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A Refugee Writes to Santa



When Marie, an eight-year-old refugee from Germany, wrote a letter to Santa Claus from the Shelter for Catholic Refugees in New York, she didn't ask for toys or dolls or any of the things most little girls long for. She merely asked "Lieber Kristkind" to arrange for her uncle and aunt in Germany to come to the "truly wonderful" United States. Marie's parents fled with her to America when threatened with imprisonment in Germany.

# Election Board To Ask Sweeping Vote Reforms

Repeal of Present Absentee Law and Enactment of New One Proposed, With New Statewide Registration, and Limitation of Precinct Votes

Daily Dispatch Bureau In the Sir Walter Hotel.

least three salient points:

that it will bite on suspicion. (2) A new statewide registration of

(3) A limitation on the number of and marred many 1938 primary elecvoters at any precinct in the State. Nobody on the board is publicly an-

stressed in the report and recommenare certainties and not long shots. Recommendations of the board will ballots, would make it certain that

not, however, be unanimous, as George McNeill, Democrat, Fayette-

State Board of Elections will recom- along with the chairman in recommend to the 1939 General Assembly a mending any provision for absentee thorough-going revision of existing voting to replace the present law. election laws which will include at They are on record in favor of complete abolition of the absentee ballot. (1) Repeal of the existing absentee The third Democrat, J. O. Bell, of statute and substitution therefor of Hendersonville, has consistently made a new absentee law so full of teeth it clear he favors the absentee in principle, but has equally consistently stood for such reforms as will prevent the wholesale frauds such as marked

The Lucas view, in which Bell will nouncing that these points will be probably concur fully, is that the absentee ballot can be so protected as dations required by law to be sub- to make its fraudulent use almost immitted to the General Assembly, but possible, or at least so dangerous that Chairman Will A. Lucas and other nobody will attempt it. He will recommembers have so frequently given mend that complete authority be cenvoice to their convictions that they tralized in the county election board chairman for the issue of absentee

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Composit Of

Of 82 Acres

N. C. Farms Is

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Raleigh, Dec. 7.-The State Depart-

ment of Agriculture has calculated

The composite farm, according to

Five persons would live on the farm

The composite farm would have one

Corn would be the largest single

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days till

Christmas

would be cultivated.

#### Friends Urge Hoey To Go To Rose Bowl

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter dotel.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—A really earnest and sincere effort has been launched to have Governor Clyde R. Hoey at- just what the composite or "average" tend the Rose Bowl game in Pasa- North Carolina farm would have-if dena, California, on January 2, when such a farm in fact existed. Duke University's Blue Devils mix and mingle in football fray with the department's census, would mon-Trojans of the University of Southern tain 82 acres, of which only 25 acres

Representative Clarence E. Stone, of Rockingham county, appears to be sponsor of the movemnet, which in cultivation of their crop. Four acres he says is based on the principle that would be cleared pasture land for the governor's presence at the grid grazing only. classic would really climax the ad-Vertising program of North Carolina cow and 17 hens of laying age. for which the last General Assembly

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#### Negro Is Sought For Dual Assault Near Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A Posse searched today for a Negro who a 15-year-old white girl said forced her at pistol point to sub-

mit twice to his advances. The girl told police that she was returning yesterday to her home near Orange church, where the Negro attacked her at Steel Bridge about a mile north of here. She said that she never had seen her assailant before, but thought she could identify him.

#### Wife Found Dead, **Husband Wounded**

Newton, Dec. 7.-(AP)-Mrs. Essie Lane, 32, was found choked to death and her husband, Ernest. 36, seriously wounded in their bod room at her parents' home at Conover, three miles north of here, early today.

A jury empanelled by Coroner D.

A. McCreight returned a verdict
that Mrs. Lane had been choked to death by her husband and that the latter had attempted suicide.

Lane was taken to the Catawba county hospital, where he was sail to be suffering from a wound in the abdomen made with a sharp instrument, and gashes or one of the works. his wrists. Notes found in the room indicated the couple had made a suicide pact, Coroner McCreight

The tragedy was discovered by one of the Lanes' two small children, who was sent to call them for breakfast about 7 a. m.

## Anti-French Outbursts AreRenewed

Naples, Genoa, Milan and Turin Scenes of Son, who had just stopped in the police office on his way home, took Officers Vaughn and F. B. Beiliff with him.

Bailiff said, in reconstructing the spectacular tragedy, that the sheriff told him to wait outside while he and Demands for French Colonies; Newspapers Keep Agitation at Fever Heat Among Italian Youth

Rome, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A new arti-French demonstration in Naples to-day continued the noisy Italian agi-tation for African and Mediterranean territories held by France.

Classes were suspended at the University of Naples as several hundred students walked out to march on the ville, and the two Republican mem- French consulate. At the consulate, bers, Adrian Mitchell, of Windsor, and however, strong police guards turned Raleigh, Dec. 7 .- North Carolina's L. V. Hall, of Charlotte, will not go them back. The demonstrators then paraded through the main streets, waving flags and shouting claims to Tunisia, Corsica and Djibouti and acclaiming Premier Mussolini.

A similar student demonstration occurred at Florence. These manifestations followed anti-French outbursts yesterday in Rome, where the French Embassy still was strongly guarded today: Genoa, Milan and Turin.

Italian afternoon papers kept the agitation boiling. Il Piccolo published an account of alleged anti-Italian measures in Tunisia under headlines

"New Series of Disgusting Incidents in Tunisia; Fifty Italians Mobbed and Beaten: Physician and His Wife and Daughter Injured: School Teacher Punched; Police Intervene To Arrest

#### Anna Hahn's Death Set For Tonight

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 7.-(AP)-Anna Marie Hahn's 12-year-old son went to her side to comfort her today as her scheduled hours of life dwindled away.

At the same time, the convicted prisoner's counsel planned a possible appeal to another woman-Judge Florence E. Allen, of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals-in a last ditch effort to prevent Mrs. Hohn's death in the electric chair to-

Seeking a writ of habeas corpus in Federal district court here, Attorney Joseph H. Hoodin said he would appeal to Judge Allen if the district

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### Sheriff, On Job 2 Days, Gun Victim

Policeman Also Killed by Fuzitive from Prison Camp: One Convict Escapes; Two Were Robbing Filling Station When Surprised by Officers

Burlington, Dec. 7.—(AP.—A blazing gun duel ended abruptly the two-day old career of M. P. Robertson, former veteran police officer here as sheriff of Alamance county, and took with him in bloody death Officer Sonnie Vaughn, of the Burlington police force, and Roy Huffman, identified as a fugitive from an Anson county prion ramp.

Summoned to a filling station on Church street here, just east of the city underpass, by the report of a truck driver that mysterious lights were burning inside, Sheriff Robertson, who had just stopped in the police

Vaughn, with drawn guns, entered the

A volley of gunfire, allegedly from the revolver of Huffman, felled the two officers at the threshold. Bailiff said that he then knocked out a windowpane and fired at the two men he saw inside. Huffman dropped, but the other robber, identified through pictures found in the clothes of Huffman afterwards as Roy Kelly, another fugitive from the Anson camp, escaped, fleeing in what officers described as a "new Pontiac with George

gia licenses," headed toward Virginia. Before winning the Democratic nomination for sheriff that ousted veteran Sheriff J. H. Stockard and Republican opponent in the November elections, Sheriff Robertson, who took the oath of office December 6, had served on the Burlington police force nine years, five years of that

time as a captain. Vaughn also was a veteran police officer of nine years service.

The sheriff's office reported that

Huffman was sentenced in April of this year in Guilford county to six to ten years on charges of breaking and entering and larceny and robbery. He escaped with Kelly on October 23.

#### Negro Taken For Assault In Pitt Is Called Suicide

Greenville, N. C., Dec. 7.—(AP) -James P. Gray, Negro about 25 years old, killed himself today. Sheriff J. Knott Proctor said, as officers surrounded bim to ques-tion him in connection with a criminal assault on Mrs. Sam Jolly Mrs. Jolly, wife of a farmer liv-

ing about four miles from Green-ville on the Falkland highway, re-corted she, was attacked by a Negro last night about 7:45 o'clock after she had shot the man in one tinger. Sheriff Practor said he and his deputies had traced Gray by blood dripping from a wounded inger. The Negro had been caught placed in a car and started to town for questioning. He jumped from the machine and when he saw he was surrounded in a field Sheriff Proctor said, jerked out a knife and killed himself.

Coroner A. A. Elwanger said it was a clear ease of suicide and that no inquest would be held.

Sheriff Proctor said Mrs. Jolly was badly injured. She is an expectant mother, he said he was told by her doctor. She received medical treatment here and returned to her home.

# **Daladier Faces Victory** In Parliament Thursday

halt strikes by manning the liner economy and the strengthening of armaments. gether today demands for parliamentary control of his administration.

Parliament tomorrow.

Parliament tomorrow.

Political observers said the premier stood a good chance of smashing through the Chamber of Deputies with a margin of 100 votes in favor of his

Paris, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Premier Dala- regime, which he has pledged to the dier, continuing his strong action to rehabilitation of a weakened French

The Senate appeared to be almost unanimous for him. Bitter criticism "You wanted a strong government was expected from communists and -you got it," will be the essence of socialists on three points of the Dalahis words to the opening session of dier program — his use of mobile Parliament tomorrow.

#### Pair of Aces Compare Hands



Two of football's most brilliant forward passers, Davey O'Brien (left), of Texas Christian, and Sid Luckman, of Columbia, compare hands, as the All-America stars met. Davey was in New York to receive the Heisman Trophy, presented to the outstanding college football player in the United States.

#### Jews in Austria Must Wear Marks

Berlin, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Jews do-ing compulsory labor or construc-tion jobs in Gaenserndorf, near Vienna, were ordered today to wear on their right arms a yellow badge

similar to the badge worn by Jewa in the Middle Ages.

The order was issued by Josepf Burckel, Nazi commissioner of Austria, to avoid "contamination" of Aryans who recently had been put to work with the Jews.

The Jews working on the project have been at Gaenserndorf since the anti-Semitic campaign started November 10. Most of them were handicraftsmen, and they had been conducting a camplike school for young Jews learning trades preparatory to emigrat-

#### Thinks Dies Too Hard On Ickes, Perkins

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist Washington, Dec. 7.-The contro-

versy between Interior Secretary tablish herself south of the Pyrennes Harold L. Ickes and Representative and is supporting the Spanish insur-Martin Dies, chairman of the Congressional committee on investigation of un-American activities, undignified but rather entertaining. Ickes says, for example, that Dies is

world's foremost zany," Dies that Ickes "reeks with poison hate." These are not the

only compliments changed between them, either, but they're a couple of the most recent ones. Ferhaps they both exaggerate. Ickes can't possibly

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#### Japs Claim Control Over 10 Provinces

Shanghai, Dec. 7.—(AP)—With Japanese war planes based in the heart of China, Japanese authorities asserted today their aerial supremacy had given them control of ten of China's provinces, even though their infantry does not hold the territory. Since the occupation of Hankow former provisional capital, Japanese planes were said by these authorities to have destroyed 104 Chinese planes at widely separated cities.

A majority of China's key defense points were said to be within range of

Japanese bombers. The Chinese reported, meanwhile, that they had stood off a series of Japanese at-tempts to land at Takhoi, on the south China coast, east of French Indo-China. They admitted, however, that the invaders had occupied Kingmoon, between Canton and the Portuguese colony of Macao.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursay; somewhat unsettled Thursday; slightly warmer tonight.

# GermanyAnd

# France Talk Agreements

Pledges to France In Return for Hands-Off Policy in the East Paris, Dec. 7.-(AP)-Paris and

Germany Makes

Germany, having signed their agreement to try to avoid war, today talked over differences which might lead them to break that promise in the The talks, between Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and

noon, were said in informed quarters to have established Germany's position as follows:

George Bonnet, which began yester-

day and were to continue this after-

1. Germany will not immediately press any colonial demands for her-2. Germany will not at present back

Italy's loud, though unofficial, demands for Tunisia or Corsica. 3. Germany now has no desire to establish herself south of the Pyrennes

gents chiefly because of Italy's demands on her as an axis partner. In exchange for these pledges, we! informed French sources said, Germany wants France to do nothing to stop her economic political drive in eastern Europe, bringing her ever

#### Chamberlain Shakes Blame As To Eden

closer to the Russian Ukraine.

would be no "official significance" in what he said there.

The prime minister's remarks were in answer to a series of questions on

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# Roosevelt Hoping For No New Tax

**Expects To Cut Relief** and Other Costs To Pay for Huge Armament Increases; Total Expenditures To Be Held With the Present Levels

Washington, Dec. 7.-(AP)-The administration expects to hold expenditures in the next fiscal year to the same level as 1938-39, it was disclosed today, even though the outlay for defense probably will be much

A high official said that the President's advisors were confident the increased armaments costs could be offset by reduced expenditures elsewhere such as relief. The figures for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, have not yet been announced, but President Roosevelt's forecast of expenditures for the current fiscal year was about \$9,000,000,000 when he revised it last July.

At his press conference yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt said he favored a "pay-as-you-go" policy for the contemplat-ed increase in armaments, even if a tax increase should be necessary. He added, however, that new levies might not be needed, because certain government expenditures are self-liquidating.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, told reporters afterwards that "budgetary adjustments" might make higher taxes unnecessary.

# Jewish Rules In Germany

Berlin. Dec. 7 .- (AP)-The United States Embassy was understood today to have sent a detailed report to the State Department expressing belief that the anti-Jewish property decrees, announced Monday. by Economics Minister Walther Funk, may affect American property rights.

The Embassy was said to have asked Washington for instructions. Since publication of the Funk decrees, United States officials have been trying to obtain official German interpreta-

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#### Garner's Role For Congress **Big Mystery**

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)— John Nance Garner is likely to treat the Capitol to a fine brand of political poker during the next two years. He will bring expert knowledge to the game. Garner not only knows politics, but he knows all the ins and outs of poker, although he has retired from active practice. None of London, Dec. 7 .- (AP)-Prime Min- those who know him expect the viceister Chamberlain told the House of president to come back to Washington Commons today that Anthony Eden, and engage in a discussion of his plans former foreign secretary, had gone and hopes for the next two years. He to the United States "to present the British point of view", but that here litics or in poker.

His friends believe he will keep silent about the presidential boom started for him in Texas yesterday. What his friends do along that line a statement by Foreign Secretary Vis-count Halifax on December 1 that without the advice of the fisherman from Uvalde. He will not stop them. Neither will be encourage them.

# Think Farmers Resent Keeping Payroll Taxes

Washington, Dec. 7 .- (AP)-Some those now used by businessmen in stacles in the path of anti-administration proposals to extend social secur-

senators professed today to see ob- making social security reports.

On the other hand, Senator Green Democrat, Rhode Island, also an aiministration backer, was inclined to had not made up his mind on pro-

ity benefits to farms and household discount this difficulty. He said he Senator Norris, Independent, Nebraska, an administration supporter, said he feared such a step would be impractical. It is being considered by President Roosevelt and his advisors. Norris said he believed it would be "next to impossible" to require farmers and housewives to keep payroll and tax records similar to had not made up his mind on proposals to broaden the protective base of the law, but added that they must be considered from a financial standpoint as well.

An influential southerner predicted that resentment among farmers over any proposals to make them liable for payroll tax payments would be felt in political circles immediately.