish stronghold on the threshold of German Silesia, and were probing Nazi lines in east Prussia.

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