New Crisis For Britain

Sinking of Hood Plus Crete Invasion May Bring Decisive Stage in War.

By EDWARD E. BOMAR.

The spectacular German north Atlantic naval triumph plus the onslaughter on Crete look like the opening of a new and perhaps decisive stage of the axis effort to achieve the victory which Adolf Hitler predicted for 1941.

There followed almost immediately a nazi warning to the United States that "convoys mean shooting," announcement of General Maxime Weygand's adherence to Vichy's collaboration with Germany, and new Japanese aggressive action in the far east.

As the campaign of conquest unfolds, it is only logical to anticipate other sutter blows. Perhaps, indeed, another "cataract of disasters," as Winston Churchill termed the crushing of France and it immediate aftermath, lies ahead for Britain before any major turn in the war's course can be looked for.

Losses Undisclosed.

The extent of Britain's naval losses in defending Crete remains to be disclosed. There is peril from a desperate blow by the crippled Italian sea forces as well as from nazi bombers.

The loss of Crete appears more than a possibility, and meanwhile, German reinforcements presumably have been filtering into North Africa from Italy, taking advantage of the diversion.

Beyond these lie all sorts of dire threats to Britain's fight to halt the invasion of the middle east. Whether the citadels of Alexandria and Suez themselves can be held appears to be a question. And, meanwhile, the overall battle of the Atlantic continues with undimished fury.

All the grim possibilities were freely envisioned when Jugoslavia and Greece went under, but the drama of such disasters as the sinking of the Hood tend to throw out of focus a clear view of the war's current phase.

Concern to U. S.

The loss of the Hood tips without upsetting the balance of seapower which is of so much concern to the United States as well as Great Britain. Countering the Bismark and the sister Tirpitz are the two new comparable British 35,000-ton battleships of the King George V class and three others which are due to put to sea before the year's end.

Useful as was the powerful but vulnerable and outmoded battle cruiser, her place already has been filled. The loss was a risk the admiralty faced and took in weakening the home fleet to strengthen the forces in the Mediterranean.

As to General Weygand, his reaffirmation of loyalty to Petain tends to reinforce the aged marshal in his struggle to prevent complete surrender to France's conqueror. Any likelihood that Wengand's North African armies would be used against the nazis long since had faded.

Admiral Raeder's warning on the "aggressive character" of the United States naval patrol of the Atlantic merely puts into words the known attitude of Berlin toward American aid to Britain.

The Japanese seizure of American supplies in Indo-China is the latest of a series of such incidents, of definite significance only should it portend ad to the axis.

WeeklyMarket News Review

Raleigh, May 26.—Feed markets were generally dull during the week ended May 24, according to the U. S and North Carolina departments of agriculture in the weekly market news service review.

Oilseed meals advanced slightly with a fair demand for the current offerings which were hardly sufficient for trade needs. Corn feeds strengthened, influenced by the firmness in the corn market and a steady demand for these products. The index number of wholesale feedstuff prices advanced slightly to 112.6 compared with 111.4 for the previous week and 113.4 for the corresponding week last year.

During the past week the market for Virginia type peanuts has strengthened substantially. Prices have advanced rapidly to higher levels on all grades of finished goods and farmers stock peanuts are nominally higher also. No peanuts remain in the hands of the cooperative and it is estimated that not over 150,000 to 175,000 bags are held by sources other than mills. Meanwhile, farmers stock peanut prices are largely nominal at 4 1-4 to 4.36 cents per pound delivered for best jumbos; at 4 to 4 1-4 for best bunch and at 3 3-4 to 4 cents for best shelling stock.

A firm tone for eggs but steady trends for live poultry generally prevailed in the Raleigh area this week. At the close candled and graded U. S. extras large white eggs commanded from 25 to 26 cents and nearby hennery whites from 23 to 24 cents per dozen. Colored hens were unchanged at 17 to 18 cents and colored fryers at 17 1-2 to 18 1-2 cents per pound.

Fed steers and yearlings closed weak to fully 25 cents lower with weighty steers off as much as 40 cents in instances in Chicago this week. Swine prices advanced to the best level since August, 1938 when the late top advanced to 9.50. Spring lambs suffered a full 50 cent price cut, dropping natives to 11.25 late in the period.

Influenced by favorable factors of the continued heavy milk flow and rising butter prices, the weekly output of creamery butter is still showing a strong seasonal increase. The increase of approximately 7 per cent reported for the week ending May 15, however, was slightly smaller than the increase of the two preceding weeks which were unusually large, but the gain of nearly 16 per cent over the production of the corresponding week last year was almost as large as that for the week ending May 8, and even larger than for the week ending May 1.

Cotton prices advanced again this week and reached the highest levels since the summer of 1937, reports the department of agriculture. The principal source of strength in cotton prices appeared to be trade expectation that the bill providing for mandatory federal loans to cotton farmers at 85 per cent of parity will become law. Commodity prices generally advanced further early in the week but later declined. Spot cotton markets were less active than during the previous week, but the volume of reported sales was much larger than for the corresponding week in previous seasons. Domestic mills continued to operate at unusually high rate.

UNC GROUP VOTES FAVORING CONVOYS

Chapel Hill, May 26.—The Chapel Hill chapter of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies has voted overwhelmingly "in favor of the employment of American naval and air forces to convoy American supplies to Britain at this time", Dr. Archibald Henderson, chairman of the chapter, announced today.

The chapter has about 450 active members, and 228 of these had today returned voting forms sent them. Of these 218 favored use of convoys and ten voted "no".

DAV Meet At Charlotte

Disabled American Veterans of the World War, of which there are 6,500 in North Carolina, will hold their state convention in Charlotte at Hotel Selwyn on June 8, 9, and 10. Norwood S. Westbrook of Wilmington, department commander, will preside over the convention; W. C. Mauney of Gastonia is convention program chairman; and Girson Bryant of Charlotte is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Harry Joyner, chief of the Charlotte police, will be one of the main speakers at the convention, and an important address will be delivered by Judson D. DeReamus, regional attorney, Veterans' Administration, Veterans' Facility, Fayetteville. Several other prominent visitors are to appear on the program.

Registration for the convention and attendance at church services are planned for Sunday, June 8, and that evening the veterans and their wives will meet at supper at Suttle's pool. One of the major events will be the annual banquet Monday night.

Election of officers and choosing of the 1942 convention city are scheduled for the closing day of the annual meeting.

Queen Mother Has Birthday

London, May 26.—(AP)—Queen Mother Mary comes to her 74th birthday today with heart saddened by war and older wounds but with the certainty she is more than ever firmly enthroned in the affections of her people.

Her austere manner which readily knows how to give way to smiles of human sympathy has never fooled the British. Their love for the queen mother is of a rare kind.

Her birthday will be passed quietly in the country where many of her other days are devoted to rallying her fellow countrymen.

In dove gray coat and her familiar hats of the Victorian tradition, Queen Mary visits blitzed cities, rest centers and relief stations. She frequently sees the troops and follows all the movements of war. She is among the first to send messages of sympathy and cheer to those who have suffered bombings.

Capital Gossip

By HENRY AVERILL

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, May 26.—Perhaps the best story of the heated national committee election shows how a congressman, who is also a member of the state committee, flew down from Washington in an airplane especially provided for him by Dick Reynolds; then sat silent while a proxy cast his vote for Reynolds' opponent, former Governor Clyde R. Hoey. Reynolds' supporters are still trying to figure that one out.

The congressman is Carl T. Durham. On the day of the state committee meeting, Reynolds, who had reason to believe the Sixth district member would support him, phoned to Washington to urge Durham to be in Raleigh for the vote. The congressman said he couldn't get away because of press of committee business.

"If I send a plane for you, will you fly down?" queried Dick. When an affirmative answer was received, the plane was sent, and Durham arrived in Raleigh well ahead of the state committee session.

He sat on the floor of the session, side by side with Owen Robertson of Orange county who held his proxy. On every single roll call (and there were three of them) Robertson voted the Durham proxy against the Reynolds forces, while Durham, who had come to Raleigh in person as described, sat silently by, puffing his pipe and watching the proceedings.

Employment and Payrolls.

Hotel help continues to be the poorest paid of any type of employment on which the state Department of Labor gathers monthly statistics.

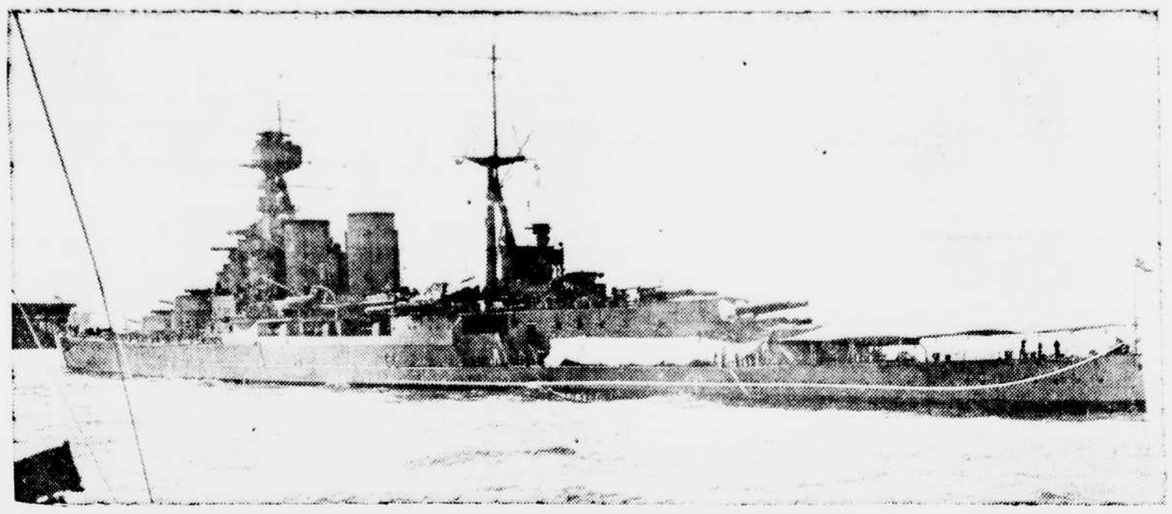
For April, 23 hotels employing 1,231 persons were found to be paying their employees an average wage of $8.91 a week for a working week of 48.4 hours, on the average. These figures show a decrease of 2.3 per cent in the average weekly wage from the preceding month, but this decrease was due to a decrease of 3 per cent in the average hours worked each week.

The average weekly earnings of some other types of employees, as shown by the department's statistics: Brick, tile and terra cotta, $14.27; cotton goods, $16.24; cottonseed oil $10.51; dyeing and finishing, $16.72 fertilizer $15.58; furniture $16.62; full fashioned hosiery $20.70; seamless hosiery $14.93; knit goods, $16.61 lumber $14.27; paper boxes, $15.54 pulp mills, $29.80; printing and publishing $28.47; rayon $16.79; tobacco products $21.32; woolen mills $17.52; other manufacturing industries $17.76; retail trade, $14.53; wholesale $27.67; laundries, dyeing and cleaning $12.47; mines and quarries $14.17; insurance and brokerage $36.13; other lines of trade $15.39.

Average weekly wage of all employees in manufacturing was $17.13 in non-manufacturing $16.43.

Grand average weekly wage of the 211,660 workers reported as employed by the 1,520 reporting firms was $17.07. Average hourly rate was 45.1 cents, which was an increase of 2.5 per cent over March. The average worker toiled for 37.8 hours per week.

Giant British Battle Cruiser Destroyed by Germans.



The huge battle cruiser, H. M. S. Hood, the largest warship afloat, has been destroyed in a sea battle off Iceland with units of the German navy. Another British battleship was so badly damaged, the Germans claim, it was forced out of the naval battle—greatest of the war. The German battleship Bismarck, recently put into commission, is credited with the Hood destruction. The Hood, fully loaded, displaced 46,300 tons and was 860 feet long. She was armed with eight 15-inch guns.

Motor Club Meet Called

Charlotte, May 24.—The proposed construction of a military superhighway from Charleston, South Carolina, through Charleston S. Carolina possibility of a gasoline shortage that might require rationing all along the eastern seaboard will be discussed at a special meeting of the directors of the Carolina Motor Club in Charleston, May 29 and 30. Announcement of the meeting was made today by Coleman W. Roberts, president of the club.

Working with the Cincinnati Automobile Club, the Carolina Motor Club is now planning for a meeting in Washington with congressional representatives from all states along the proposed route of the military highway, at which time details will be gone into, Mr. Roberts said. He expected directors of the motor club to authorize the organization to make every effort to obtain the highway. It would be of great military value, he said, in case of invasion and would in addition provide a much-needed route for transportation and for passenger traffic through a heavily industrialized section with immense natural resources.

Mr. Roberts was advised in a letter from Miss Harriet Elliott, commerce commissioner to the Council of National Defense that the recent proposal to transfer 50 oil tankers to Britain creates a transportation problem with respect to gasoline. Practically all the gasoline used on the eastern seaboard is brought from gulf ports by tankers. The stoppage of the natural flow of gasoline might result in a decided shortage. The government is now considering the laying of pipe lines from the southwestern oil fields to southern and eastern cities. Such a shortage would result in rationing and a probable price increase.

GREYHOUND ADOPTS RETIREMENT PLANS

New York, May 26.—In a statement released today by the board of directors of the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation it was announced that a contributory retirement plan recently recommended nationally by the Greyhound Corporation and its affiliated companies was adopted. This voluntary plan will be submitted shortly to Atlantic Greyhound employees and will become effective as of July 1, 1941.

The plan is designed to supplement the provisions of the Social Security laws, and will, among other benefits make provisions for employees who find it necessary to retire before government and state benefits become effective. The proposed plan will be optional for all Atlantic Greyhound drivers, mechanics, agents, clerks, station employees and personnel of the Atlantic Greyhound Corporation.

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Notice Of Sale Of Land For Taxes, North Carolina, Vance County, City Of Henderson

The following named persons having failed to pay their taxes for the year 1940 due the City of Henderson. I have this day levied on the following real estate, situated in the city of Henderson, which I will sell at the Court House Door in Vance County on Monday, June 9, 1941, at 12 o'clock Noon to satisfy said taxes and the costs.

This the 12th day of May, 1941.

W. G. ROYSTER, City Clerk.

WHITE

Adcock, A. D. 1 lot 432 North Clark St.	$ 23.61
Allen, Mrs. H. H. 1 lot 831 Champion St.	17.81
Beckham, J. O., Heirs 1 1-1 501 North Clark St.	14.50
Blacknall, Miss Grace 1 lot Horner, 2 lots Spring St.	45.13
Bowling, Mrs. Pattie Z. 4 lot Breckenridge and various Sts.	70.80
Briggs, Mrs. Mamie, 1 lot Vance St.	11.19
Brown, Wilbur and Mrs. Margaret Browne Webb 1 lot 132 Carolina Ave.	34.37
Bryant, Miss Lillie 1 1-1 Arch St.	13.26
Coghill, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. 1 lot Wall St.	4.56
Crowder, Miss Ethel S. 2 lots Breckenridge and Montgomery Sts.	194.26
Dorsey, Mrs. Elizabeth 3 lots Garnett and various Sts.	210.28
Dunkley, G. W. 1 lot Breckenridge St.	32.05
Falkner, Mrs. Pearl F. 1 1-1 Davis St.	17.98
Finch, C. H. 1 lot Clark St.	29.86
Finch, Mrs. Jessie Mandy 1 lot 350 Clark St.	34.87
Gill, J. W. 12 lots Water and various Sts.	50.18
Hamm, Mrs. D. B., Est. 1 lot Arch St.	9.53
Hardee, Asa A. 3 lots Andrews Ave. and Garnett St.	159.75
Hardee, Mrs. A. A. 2 lots Andrews Ave. and Water St.	48.61
Harward, F. M. 1 lot Andrews Ave.	38.51
Henderson Hotel Co. 1 lot William St.	721.61
Henderson & Oxford Gas Co. Gas Mains	138.04
Hill, Mrs. Mary Urquhart 1 lot William St.	16.15
Houck, L. C. 1 lot 420 Andrews Ave.	42.65
Hunt, E. C. 1 lot Chestnut St.	18.22
Inscoe, G. W. 3 lots Flint Hill	28.99
Inscoe, W. C. 1 lot Chavasse Ave.	26.71
Johnson, Woodrow H. 1 lot Montgomery St. Ext.	8.08
King, Mrs. Mattie P. 1 lot 124 Carolina Ave. (bal.)	22.77
Lanier, W. R. 1 lot Hillside Ave.	2.49
Lassiter, Robert 71 lots Montgomery and various Sts. (bal.)	347.63
Lowry, George A. 1 lot 733 N. Garnett St.	37.06
Marston, Frank F. 1 lot Andrews Ave.	39.13
Marston, R. E. 1 lot 715 Andrews Ave.	15.53
Matthews, W. A., Est. 1 1-1 Andrews Ave.	21.06
May, E. D. 1 lot South William St.	12.84
Nichols, Mrs. L. S. 1 lot Orange St.	7.87
Owen, Mrs. Violet R. 1 lot Belle St.	75.77
Parker, Mrs. Ada S. 1 lot Garnett and Orange Sts. (bal.)	56.46
Peace, J. M. 1 lot 612 Hillside Ave.	10.73
Perry, George E. 4 lots Hamilton and Chestnut Sts. (bal).	89.11
Pulston, Mrs. Bessie L. 1 lot 413 Charles St.	57.89
Powell, Mrs. T. T. 1 lot 431 Andrews Ave.	44.22
Rowland, Mrs. Hilda L. 4 lots Nicholas and Various Sts.	122.14
Scoggins, W. L. 1 lot Andrews Ave.	35.69
Stegall, Mrs. Annie Gill 1 lot 218 Hamilton St.	45.38
Strange, Miss Jeanie H. 3 lots Horner and Pettigrew Sts.	50.93
Swain, W. W., Heirs 8 lots Charles and various Sts.	52.59
Urquhart, K. D. 1 lot William St.	16.15
Urquhart Printers 1 lot William St.	9.53
Wall, Mrs. L. D. 1 lot Hargrove St.	146.61
Walters, R. K. and Wife, 1 lot 141 Young Ave.	67.99
Wilson, Mrs. R. H. 1 lot Montgomery St.	59.62
Woodlief, L. V. 1 lot Andrews Ave.	42.65

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Allen, Blanche 1 lot Water St.	11.19
Allen, Cicero 1 lot Hillside Ave.	2.49
Allen, Ida Richardson 1 lot John St.	7.87
Allen, Mann 1 lot 555 Spring St.	11.19
Alston, Early 1 lot Flint Hill	12.10
Alston, Paul 1 1-1 Ford St. and Whitten Ave.	14.50
Avery, Napoleon 1 lot 823 Vaughan St.	14.91
Barnes, Jennie 1 lot 411 Pearl St.	6.22
Baxter, J. E. 1 lot 304 Rockspring St.	46.79
Boykins, Henry 1 lot 512 Pearl St. (bal.)	8.16
Brodie, Nathaniel 1 lot Young Ave. (bal.)	9.44
Brown, Bunch, Est. 1 1-1 505 Winder St.	9.53
Bryant, Will 1 lot Whitten Ave.	3.94
Bullock, B. W., Heirs 1 lot 631 Ransom St.	8.70
Bullock, Polly, Est. 1 lot 422 Winder St.	7.87
Burton, Ella 1 lot 417 Pearl St.	9.78
Burton, Lewis, Est. 1 lot 418 Rockspring St.	6.22
Burton, Maria Turner 1 lot Young Ave.	5.56
Burwell, Sidney 1 lot 109 Merriman St.	6.51
Christmas, Alfred 1 lot Water St.	4.56
Christmas, Annie Belle 1 lot Whitten Ave.	3.73
Clark, Sallie, Est. 1 lot Hillside Ave.	4.56
Collins, Dallie Rice 2 lots Andrews Ave.	19.43
Cook, Josephine 2 lots John St.	19.03
Cook, Zollie 1 lot Flint Hill	5.43
Crews, Horace and Kate 1 lot 26 Breckenridge St.	7.25
Davis, John and James Brown 1 lot Winder St.	18.02
Davis, Lorenza and Lottie Harris 1 lot Arch St.	9.53
Davis, Matthew 1 lot 403 Rockspring St.	7.87
Eaton, Alice 1 lot 518 Davis St.	5.39
Eaton, Fannie 1 lot 612 Davis St.	9.53
Eaton, Julia 1 lot Arch and Clark (bal).	7.55
Eaton, Tommie and Rebecca 1 lot Bridgers St.	4.56
Evans, Lewis 1 lot 524 Winder St.	15.36
Foster, Lucy 1 lot College St.	9.53
Frazier, Eugene 1 lot 127 Orange St.	8.91
Gailes, John 1 lot William St.	5.39
Gales, Annie Lee 1 lot 408 Hamilton St.	10.36
Gales, Henry 1 lot Rockspring St.	42.82
Green, Clarence 1 lot 720 Eaton St.	27.17
Green, James 1 lot Parham St.	14.08
Green, William and Susan 1 lot Andrews Ave.	5.56
Green, William J. 1 lot 911 Bridgers St.	9.53
Hall, William 1 lot Montgomery St.	11.19
Hamilton, Dollie N. 1 1-1 747 John St.	12.30
Hamlet, Bettie L. 1 lot Pettigrew St.	17.81
Harris, Eliza Heirs 1 lot Whitten Ave.	6.22
Harris, Fred 1 lot 418 Flint Hill	9.16
Harris, H. Lee, Heirs 1 lot 164 Spring St.	14.50
Harris, Joe C. 1 lot Pearl St.	6.22
Harrison, Wesley 1 lot Pinkston St.	4.56
Hawkins, Caroline 1 lot 604 Rowland St.	17.40
Hawkins, Eliza 1 lot 533 Whitten Ave.	6.30
Hawkins, Fred 1 lot 520 Winder St.	11.39
Hawkins, George 1 lot Cherry St.	31.47
Hawkins, Peter 1 lot East Rockspring St.	2.08
Hawkins, Sandy 1 lot Kittrell St.	3.15
Henderson, Lucy, 2 lots Hamilton St.	23.61
Henderson, Turner 1 lot Hillside Ave.	6.22
Hicks, Thomas G. 1 lot Chestnut St.	11.19
Hocutt, T. H. 2 lots Young Avenue	14.42
Hogan, Minnie G. 1 lot 737 John St.	3.73
Howard, Lucy Walker 1 lot 204 Mulberry St.	13.67
Howell, King, 2 lots John St.	12.84
Howell, Rebecca, Est. 1 lot 314 Rockspring St.	9.53
Hunt, Isabelle 1 lot Arch St.	2.91
Jackson, Willie 2 lots Pettigrew and Ransom Sts.	16.45
Johnson, Plummer 1 lot Orange St.	14.71
Jones, David, Est. 1 lot 602 Arch St.	7.87
Jones, Garland 1 lot Alley (near Chestnut St.)	13.38
Jones, Henry 1 lot 418 E. Rockspring St.	8.62
Jones, Hettie 1 lot Arch St.	2.91
Jones, Rowland 1 lot Eaton St.	7.87
Jones, Walter 1 lot Flint Hill	6.51
Jordan, E. A. 1 lot 104 Chestnut St. (bal).	69.21
Kearney, Mann 1 lot Rockspring St.	13.67
Knight, Julius 1 lot 423 Pearl St.	20.34
Mayfield, Fred 2 lots Chestnut St.	11.43
Merritt, John 1 lot Chestnut St.	2.91
McDougall, Charlie 1 lot Rockspring St.	14.50
Parham, Carrie 1 lot Hamilton St.	2.91
Parham, Elizabeth and Curtis 1 lot Pearl St.	6.43
Parham, Emma L. 1 lot 804 Montgomery St.	9.53
Partin, Luther 1 lot Pearl St.	3.73
Perry, Mary V. 1 lot Hillside Ave.	3.73
Perry, Susan 1 lot 419 Whitten Ave.	6.22
Pope, James 1 lot Palmer Ave.	11.93
Reavis, E. L. 2 lots Whitten Ave.	23.36
Reid, Wade 1 lot Winder St.	18.18
Richardson, Amada, Est., 2 lots Rowland St.	44.31
Riggs, Martha 1 lot Hillside Ave.	2.49
Rogers, T. L. 1 lot 204 Pearl St.	27.13
Royster, Addison 1 lot Orange St.	2.91
Royster, John, Heirs 1 lot Andrews Ave.	7.87
Royster, Margaret 1 lot Clark and Rockspring St.	5.39
Shields, Walter 1 lot Pearl St.	17.60
Sneed, Lucy and Cora 1 lot Rowland St.	10.11
Sommerville, Lizzie 4 lots Hamilton and various Sts.	25.18
Stephenson, Fannie, Est. 1 lot Whitten Ave.	11.19
Thigpen, Carrie B. 1 lot 674 Vance St.	13.34
Townes, Conrad 2 lots Pearl and Rockspring St.	11.19
Vass, Peter 1 lot 609 Arch St.	7.42
Vaughan, John D. 1 lot 615 Winder St.	20.05
Vincent, James, Heirs 2 lots Palmer Ave.	7.87
Williams, Hilliard 1 lot Andrews Ave.	9.53
Williams, Jesse B. 3 lots Whitten Ave.	19.88
Wimberley, R. E. 1 lot 222 Rockspring St.	34.37
Wingfield, Pinkey 1 lot 153 Breckenridge St.	10.36
Wortham, J. H. and Mary B. 6 lots Flint Hill	2.91
Wortham, W. Hence 1 lot 859 Montgomery St.	7.05
Wyche, N. Gaston 6 lots Flint Hill	18.31
Wright, Roosevelt 1 lot 722 Chestnut St.	16.69

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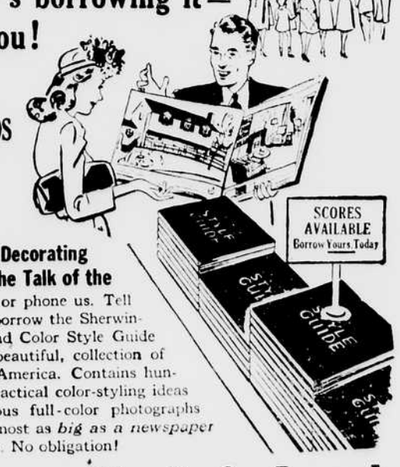

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