

WEATHER

Fair and continued cold today and tonight. Lowest temperatures today 12-16 extreme west, 16-20 central and 20-24 extreme east portion.

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State Theatre Today - "CAN'T HELP SINGING" Starring Deanna DURBIN & Robert PAIGE In Technicolor - Also News

Berlin Says Reds 39 Miles Away

RESISTANCE RELATIVELY LIGHT ALONG WEST WALL

FIRST ARMY BREAKS INTO OUTER EDGES

37 Miles Of Line Captured In Aachen-Roer River Area

STRANGELY QUIET

PARIS, Feb. 1.—(P)—Patrols of the fighting First Division broke into the first ramparts of the Siegfried line today 11 miles southeast of Monschau, and found only a flicker of life in Hitler's concrete western fortifications.

The First Army troops crossed the first row of dragon teeth tank barriers in a section of the Siegfried line never before breached.

Farther north, 37 miles of the line have been conquered by the Americans in the Aachen-Roer river sector.

Along a front 40 miles, the American First and Third armies struck with a vengeance into pillboxes fringing the line, which battlefront dispatches described as strangely quiet—its artillery silent and its resistance mainly from small arms.

Overnight advances generally reached four miles deeper into Germany. Village after village fell. Patrols entered the fringes of the Siegfried line in the Monschau sector, where a whole three-mile section was captured earlier in the week.

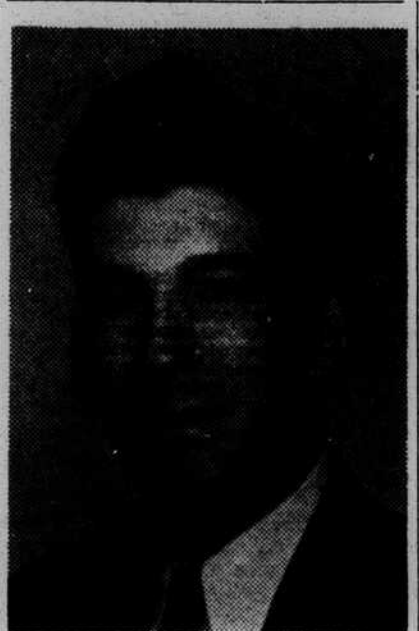
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ITALLY-BASED AIRMEN ACTIVE 1,357 Tons Of Bombs Dropped On Nazi Oil Stores Near Vienna

ROME, Feb. 1.—(P)—Italy-based bombers of the U. S. 15th Airforce struck their heaviest blow yet on a single target in dropping 1,357 tons of bombs yesterday on Nazi oil installations in an area 22 miles northwest of Vienna.

Ground action along the entire front again was confined to patrol engagements. One Fifth army patrol stabbed deep into German lines east of the Serchio river and engaged in a bitter five-hour fight before withdrawing.

REFINERY HIT Surpassing the rain of bombs poured down on Cassino and Bologna in previous all-out attacks, from 500 to 750 Liberators and Fortresses hit the Moosierbaum refinery, northwest of Vienna.



HAMRICK SAID WAR PRISONER

Mrs. Samuel Hamrick Hears Of Husband By Short Wave Radio

Mrs. Adelaide Allen Hamrick of Kings Mountain, received a letter from C. T. Johnson, an attorney in Raleigh, stating that he heard over short wave radio that his son and her husband, Pfc. Samuel Hamrick, were prisoners of the Germans.

Pfc. Hamrick, serving overseas with the Army, was reported missing in action since November 29, 1944, and this was the first news about him since the telegram received from the War department that said he was missing.

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PFC. W. F. SMITH SAID MISSING

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Kiwanis club meets at Hotel Charles. 7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory. 7:30 p.m.—Regular communication Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. for work in first degree.

Bills To Overhaul N. C. Insurance Laws Offered

RALEIGH, Feb. 1.—(P)—Bills to overhaul North Carolina's insurance laws in conformity with recommendations of a special commission appointed by former Governor Broughton, were introduced in the legislature today by Rep. Taylor of Wayne and Senator Pace of Scotland.

513 Allied War Prisoners Rescued From Luzon Camp

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, LUZON, Jan. 31.—(Delayed)—(P)—Men of Bataan, Corregidor and Singapore—513 of them—were snatched from under the flaming muzzles of Japanese guns last night in an exploit of unmatched daring.

Some 400 picked men of the Sixth Ranger battalion and Filipino Guerrillas made a commando raid 25 miles behind Japanese lines to empty a prison camp and partially fulfill one of the Philippines objectives closest to Gen. MacArthur's heart.

They took Japanese guards by surprise and rescued 486 Americans, 23 British, three Netherlands and one Norwegian—all that were left in the prison camp in Nueva Ecija province of Eastern Luzon.

BURNS FATAL TO MRS. MOSS Kings Mountain Woman Dies In Shelby Hospital; Funeral Friday

Mrs. John T. Moss, 61, died last night at 8:10 o'clock at the Shelby hospital from burns she sustained yesterday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock when her clothing caught fire while she was putting coal on the fire at her home in Kings Mountain.

After her clothing had caught fire, she ran into the yard. No one was at home with her at the time. Neighbors carried her to the hospital immediately but treatment was unavailing.

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While Chairman Bailey (D-NC) of the commerce committee, an anti-Wallace leader, argued that a motion to take up the nomination first was a preferential one, Senator Pepper (D-Va.) said which comes first might hinge on who is recognized first by the chair.

As the senate was to open on legislative rather than executive (nomination) business, it was Pepper's contention that Democratic Leader Barkley would be recognized before anyone else.

8,000 AWOL IN ETO PARIS, Feb. 1.—(P)—Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, U. S. provost marshal, said today that 8,000 American soldiers are absent without leave in the European theater—18,000 as reported last week in a statement credited to his office.

SINGAPORE BOMBED BY SUPERFORTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(P)—Superfortresses bombed Japanese military installations in the Singapore area today for the third time.

A press flash from 20th Air Force headquarters said B-29's of Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey's 20th Bomber Command struck by daylight from India bases. Details of the mission will be announced when operational reports are received.

IN THEIR LAST ATTACK Jan. 11 on this naval bastion at the tip of the Malay peninsula Superforts blasted installations with good results. The first strike was made Nov. 5.

Once called Britain's " Gibraltar of the East," Singapore was seized by the Japanese in 1942 and converted into their principal naval base in the Malay-Netherlands East Indies area.

On nearby Penang island the Japanese maintain a big submarine haven. Both Singapore and the Georgetown naval base on Penang are key distribution points for supplies and merchant shipping plying the Japan-East Indies sea route.

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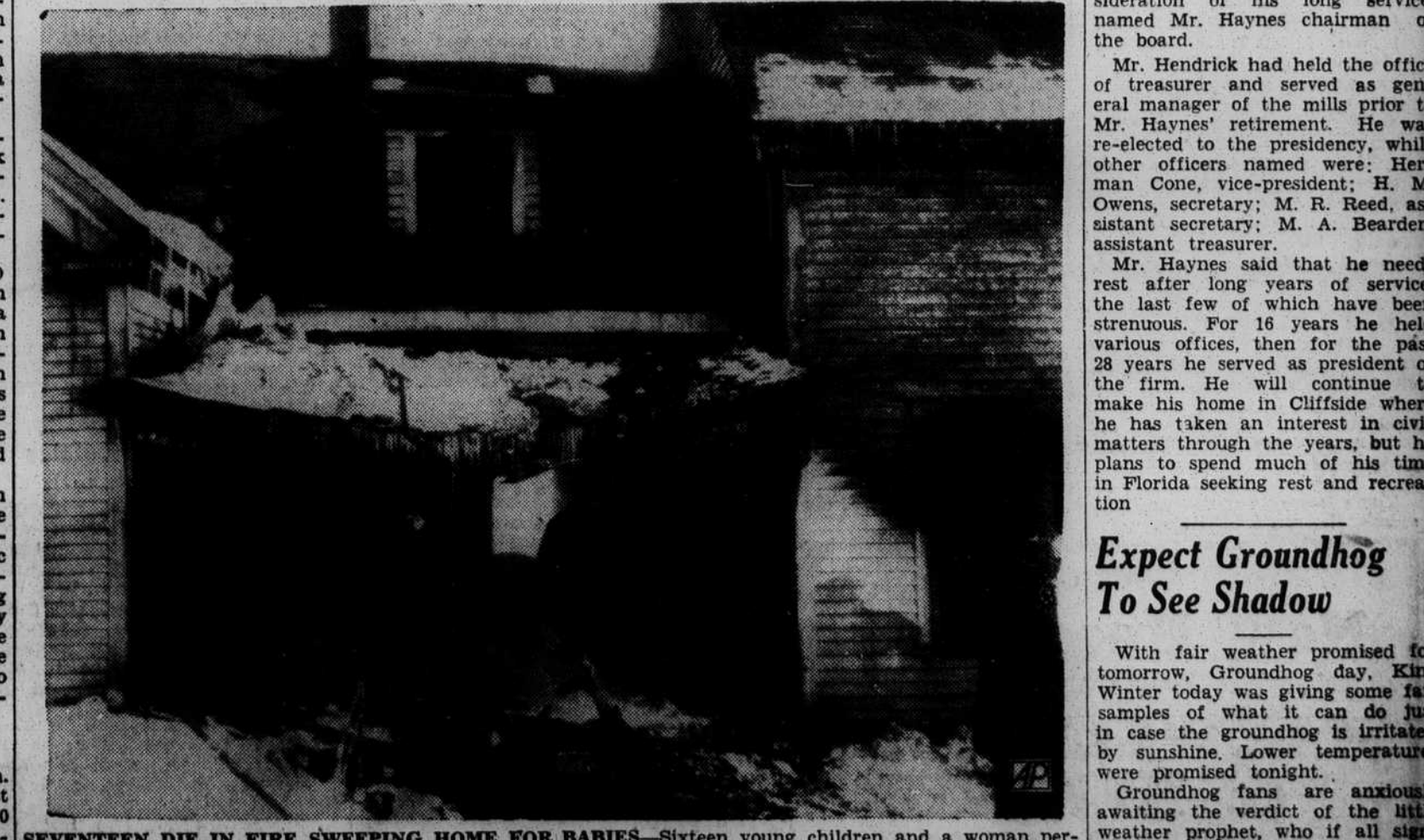
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