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# Fog Attends Birth Of 1945 In This Area

Nineteen hundred and forty-five Nineteen hundred and forty-five arrived amid pea soup fog, con-siderable noise and lugubrious weather but quickly burst into a bright, sunny, although a bit blus-tery, day such as New Year's ought to be.

The new year was ushered in amid high hopes for what it holds in store during the unfolding next 12 months. A war-weary world generally wishes peace to attend its course.

Watch night services were held by congregations at the First Bap-tist, Central Methodist and other churches last night. The audience at First Baptist joined hands in a circle around the large auditorium to launch the 100th's anniversary and Crusade year of the Southern Baptist denomination, a year in which a million dollars is to be raised for postwar mission work. At Central Methodist a unique young people's service attended the change in year, while firecrackers broke the silence as some youngsters celebrated more noisily the birth of 1945. The stork, however, seemed a

discouraged old bird for not a youngster had he delivered by early afternoon at Shelby hospital-and a nurse said there were no prospects of a youngster's appearing there today to claim the many gifts with which local merchants plan a princely welcome for the year's first born.

# **DEATH TOLL**

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coach ahead of it. Cars of the express section piled

up crossways of the tracks behind the engine, some of them sliding down the causeway embankment into water.

James McDonald of Ogden, 64year-old engineer of the second train, was scalded to death over has promised the Chinese a conhis throttle as his locomotive rip-

ped into the rear-end sleeper. However, McDonald's fireman, M. E. Hardman of Ogden, rode one year after the end of hostilithrow light on possible causes of the collision.

Carl O. Olsen, general agent of the Southern Pacific at Salt Lake City, and other officials declined the railroad's San Francisco headquarters. TELESCOPED

Most of the dead were taken from the rear Pullman car and from the telescoped coach. At least 28 were military servof victory. ice men.

the accident but ordered an immediate investigation.

Federal bureau of investigation agents disclosed a preliminary inquiry showed no evidence of sabo-

### THE SHELBY DAILY STAR SHELBY, N. C.

# **R. T. WILSON** DEATH VICTIM

Robert Thomas Wilson, 41, a life-long resident of Lattimore, died Saturday night at 11 o'clock at his home after an illness of eight years.

Funeral services will be held at the Lattimore Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by the Rev. C. C. Crowe, pastor of the church, who will be assisted by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby. The body will lie in state from 1:30 until 2 o'clock.

Surviving Mr. Wilson are his-wife, four brothers: Wilbur Wil-son of Shelby, Malcolm Wilson of Lattimore, Charles Wilson of Washington, D. C., and Paul Wilson, who is serving in the navy stationed at Fort Worth, Texas, two sisters, Misses Irene and Ima Jean Wilson of Shelby. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kammie Wilson of Lat-

timore. He was formerly employed by the North Carolina state highway department, prior to his illness.



to the last ditch. That's the lesson which we should

get from Hitler's speech, and we Joey Stazenski Goes shall indeed be foolish if we don't take it to heart. The length of **Out With Old Year** this war will depend on the striking power we create. That really puts it up to us of the homefront,

for our soldiers can be depended to do more than their share—and a lucky New Year to them! ENCOURAGEMENT

Hitler (or his ghost) undoubtedly has got encouragement from the workman like manner in which Nazi Field Marshal von Rundstedt knocked that big hole in our battle line. Neither the Fuchrer nor any of his captains expect to win the war, but they've demonstrated that they may be able to delay

the Allied victory, and they hope that something will develop to give them easier peace terms than have been indicated.

So far as von Rundstedt's at tack is concerned, the Allies not only have halted it at least temporarily but have recaptured about a third of the territory which the Germans overran in their first mighty surge into Belgium. A great elder statesman who held a seat battle is being waged in the Bas- in commons for 54 years, has been togne area where General Patton's raised to an earldom, receiving the

# hird army forces are extending the

ing southward towards him from he was retiring from commons for the northern rim of the bulge, and health reasons, and only 16 days on, Jan. 1.—(R)—British imperial thus the Germans are threatened from his 82nd birthday. roops have occupied Rathedaung, with having their salient severed key Japanese defense point on the near the base. This would trap the cast side of the Mayo river 25 bulk of von Rundstedt's advance

WITHDRAWAL? Unless the Nazi commander can

Mica Order May Close N. C. Mines

RALEIGH, Jan. 1.— (P) — The total operating cost of the propos-ed statewide program of hospital and medical care would be \$1,-WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.- (P) 422,000 a year, or an average of 39 A stiffly-contested government order on mica purchases will go into effect today—a move which may effect today-a move which may

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effect today—a move which may effect today—a move which may close nearly all North Carolina's mica mines. Rolla P. Stovall, acting chief of war production board's mica sec-tion, told a reporter today that after considering possible changes in the order WPB had decided to enforce it as originally drawn. North Carolina's Gov J. M.

North Carolina's Gov. J. M. Broughton at conferences here with congressmen and industry repre-sentatives declared recentl, the action would close 90 per cent of the state's mines and leave 3,000 work-

ers jobless. HALTS PURCHASES

Is Taken By Death The order "halts purchases mica, except for ruby grades or mica, except for ruby grades or better, from domestic mica produc-ers as well as those in Canada and Peru," WPB Chairman J. A. Krug has stated. In November the senate war in-**CONFESSION DOUBTED** - John Lehman Sumter (above), 22, form-er sailor from Cuthbert, Ga., walked into the FBI office at San Francisco, and confessed, officers said, has stated. that he killed Georgette Bauerdorf, In Novem

vestigating committee requested Register-Republic and Morning Star 33. Hollywood oil heiress, whose died yesterday from a pancreatic body was found in the bathtub of WPB to suspend the order until ailment. her apartment last October. Offiit could investigate the situation. Her husband, Albert G. Simms

cers said they regarded his story with skepticism because of discre-Krug promised then to change it if statistics gathered showed the of Albuquerque, N. M., Mrs. Cortland Barnes of New York City, and necessity. Mrs. Peter Miller of Chicago, her He contended then, however, that

daughters, were at her bedside. 'mica of the ruby grade or better Family funeral services will be held is now available in sufficient quan- Thursday afternoon in Albuquertity and at a lower price than do-mestic mica • • • so there is no reason for the government to pay nas, he added. The companies have maintained more.

INVESTIGATION FORESEEN that to produce their records at Meanwhile, a stepped-up investi- this time would seriously hamper gation of the industry in 1945 was their participation in the war efforeseen today by a department of fort.

justice official. More subpoenas similar in nature to those issued against nine companies to produce records, in U. S. district court in North Carolina FOR RENT: TWO SIX ROOM likely will be issued within a few houses, painted inside and out. weeks, said Maj. E. P. Hodges, spe-Ernest Elliott, Lawndale, N. C. cial assistant to the attorney general

WILL PAY TOP PRICES FOR Conferences and hearings alshelled popcorn. Carolina tre Soda Shop. ready are scheduled for next week in regard to the previous subpoe-





GEN. BYRON TAKES OVER FOR GOVERNMENT AT WARD'S-Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron (right), di-rector of the Army's Special Services division, arrives at the desk of Receptionist Helen Love in a corridor at Montgomery Ward and Company in Chicago to present President Roosevelt's executive order for the army to take possession and operate the company's stores in Chicago, Detroit, St. Paul, Denver, Jamaica, N. Y., Portland, Ore., and San Rafael, Calif. The seizure order was issued after union employes of the stores went on strike in protest against the company's refusal to follow a War Labor Board directive for wage increases

and maintenance of union membership

Gen. Chiang Promises FORMER PASTOR Allied Command Chinese Democracy **BACK FOR VISIT** Before End Of War

CHUNGKING, Jan. 1. -(P)-OAK GROVE .-- Rev. L. M. Kan-Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek ipe. former pastor of Oak Grove. and Mrs. Kanipe of Wake Forest stitutionau democracy before the college, visited in the community end of the war instead of within Sunday.

out the crash with only slight in- ties. The people's sense of civil days with Mr. and Mrs. Lem Camp juries. His story was expected to responsibility had been much and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. heightened through nearly eight Camp

"therefore, I do not feel it neces-sary to wait until the end of the his family. Sunday guests in the he died, but no information to that City, and other officials declined to discuss this angle, saying all announcements must come from the realizabel's San Francisco head home included Mr. and Mrs. Wiley effect had been received. people's congress to the central terson of Shelby and Mr. and Mrs. executive committee of the Kou- Marshall Bell of Beaver Dam.

ville, Fla., spent the holidays with

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William

Pvt. Wilbur Lovelace, who for

the past four months has been a

patients in an army hospital in

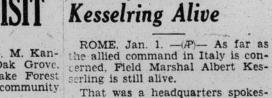
Georgia, is spending a 21-day fur-

mintang "as soon as the military Sumter, S. C., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. situation has become so stabilized as to enable us to launch a counteroffensive with greater assurance William Bell. Stokes Wright, S 2/c of Jackson-

Wright,

# Railroad officials refused to Hoffler Resigns As **Rationing Executive**

**RALEIGH**, Jan. 1 - (P) - W. Hance Hoffler of Durham, has re-signed as rationing executive for



In Italy Believes

man's comment today on a Brus-Mrs. Leona Camp and children of Waco spent the week-end holi-days with Mr. and Mrs. Lem Camp man commander in Italy. The spokesman said there were rumors

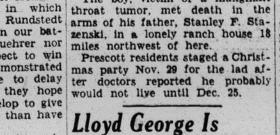
years of armed resistance and Pvt. Dorse Bell of Camp Bland- a few weeks ago that Kesserling

## British Troops A/C Thaniel Bell of Shaw Field. Occupy Rathedaung

salient they've driven into the Nazi bulge. As Patton drives northward, the American First army is push- after Lloyd George had announced SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND

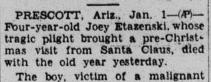
forces if closed quickly. miles north of Akyab, without

meeting opposition. Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters Unless the Nazi commander can that never had Germany's enemies contain these twin drives he will thought "their victory so pear as The western army of the pincers irust on the railroad above Manannounced today.



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### Lloyd George Is **Raised To Earldom**





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partment is studying every probother Allies. He declined, how- tinue until Jan. 1. ever, to confirm published reports that the United States has worked out a detailed plan for territorial changes in castern Europe. NOT RECOGNIZED

Stettinius' reply to a news conference question concerning Pol- hundreds to answer the challenge that regime is fully expected by airfield in Belgium. American officials.

government considering recogniz- and were met by American fighter ing the Lublin committee's claim defenses which knocked down all to being the provisional govern-ment of liberated Poland?"

He replied that this government continues to maintain formal diplomatic relations with the Polish government-in-exile in London.

U. S. coke ovens turn out coal by-products that total more than 150,000 items.



city. He was the state's first ra- Mrs. Edward Bell. tioning officer under the present program The resignation was announc- Christmas holidays with Mr. and

ed by OPA Director Director T. Mrs. J. H. Philbeck. lem of a territorial nature which S. Johnson, who said Hoffler asklater may confront this govern-ed to be released from his duties ment in its collaboration with the last September but agreed to con-her cousin, Miss Helen Thornburg.

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and was taken to mean that at of allied air forces and 53 German the moment this government is craft were claimed as definitely even considering recognizing destroyed in preliminary reports. the Lublin committee. A Russian Of these, 33 were downed in a announcement of recognition of swirling battle above an American

Some 50 Messerchsmitt-109s and Stettinius was asked, "is this Focke Wulfs attacked the field but 17 of the attack group.

> Luxembourg-Belgian front, started late yesterday afternoon.

(The German communique said American positions had been attacked on a wide front on both sides of Bitche on a "from which major sector forces have been withdrawn." The enemy claimed the destruction of 121 tanks yesterday between the Meuse and Moselle

rivers.) A battalion of Germans hit the Seventh army line at Bannstein, five miles southeast of Bitche.

A force of equal strength lashed heavy fog blanketed this area all out south of Dambach, six miles day yesterday, grounding military east of Bannstein and three miles and commercial planes. No planes third attack was mounted two miles army air base during the day. west of Dambach and two others

west of Bitche. PATROLS ACTIVE

near Bundenthal, two miles inside Virginia. the German Palatinate and northwest of Wissembourg.

sitions due west of Colar below the part of motorists. Strasbourg.

eral positions in the battle of the Luxembourg-Belgian bulge. Patton's attack with strong force northeast between Bastogne and St. Hubert moved up about two miles along a 11-mile front in its first 12 hours after the pushoff at

midday Saturday. its extent was not disclosed. German defenses as Von Rundstedt shifted his forces to meet the new threat. Severing the waist of the at the American formation by the

man divisions west of Bastogne.

the OPA district, and will return and Howard Alberta of Greens-Edgar Hullender of Danville, Va., to the practice of law in his home boro were holiday guests of Mr. and of Yeu, 70 miles north of Manda-Miss Rosa Mae Philbeck and a

Miss Bobbie Dell Steele of Char-

Miss Ellese Ford of Gastonia spent the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ford.

Bell of Salisbury.

#### Earthquake In **Baffin Bay Area** Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lovelace and children spent a few days this WESTON, MASS. JAN. 1 - P week with Mr. and Mrs. Hubert

resignation.

**Passenger** Travel Must Be Reduced

WASHINGTON, JAN. 1.-(P)-A hint of early action to reduce passenger travel came today from ODT Director James Monroe Johnson. Johnson said cooperation The succession of enemy attacks of the public has not been "near-

against the northern flank of the ly enough," but he declined to say Seventh army, not affected by the in an interview what specific 36-hour news blackout on the steps he has in mind.

Because the office of Defense Transportation regards travel rationing as involving complex administrative problems, it was believed the first move would be directed against conventions and similar gatherings.

> **Planes In Charlotte** Area Grounded

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 1.-(P)-A

short of the German frontier. A left or arrived at the Morris field be 185 enumerators working in this district. Meteorologist J. M. Howe in The information given by farm-

tion, said the fog was general as strictly confidential. The 1945 At the same time, enemy patrol throughout central North Carolina census of agriculture will include activity flared up in the woods and South Carolina, extending into all farms and ranches, all enter-The state highway patrol in

Yet other German forces were area, urging extreme caution on

There was little change in gen- 364th Mustang Group Bags 26 Nazi Planes

> LONDON, Jan. 1.-(AP)- The U. S. 364th Mustang group pilots, led

ed 26 enemy planes yesterday in tion, poultry operation, forestry The Third army, however, was dogfights over the Hamburg-Han- operation and other information running into considerably stiffened over area. Wicker had the day's top which will be of use to the census score with four to his credit.

More than 10 passes were made uable to agriculture. bulge might trap three to five Ger- German planes, said Sgt. Sam Sos- in one of the bombers the fighters -spin, but south of the equator kee, Lillington, N. C., waist gunner escorted.

dalay advanced to within 16 miles rowing gap which at latest reports was only about a dozen miles wide. lay. This wing of the pincers was However, he shows no indications swinging down the Shwegyin road of being beaten as yet, and may friend of Charlotte spent the across the Chindwin valley toward try to ease his position in the the railroad from the west, while bulge by launching a fresh counterthrust at some other point in other forces pushed down the railway from the north.

the Allied front. There are numerous signs that he's considering this possibility.



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Dixon said that he and Dwight -A "fairly strong" earthquake gime.' about 2.100 miles from Boston and Billy Wellmon and Tom Cabicorded at 9:27 o'clock last night Cabiness' home. Dixon testified declared that in the accurate on the western college seismo- that he and Wellmon came to graph, the Rev. Edward R. Pow- Shelby in Cabiness' car and that ers, seismologist, reported today. he actually broke the glass on the The disturbance lasted for one front door and loaded the tires. He said that the reason they did not hour.

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stored them there for the night. praise for preliminary work accomafter Cabiness had told them that it would not do to keep them at plished by Mr. Osborne and said that it was with extreme regret his house. Cabiness is being held that he accepted Mr. Osborne's under \$800 bond; Dixon under

\$1.400 bond and Wellmon under Headquarters for this district \$800 bond. will be maintained in the Agricul-SECOND THEFT

tural building at Shelby where Mr. Herndon has already taken up ofthe stand to tell about the second fices. Training schools have been robbery. He said that he had no in progress for the past few weeks. part in the first theft. He said that he and Dixon had talked things over about getting some tires and he suggested that the best way to get them was to jack up a car. Dixon said that he knew a better way than this. Shull wanted to come along, Hamrick said.

Hamrick said that he left his assistant supervisor and there will car over near the hospital and went to Fallston on a party. He was about half tipsy, he said, when

he came back and found Shull and charge of the weather bureau sta- ers to the enumerators will be held Dixon in his automobile. They drove around through town, he said, he doing the driving, and prises or establishments with agri- didn't see anybody much. He backed the car up to the Cabiness stacultural operations. When an agtion and Dixon broke the door Raleigh reported heavy fog in that ricultural enterprise has three or open and loaded the tires. Hammore acres, it will be included rerick said they took the tires to gardless of value of product. Eugene Wilson's house at his sug-

The census will include information on the acreage of the farm, gestion and he gave Wilson \$1 to keep them until next morning. how this acreage is divided as to Hamrick said that was the last production and cultivation, the number of days worked on the time he saw the tires and that he farm, the number of persons, 14 received nothing from their sale. Dixon testified that they were years old and over working on the bought by Ben Dover for \$105, a The advance was continuing, but the stand before the stand the sta farm, the unpaid members of the ed under \$500 bond and Gene Wil-

> son under \$300 bond, bureau in compiling statistics val-North of the equator, cyclones always have a counterclockwise they revolve clockwise.

bend fate to our will," he said. "Our enemies are setting up every new commissions for regulating life in Europe after our dehe remarked. Then, chalfeat." lengingly:

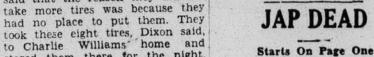
GERMANY

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"But our enemies do not know the German people." Attacking democracies and the

Jews Hitler said: "Public opinion in the democratic countries is directed by the Jews. Our enemies are purposely misinforming public opinion. The peoples on the other side don't know the national socialist re-

In a New Year's order of the Germany would break the allies with counter-strokes. He blamed his military reverses on the desertion of Germany by her allies.



and Leyte airfields hit choice targets on Luzon Island and sank a 600 - ton freighter - transport in Lingaven gulf.

A small freighter and three coastal vessels were sunk as medium bombers ranged over Borneo. Pe-Louis Hamrick, Jr., next took troleum refineries were set ablaze.

> You'll THRILL to CLAUDETTE COLBERT Anne Hilton David O. Selznick's irst picture since "Gone With The Wind" and "Rebecca" Since You Went Away **OPENS SATURDAY**

> > ROGERS

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