

# MAILING LIGHT FOR OVERSEAS

A considerable number of Christmas packages have been mailed at the Shelby postoffice to overseas relatives and friends in service since the mailing period opened a week ago, but the total is far below that similar period last year. Postmaster R. M. Laughridge said today.

Postal authorities have asked relatives of service men now overseas not to mail such packages if there is prospect of their overseas sons, brothers, husbands or sweethearts returning to the States before Christmas.

Army authorities also have asked that the people at home ascertain whether the recipient will be overseas at Christmas time before the packages are mailed. The mailing period lasts for one month until October 15.

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that the president of the Philippines reluctantly complained it was responsible for a threatening relief crisis in his commonwealth.

The president, Sergio Osmeña, messaged MacArthur from Manila that army movements toward Japan have tied up docking space and truck transportation.

Those plans called for the taking over today of Japan's naval base at Sasebo on western Kyushu by the U. S. Fifth Marine division and two Jimas. Advance elements of the Fifth Amphibious Corps occupied the airfield at atom-bombed Nagasaki, 30 miles south of Sasebo, yesterday.

From another atom-bombed area, Hiroshima, came word that more than 100,000 Japanese in the prefecture were left homeless by the typhoon earlier this week. It added to the plight of a bomb-blasted nation which has been told her millions must work out their own salvation.

(Ted Dealey, president of the Dallas, Tex., Morning News, said MacArthur told him during Dealey's recent visit to Japan "the Japs will have a hard enough time ending for the next 25 years, much less having the leisure and materials to build up for another war.")

MacArthur's new order for demobilization of the naval police, like all MacArthur orders, automatically became a legal Japanese government order by a process just approved by the Nipponese privy council.

(Discussing this new means of strengthening MacArthur's legal control over the Japanese government, a Washington dispatch said diplomatic officials there believe Emperor Hirohito soon will fulfill his obligations and quit his throne in favor of a regency for his son, Akihito.)

Evacuation of more than 9,000 American, British, Dutch, Australian, Canadian and Japanese prisoners of war, recently liberated from 17 camps on Kyushu, was completed today. They were cleared through the atom-bombed port of Nagasaki. Many were survivors of Corregidor and Bataan.

## Rites Sunday For Allen Almond

Funeral services for Allen Almond, 63-year-old former resident of Kings Mountain, will be held from the First Nazarene church of Kings Mountain, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. Blanchard Horne, pastor, in charge, assisted by Rev. John Gregory. The body will lie in state for one hour before the service. Interment will be in Mountain Rest cemetery.

Death came to Mr. Almond in the Rutherford hospital Friday where he had been ill for some time.

He was born in Sweetwater, Tenn., and lived for many years in Kings Mountain before moving to Rutherford county.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dovie Almond; two daughters, Mrs. Velma Wilson, of Kings Mountain, Miss Annie Mae Almond, of the home; and three sons, all of the U. S. army. S. Sgt. Arnold W. Almond is now a patient in the Moore General hospital, Swannanoa. Cpls. Floyd and Lloyd Almond, twin sons of the late Mr. Almond, are now spending a 60-day furlough following their return to the United States from Europe. All three sons were prisoners of war in Germany.

## No. 3 Cannery Closes

The No. 3 township cannery will be closed today until the meat canning season begins, it was announced. Canning after today will be done only by appointment.

# Whole Detroit Transportation System Tight

DETROIT, Sept. 22 —(AP)— A complete shutdown in transportation threatening the nation's automotive capital today climaxed a week of labor troubles idling some 86,000 workers.

The city faced a gasoline-less week, unless there is a break in the strike of the International Oil Workers (CIO).

Approximately 65 percent of the 3,400 gasoline service stations posted "empty tanks" signs. The others, a dealers' association reported, would be closed by Monday, halting private automobiles and trucks.

The municipal transportation system, already taxed to the limit by shortage of bus drivers, curtailed some services. With only a five-day supply of gasoline on hand, more bus runs were expected to be withdrawn.

## TAXIS LIMITED

Taxis offered only limited service.

Meanwhile, the deadlocked automobile industry-labor trouble — no closer to a solution—saw two more plants shut down.

At Windsor, Ont., where 10,000 Ford Motor company of Canada workers remained on strike for the 13th day, a mass meeting of local 200, UAW-CIO, was called for Sunday afternoon.

Chrysler corporation closed its Dodge truck plant, management said 40 to 50 pickets representing local 140, UAW-CIO, barred 800 employees from entering the factory yesterday.

**BENDIX STRIKE**  
Zenth carburetor division of Bendix Aviation corporation also closed, management sending home 1,600 workers because of a strike of 40 foremen.

There were no developments in the strike of 4,500 Kelsey-Hayes Wheel company employes, which contributed to the closing down of Ford Motor company plants and idling 50,000 employes.

Nor were there changes in the disputes at the Murray corporation of America, Hudson Motor Car company and at other plants.

## CAP To Get New Trainer Planes

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 22 —(AP)— Lt. Col. Frank E. Dawson, North Carolina wing commander of the Civil Air Patrol, assured the Charlotte Cadet flight last night that the PT-17 trainer planes turned over to the CAP by the army air forces should be delivered in the next few days.

Furthermore, now that the war is over additional training aids will be turned over to CAP by the AAF, Col. Dawson said. He added that CAP will operate with a larger scale training program than in the past.

## Wright To Be Consecrated Oct. 5

WILMINGTON, Sept. 22 —(AP)— The Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D. D., native of Wilmington and formerly pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal church, Corpus Christi, Texas, will be consecrated bishop of the diocese of east Carolina at St. James' Episcopal church here Oct. 5.

The Right Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, presiding bishop of the United States, will participate in the consecration ceremonies. Rev. Wright will fill the bishopric recently vacated by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D.D., retired.

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treaties were discussed, with Soviet proposals as a basis, and that British and U. S. views were being considered.

The ministers are scheduled to decide today whether the entire Bulgarian-Yugoslav border should be outlined in the treaty for Bulgaria or only frontiers on which important alterations are made.

There appears to be no hurry to finish the treaties and this session is expected to break up next week. The detailed work, perhaps by the ministers' deputies, would be possible between sessions.

The ministers yesterday skipped completely the Greek claims on Bulgaria because the Russians refused to listen to the present Greek government, with which they are dissatisfied, and the western allies refused to negotiate with the present Bulgarian regime.



WAR DAMAGE SURROUNDS U. S. EMBASSY IN TOKYO—Leveled and damaged buildings surround the American embassy in Tokyo, testifying to the deadliness of U. S. B-29 bombers. Frank Filan, Associated Press photographer with the wartime still picture pool, took this picture from the roof of the embassy.—(AP Wirephoto).

## EPES

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more effective drug than sodium second if he had wanted to kill his wife; and that he would have disposed of the box of capsules and other evidence.

**ARMY DISCHARGE**  
The rotund lawyer electrified the bobbybox crowded courtroom when he dramatically turned to Epes and shouted:

"Stand Up!"

Epes, who had been looking down at the desk in front of him, impassively listening to details of his wife's grotesque burial, rose from his chair.

"Look at his uniform," the lawyer said. "The Army has given him an honorable discharge."

Epes, pale from months in a prison cell and with dark circles under his eyes, stood a few moments, then sat down again at the defense counsel's desk.

His parents and 16-year-old sister were sitting directly behind him. The Epes family, Bremner continued, loved their daughter-in-law. She had, he said, stayed in their home many times.

"They love her now," the lawyer-family friend said.

Bremner said that if Lt. Epes were a guilty man, he would have had plenty of time to have destroyed a trail of evidence.

**LED TO GRAVE**  
It was two weeks between the time Epes reported his wife mysteriously missing an dime day, swathed in bandages from self-inflicted razor wounds, he led police to the lonely grave.

His wife, a short time before, had quit her school teacher job in Jacksonville, Fla., and had come here to live with her husband while he awaited overseas service.

The state's attorneys argued that if Epes had soon gone overseas his "nearly perfect crime" would never have been discovered.

On the other hand, Attorney Broome posed this question to the jury:

"In the name of God, why would any man choose that time—a time when he is going overseas, probably never to return—to kill his wife? He wouldn't."

**EVIDENCE REVIEWED**  
Solicitor T. Pou Taylor, making the closing argument for the prosecution, told the jury that the "foxhole boys overseas are watching this foxhole case."

He said the evidence showed Epes obtained, prescribed and gave his wife from 13 to 20 sodium secondal tablets and added:

"No man would permit his wife to take these in any such amount. If she did, he would call a physician as quickly as possible."

The state has contended that Mrs. Epes, who was fully clothed, may have been still alive when she was buried in the foxhole.

"Epes," Solicitor T. Pou Taylor told the jury, "has said they had retired that night. But when the body was exhumed she was fully clothed, even to shoes."

Lt. Epes, in a statement to officers, said he gave his wife the sedative capsules to ease her menstrual pains.

Solicitor Taylor reviewed the testimony of state's witnesses that Mrs. Epes did not ordinarily suffer from menstrual pain.

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Mrs. Roscoe Foster and a brother, Wilbur Melton, father of the other death victim, all of this county; and his mother, Mrs. Clint Hastings, of Grover; his father, the late Alex Melton, was killed a number of years ago in a train mishap at Black Mountain.

George Lee Melton is survived by his mother and father, three sisters, Mrs. Elbert Roy, of Grover, Mrs. Harry Trawrick of Pensacola, Fla., and Pansy Melton of Black Mountain; two brothers, Charles, of Rocky Mount, and Howard of Black Mountain.

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dustrial area were wiped out. He explained that the casualties were lower at Nagasaki than at Hiroshima because major evacuation had been in progress at Nagasaki for some time, and the normal population of 400,000 had been cut to less than 100,000.

## SORDID BOND SPUN BY HER

It takes two to create a bond so sordid; yet of the two, as I get the picture, you are more to blame for all you have endured and for the penalties you still are paying. You have invested six years in the luckless campaign to become the wife of this selfish male who, his actions prove, never has been more

## HOMMA SURRENDERS

Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma (above), Jap military leader under whose command the terrible Bataan death march occurred for captive Americans, surrendered to Gen. MacArthur's forces in Tokyo Sept. 15. He was high up on MacArthur's list of Japs to be tried as war criminals.—(AP Wirephoto).

# Today's Markets

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## CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, Sept. 22 —(AP)—Salable hogs 200 (estimated); total unavailable; compared week ago; all classes steady; top 14.75 ceiling.

Salable cattle 500 (estimated); total unavailable; compared Friday last week; receipts liberal but general market most active of year to date; good and choice steers 25-40 higher, common and medium grades fully 50 up, all grades heifers showing comparable advance; approximately sixty loads choice steers and yearlings topped at 18.00, the ceiling, 969-1069 lb. yearlings bringing the price for the first time this year; canner cows 25-50 higher; cutters and beef cows 50-75 up; good beef and sausage bulls about 25 higher, but common and medium grade sausage bulls gained 50 to 1.00; vealers firm; stock cattle 25 higher at 11.50-13.50 mostly, choice western yearlings to 14.25; only about 5,000 northwestern grass cattle in receipts, southwestern grassers also in moderate supply; bulk steer receipts graded offerings, predominating at 15.75-17.75; very sizable supply 17.85-18.00; choice heifers topped at 17.65, bulk fed heifers 15.00-17.00; grassy and warmed-up common to medium kinds scarce in sympathy with moderate grass receipts; heavy sausage bulls topped at 12.50 and heavy beef bulls around 13.25; but common and medium grassy sausage bulls very active at 9.00-11.50; vealers 13.00 down and heavy slaughter calves 13.50, mostly 13.00 down.

## STOCKS FALTER

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 —(AP)—The stock market today continued to suffer from a slight case of chills apparently resulting from bearishness over spreading strikes in the automotive and petroleum industries.

Transfers were about 400,000 shares against 650,000 last Saturday.

On the offside the greater part of the time were Standard Oil (N.J.), Texas Co., U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, N. Y. Central, Southern Pacific, Goodyear, Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, American Telephone, Anaconda, Westinghouse, American Smelting and International Harvester.

Ahead at intervals were Santa Fe, Northern Pacific, Douglas Aircraft, Allied Chemical, Kennecott and American Waterworks.

## U. S. Soldiers To Show Work

WASHINGTON — The first nationwide Army Crafts contest for C's stationed in the United States will end up with a national exhibition at Rockefeller Center in New York from February 15 to March 14, 1946.

Winners in the handicrafts contest will be selected in four classes—for originality of design, best craft techniques and materials, inventive use of improvised materials and functional value.

First prize winners will receive certificates valued at \$75, second prizes \$50, and third \$25, which will entitle the winners to purchase crafts tools and materials through the Army Exchange Service. No restrictions are placed on the number of entries by an individual soldier, but each must have been made while he was in service. Only paintings, drawings, sculpture, prints, renderings and photography are not eligible for contest.

Sponsored by the Special Services Division, the contest will begin with the elimination competitions in each Army installation in this country. Representative works will be forwarded to Service Command headquarters, and entries shown in regional exhibits where selections will be made for the national show in New York.

## May Send Children To Blacksburg School

GAFFNEY, S. C. — The Cherokee county Board of Education ruled yesterday that five families residing within Holly Grove school district No. 8, are entitled to send their children to the Blacksburg grammar school in District No. 10. The board, in issuing its ruling, held that small lots in the No. 9 district constituted bona fide property ownership which is required by law before pupils may transfer from one district to another.

Holly Grove district trustees opposed the transfer because the loss of the approximately one dozen pupils involved would decrease the Holly Grove student body to such an extent that State aid could not be obtained for more than two teachers. The district now has two teachers.

COLUMBIA, S. C. —(AP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes is the fifth South Carolinian to hold a cabinet post and the state's third secretary of state.

Byrnes' appointment broke a 100-year dearth of Palmetto state service in official families of the nation's presidents, for the last South Carolinian to be a cabinet member was John C. Calhoun, who in 1845 was also secretary of state.

The others were Paul Hamilton, secretary of the navy in 1809, Joel R. Poinsett, secretary of war in 1837, and Hugh S. Legare, attorney general in 1841 and secretary of state in 1843.

Zinc is often minted with lead. Tweezers are handy for pulling pin feathers out of a fowl.

Black wool, trimmed with light bright wools, is the latest vogue in suits, dresses and coats.

# War Frees Jap Women From Old Restrictions

By ADELAIDE KERR

Japanese now in the United States say the Nipponese woman's war activities on farm, factory and fighting line have done much to free her from her old position, which was virtually that of man's slave.

They expect to see her much more active in careers and politics in the postwar world and even to win the right to vote in the next 25 years. Those who express that opinion are chiefly identified with educational fields. None of them want to be quoted.

They are in the United States as enemy aliens and under injunction not to talk.

But what they say sums up to this:

"The position of Japanese women already had begun to change before the war. During the war they produced most of the country's food and much of its weapons and even fought in battle. After the war a certain number of them can be expected to exert themselves in education, literature, art, birth control, labor movement and the woman's suffrage movement.

Before the war Japanese women were considered generally to be the unhappiest, most restricted women in the modern world. Their whole lives were bent on serving and pleasing men.

Their marriages generally were arranged by family or marriage brokers. Many of them saw their husbands only once or twice before marriage. Once married, a Japanese wife had to wait on her husband when he dressed, scrub him in the bath, bow low before him when he left and entered the

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ened the motor city because of the spreading strike of CIO oil workers. Mayor Edward J. Jeffries urged President Truman to order federal labor officials to give highest priority to the critical situation.

Only 35 per cent of Detroit's gasoline service stations were opened and a gasoline dealer's association said the others would be closed by Monday. Taxicabs gave only limited service and the municipal transportation curtailed some services.

More than a score of refineries and plants were closed by the strike of oil workers, idling more than 21,500 employes in Texas, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Ohio and West Virginia. Ten plants had shut down in Texas and at least 15,500 were off their jobs as they struck for a 30 per cent wage boost and other concessions. Seven plants were shut down in Port Arthur and workers in other Texas cities had voted to strike.

Toledo was on a rationing plan for essential users of motor fuel as four refineries closed, while some 5,000 workers were off the job in eight plants and refineries in the Chicago-Northern Indiana area.

The biggest refinery in the Chicago area, Standard Oil of Indiana Refinery at Whiting, Indiana, with 4,500 independent union members, remained open.

A mediation conference was planned in Chicago Tuesday as the federal conciliation service moved in an attempt to effect a settlement of the strike.

## LUMBER INDUSTRY

The biggest strike threat in weeks came from the Pacific Northwest, the policy committee of the lumber and sawmill workers union (AFL) in Portland, Ore., announcing demands for a \$1.10 an hour minimum wage was refused, and 60,000 members would strike at 12:01 a.m. Monday.

The union charged employers with failures to enter into negotiations and the "industry-wide strike requested by the workers recently" was called. A strike would affect AFL operations in Oregon, Washington and parts of Idaho, Montana and California.

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# 4,087 Unemployment Checks Given In Week

RALEIGH, Sept. 22 —(AP)— The total of 4,087 unemployment compensation benefit checks issued in North Carolina during the week ending Sept. 15 was the largest number issued in any week since October, 1942.

This total, however, was 6,731 less than the weekly average in December, 1941, the month the war began. The largest average weekly number of benefit checks ever issued was 37,360 in June, 1938; the lowest was 416 in December, 1944.

Claims figures were released here yesterday at a two-day meeting of the state unemployment compensation commission.

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