

Can't Dispose Of Japan In Short Order Says Patterson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Year-end reviews and forecasts from war leaders:
Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war: "I have found nothing to support the notion that we can dispose of Japan in short order, once Germany is finally beaten x x x. We will have to defeat them the hard way."
J. A. Krug, chairman, War Production Board: "The blunt truth is that we are not producing war goods fast enough to meet the actual urgent demands of our forces..."



CHESTER BOWLES, administrator of Office of Price Administration: "I think the vast majority of American people have a right to be proud of the record they have maintained during the past year in the fight to protect their earnings and their savings by keeping living costs in line x x x but the job is far from finished. The most critical part of this fight still lies ahead."
DON'T RELAX
Fred M. Vinson, director, Office of Economic Stabilization: "The government's national economic stabilization policy has met with reasonable success during 1944 x x x. We cannot afford to relax our efforts during 1945. V-E day will not guarantee us a victory against inflation."

Losing An Eye Didn't Stop This GI Hero

IN NEW GUINEA—Pvt. Charles Hope has arrived safely in New Guinea, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hope of Kings Mountain. Pvt. Hope entered the service in November, 1942 and received his training at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.
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Evening Classes At Gardner-Webb Draw Number Of Enrollees

Thirteen ministers in the two Baptist associations of this area have enrolled for the Gardner-Webb adult education evening college in homiletics and New Testament interpretation which will get underway January 30. It is announced by Dean C. H. Sullivan today.
Additional enrollments for the special courses in the new field into which the Boiling Springs institution is moving will be received until January 15. It is the purpose of the college officials to offer evening classes in any course of the curriculum for which sufficient number of students enroll.

ESTHER CLASS HAS PARTY

Group From Friendship Church Entertained At Gary Home

FALLSTON.—The Esther class of Friendship church met for its monthly class meeting at the home of Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Gary on Tuesday night. After the business a social hour was held. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Warren Martin.

Mrs. Leroy Hull and Miss Marguerite Hull left Thursday to visit Private Leroy Hull, who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.
Mr. and Mrs. Colon Wright left for their home at Tryon, Georgia Friday morning after spending the holidays with relatives here.
Mrs. Ray Willis of Morganton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hull.

DOUGHBOYS ARE NOW SPY-WARY

HUMAN, Belgium, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Even a battle commander can't pull enough rank now to get spytary Doughboys along the front to give him the password.
One commander was in such a hurry to get to a sector of his battlefield that he forgot to ask headquarters for the password for the day.
When challenged by a G. I. sentry he said, "Son, I don't know the password, but you recognize your commander don't you?"
"Sure, sir. I've seen you lots of times."
"Then you'll let me pass?"
"Sure, sir."

NEW REGULATIONS ON Air Express Given

A new tariff, containing many changes in rates and rules affecting property moved by plane between 28 air express points, was announced today by Clyde Eskridge, agent of the local Railway Express agency.
Marking the eighth domestic air tariff in the company's history, the new express rates will go into effect January 15 at about 575 airport express cities and associated towns presently maintaining air service. The new rates and rules will apply to all remaining points covered by the tariff as soon as air service has been inaugurated at these places, Mr. Eskridge said.

THE WAR TODAY; Allied Cause, All Things Considered, Is Going Well

By DeWITT MacKENZIE, AP Writer

Despite the dampening effect of the German counter-offensive, we can approach an assay of the year-end military position (as I've been asked to do) for the rock-bottom fact that the Allied cause on balance — is going well the globe around.
A pencil and paper, with a modicum of unemotional figuring, are all one needs to demonstrate that the United Nations are on the broad highway to victory both in Europe and in the Orient. That conclusion makes allowances for military setbacks like the present in western Europe and the recent Japanese successes in hard-hit China. It takes into account shortcomings of the home-front.
When you've added up and made subtractions, the answer is that the Allies can't lose excepting through their own folly.
TOUGH GOING
Having arrived at this point, however, we find that at the best we still face a tough and bloody business which calls for all-out efforts by both the home and military fronts, unless the conflict is to drag on interminably. We must profit the lesson the Germans are giving us—that the wounded best fights hardest at the kill. We may find this doubly true with the savage and fanatical Japanese.
One of the burning questions in all minds is how long the European war will last. There's no satisfactory answer to that. It depends first on the outcome of the titanic battle which is growing out of Nazi Marshal von Rundstedt's counter-offensive.
General Eisenhower still has his chance to administer a knockout to von Rundstedt and so force an early peace. On the other hand, if the German survives his terribly dangerous thrust into the midst of great allied strength, then we may find him retiring slowly and resuming his fight in the powerful Siegfried defenses west of the Rhine, thus protracting the war.
HARD-BOILED
Our safest course is to adopt the hard-boiled theory of the war production board that the Hitlerian war will go on indefinitely. That's not an invitation to pessimism but a safeguard against over-optimism. We Yanks really should get rid of our school girl fluctuation of emotions and hit a middle course.
One element of shortening the war remains in-anticipation—a full-driven Russian offensive against the Nazi Vistula line in Poland. That might change the complexion of things quickly by putting the Nazis between two mighty mili-

WEATHERS AND HORN LEAVE FOR RALEIGH TUESDAY

Senator Lee B. Weathers and Representative C. C. Horn will leave here tomorrow morning for Raleigh to take their places as members of the 1945 general assembly which convenes at noon Wednesday. They will be Senator Weathers' second term in the North Carolina senate and Representative Horn's first term in the house.

Among the major pieces of legislation undertaken for this county will be an act setting up the machinery for a \$400,000 bond issue for a hospital building program which will be submitted for the approval of the voters some time this spring.
The board of commissioners of Cleveland county also have a few items of pending legislation to be drawn up by the county attorney, Henry B. Edwards, and submitted to the senator and representative from this county.
Both Senator Weathers and Mr. Horn emphasized that it is their intention to keep the people informed of all pending legislation and give them ample time for study and time to express themselves as they see fit.

Both local members will attend the inauguration of Governor Gregg Cherry on Thursday. They think the session of the legislature will not likely sit over 60 days. They both will be back in Shelby over the week-ends from time to time to confer with their constituents while the assembly is in session.

WANT EXPLANATION

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The United States and Great Britain are asking Russia to explain in detail the removal of equipment from the oil fields of Romania to the Soviet Union.
Officials here said no criticism of Russian's action in seizing the equipment is implied. Washington and London are merely trying to get at the facts of a very confused situation, it was explained.

NEW YORK A. A. HAS OWN CLUB HOUSE FOR OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

(N. Y. Herald-Tribune, Dec. 22)
A four-story chapel, vacated as a church only recently, will be dedicated as the new clubhouse of Alcoholics Anonymous of New York tomorrow night, with a party at which members will demonstrate they can have a good time without intoxicating drink.
They are moving into the building formerly occupied by Knox Memorial Collegiate Chapel, at 405 West Forty-First Street, near Ninth Avenue, which discontinued services early this year. It is a large, concrete-front structure, built in 1888 for the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church.
The new quarters will answer the need for more room for the fast growing New York unit of Alcoholics Anonymous. The building is spacious enough for meeting and recreation facilities for the 1,000 members in this area, and also for entertainment of the hundreds of visitors who want to enjoy visits to the city without benefit of alcohol.
In the new headquarters, Alcoholics Anonymous will eventually have available two bowling alleys, pingpong and pool tables, reading, writing and card rooms, a gymnasium, three conference rooms in which personal problems arising from the fight against alcohol can be discussed with the secretary or other members, a kitchen and dining room, a meeting room which can seat 500 persons and a chapel with seating capacity of 700.

Rationing Guide

By the Associated Press
Meats, fats, etc.—Book four red stamps Q5 through X5 now good. No termination dates have been set; OPA says none will be invalidated before March 1. New red point values now in effect. Next series of stamps will be validated Jan. 28.
Processed Foods—Book four blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 through G2 now good. OPA says none will be invalidated before March 1. New point values for fruits as well as vegetables now in effect. Next series of stamps will be validated Feb. 1.
Sugar—Book four stamp 34, good for five pounds. Is the only sugar coupon still valid. Termination date has not been set. A new stamp for five pounds will be valid Feb. 1; must last three months instead of two and a half months.
Shoes—Book three airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely.

GAFFNEY PLANS \$400,000 'PORT WITH LONG RUNS

GAFFNEY.—South Carolina Aeronautics Commission engineers will come to Gaffney early in the New Year to investigate possible sites for a proposed \$400,000 airport for this city, according to a letter received by Edward R. Jefferson, chairman of a local joint airport committee, from Dan Yarborough, chief engineer of the commission.
By an arrangement approved at a meeting of members of the county legislative delegation, the county commissioners and the city council several weeks ago, a site for the airport will be purchased jointly by the city and the county on a fifty-fifty basis.
The port with paved runways approximately 3,000 feet in length, sufficient to accommodate the largest airliners now in use, will be constructed by the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission, which will also sign a contract for the maintenance of the facility if the local authorities agree to the arrangement.

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If Today Is Your Birthday

By STELLA
MONDAY, January 1.—Born today, you have many elements of leadership. Your executive ability is outstanding and you have a great deal of determination, tenacity and will power—plus a commanding personality. You men might be attracted toward the military as a life career and would be particularly interested in having a post in some distant country or one which would keep you on the move. You are fond of studying any subject which will bring you added knowledge in your profession. Originality is one of the best qualifications for success which you have! You will enjoy much better fortune if you work independently of partnerships and avoid tying yourself up with contracts. Your word is as good as a contract. You are not one to make close friends readily but your bonds of home, family and kin are particularly strong. You will lavish all your love and affection upon your family—and the larger it is, the happier you will be. Travel may be enjoyable, but you will never neglect or forget those who are left behind at home. When you go places, however, you much prefer to take the whole family along. You women are natural homemakers; in your house, there's never a question of who's the real manager!

Cherrys Sell Their Home In Gastonia

GASTONIA.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dixon have purchased the home of Governor-elect and Mrs. Gregg Cherry on South York street and plan to occupy it within a few weeks. Governor and Mrs. Cherry will relinquish the property about January 15. It is a two-story brick residence of nine rooms and a total frontage of 180 feet on York street and a depth of 175 feet. The new owners plan to have the house renovated before occupying it. Mr. Dixon is president of the Trenton and Dixon Cotton Mills and one of the leading textile executives of this section.

Pvt. Wilson Awarded Bronze Battle Star

Pvt. Max A. Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adkin A. Wilson of Shelby, has been awarded a Bronze battle star for his unit's participation in the Rome-Arno phase of the Italian campaign. He is a member of a Corsican based B-25 Mitchell bomb group which holds the air force record for bombing accuracy. The B-25's have averaged better than nine bombs in the target area out of every 10 dropped during the past three months of sustained combat operations.

Graduate

In one day, Pvt. Francis E. Daubner of Kenmore, N. Y., was graduated from a rookie replacement to a veteran combat soldier. His platoon leader assigned him as a front-line observer soon after his arrival from the replacement depot.
Before dusk, they heard him fire a rifle clip. The leader crawled out to where Daubner was lying.
"There were a bunch of Jerries creeping in toward our lines," explained Daubner. "I think I got one of them."
"Sure," said the leader, crawling back with the belief that the rookie had seen trees move and wasted his bullets.
But the next morning, the platoon leader was amazed to find four very dead Germans and one wounded Nazi lying in front of the company position.
"You sure caught on fast," he complimented Daubner.

War Fund Headquarters

RALEIGH, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The United War fund headquarters for North Carolina was established in the Capitol club building.
It was moved here, Executive Secretary Chester Kerr said, to be near central offices of state organizations and a more central location. It was moved from Winston-Salem yesterday.

Catholic Administrator

CHARLOTTE, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Rt. Rev. Arthur R. Freeman has been elected to act as administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh pending the installation of successor to Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness, who is now Bishop Coadjutor of the Oklahoma City-Tulsa Diocese.

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