Only Five Needy Cases Remain To Be Provided

Rotary Club Takes Four, Club and Class One Each; Others May All Disappear by Tomorrow; Were 31 in All.

Six additional Christmas Opportunities were provided for today, leaving only five yet to be taken until the entire list of thirty-one originally offered shall have been assured a happier Christmas as the result of local generosity. Captain Granville Mills, of The Salvation Army, announced today that the Henderson Rotary club had taken four cases, the Junior Tuesday club one and the Nelson Philathea class of the Congregational Christian church one.

Prospects today were that most of the remaining five would be provided for by tomorrow. Captain Mills has had urgent requests for other needy families, and will probably furnish a supplementary list within the next day or two. Those interested in having a hand in bringing Christmas cheer and happiness into homes that would otherwise not have it are asked to watch for these and to make their applications promptly.

Those taken since yesterday and the five remaining Opportunities are listed below:

NUMBER ONE

Family of six; father dead. Only income $8 a month made by oldest boy, who is not well. Other children in very poor health and undernourished. Boys 20, 19, 14 and 10; girls 16. Need food and Christmas extras.

NUMBER TWO

Large family of ten. Boys 16, 14, 13 9, 6 and 4. Girls 11 and 7. Low income family. Need Christmas dinner and toys for children.

NUMBER THREE

Family of eight. Boys 13, 11 and 5. Girls 19, 17 and 15. Father has had to give up work due to illness. Mother not able to work. Family badly in need of food and toys for the young children.

NUMBER THIRTEEN

Taken by Rotary club.

NUMBER FIFTEEN

Large Negro family. Father and mother deaf and dumb. Pick-up work on farms is only source of income. Two children had pneumonia recently and still need careful attention. Boys 16 and 11. Girls 14, 9, 6, 4, 3 and 6 months. This family is in need of food and Christmas extras.

NUMBER NINETEEN

Taken by Rotary club.

NUMBER TWENTY

Taken by Junior Tuesday club.

NUMBER TWENTY-TWO.

Taken by Rotary club.

NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN

Taken by Nelson Philathea class of Congregational Christian church.

NUMBER THIRTY

Large family of twelve. Only employment during year has been WPA and odd jobs. Boys 16, 15, 14, 11, 6 and 2; girls 7, 4 and 1. Need food and toys.

NUMBER THIRTY-ONE

Taken by Rotary club.

Progress Made In Preparation For Fighting Incendiary Fire

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Probably more progress has been made in preparing for incendiary fires than in any other phase of North Carolina civilian defense. The reason is that State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell got started on it immediately after the tragic English evacuation at Dunkerque.

Brockwell, however, would be the last to say that the preparation was by any means complete. Because there is no such to be done is the man he is keeping at it day and night. But progress has been made and the tempo of preparation has been speeded up immeasurably since war was declared.

To train firemen in defense against chemical warfare, such as fighting fires resulting from incendiary bombs from airplanes or from any other source, Brockwell is conducting two schools next month. Eastern firemen meet in Farmville on January 12 and westerners in Charlotte on January 15. In the meantime he has arranged with State College for a short course in fighting war fires to be given representatives of major industries. Already he has met with the fire chiefs here in Raleigh.

The right arm of Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell in this campaign is Fire Marshal Kenlon Brockwell of Fort Bragg, his son and a lieutenant in the Army. Young Brockwell was graduated from State in '38 and until last March had been working with a large fire fighting equipment company in several states as an industrial engineer specializing in fire prevention. Being a reserve officer, he was called into service and soon put in charge of the big department at Bragg. As fire fighting and prevention in war is a joint military and civilian responsibility, the two are working together and the "old man", whether he admits it or not, is as proud as a peacock.

When Brockwell began preaching preparedness for war in June, 1940, he was accused of being a fanatic. "Hell-fire!" he exclaimed. "I always have been a fanantic about fires," and kept on hammering. He warned city fathers all over the state that there was not a department in North Carolina able to cope with two major fires in its business district at the same time. "And in war, God know how many you'll have," he stated. The campaign was not altogether successful but in the last 18 months there has been a good deal of equipment purchased.

Special training of firemen—and through them the training of emergency civilian assistants is the main job now, says Brockwell. There is not much chance of getting new equipment now. Last month he attended the school which the federal government conducted at Edgewood Arsenal. There he heard Englishmen tell what experience had taught them in fighting fires which started from incendiary bombs and passing on the lessons learned in actual air raids. This is the thing he is now is passing on to firemen all over the state.

"I don't know that North Carolina will ever see an enemy airplane," he said. "Neither does anybody else. But I do know that this state is crossed by three main, north-south railways. I know there are millions of gallons of gasoline stored at Wilmington. I know there is a gasoline pipe line which terminates in the middle of the state. And I know that the only sensible thing to do is to get ready for any emergency."

Marine Corps Lowers Bars

For the first time since the present emergency has come into effect the United States marine corps is now enlisting men between ages of 17 and 35. Prior to this the Marine Corps was only enlisting men who had not reached their 30th birthday.

This five-year difference in age is expected to bring many men into the ranks of the Marine Corps. Since the outbreak of hostilities many men between the ages of 30 and 35 were told that they were too old for the Marine Corps and were turned down. All of these men are now urged to come back to the Marine Corps recruiting stations and enlist.

The Marine Corps is also now enlisting all former Marines who have not reached their 35th birthday and are not married.

The Marine Corps Reserve is now open, with unlimited vacancies for those that desire to enlist in the reserve. These men will receive the same pay, promotions and other advantages that the regular marines receive, the only difference being that the reserves will serve till the duration of the emergency and then will be released.

Secret Weapon Of Jap Navy Is Tiny Sub

Washington, Dec. 17.—Japan's so-called secret naval weapon is a tiny, two-man submarine—a "suicide" craft that can loose torpedoes or hurl itself at enemy ships with the same destruction effect of a torpedo, the navy revealed today.

The secret was exposed by the capture of one of the midgets during the December 7 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The navy found that the pigmy sub "carries a 300-pound charge of high explosives under the stern, wired to the battery so it can be used as a demolition charge either for the submarine itself in case of attack or against ships or harbor objectives."

The craft also carries two 18-inch torpedoes. Standard size American submarines, some seven times the length of the pigmies, carry 21-inch torpedoes.

There were indications, the navy said, that the captured "suicide" sub was launched from a mother ship about 100 miles off the Hawaiian island of Oahu.

(Two other Japanese subs—one a midget the other the conventional type—were sunk during the attack.)

Describing the suicide element, the navy said "there are indications the personnel operating the submarines desperate, even to self-sacrifice, to will go to any extreme, however carry out their objective."

The navy said the Japanese "suicide" subs are of such size that they could be carried on the deck of larger craft and launched overside by the same cranes and facilities used for handling the small boats of a combat ship.

They have a cruising radius of 200 miles at low speed and are powered by electric motors with a designated top speed of 24 knots.

The craft captured is 41 feet long has a beam of five feet and a conning tower four and a half feet above the deck. The quarter-inch plate hull is divided into five compartments, two of which house the electric batteries used for operating the motors. The subs are equipped with a gyro-compass, a magnetic compass, radio equipment and underwater sound and listening devices.

Their crew consists of one officer and one rating.

Living quarters are extremely cramped. The amount of supplies and fuel is necessarily limited. Naval experts estimate they would be able to remain at sea five days before returning to the mother ship or base.

How many such subs the Japanese possess is not known but it is possible that "schools" of them may be used against the allied naval forces in the Pacific.

Chief asset of the little craft is their ability to operate in shallow waters, thus enabling them to get through harbor defenses.

Hitler Takes Rest Cure

Ankara, Dec. 15.—(Delayed)—Adolf Hitler was reported in informed German quarters tonight to have been forced by an imminent nervous breakdown to quit the Russian front and retire to his Berchtesgaden retreat for a rest.

His doctors told Hitler that he had strained his nervous system to the breaking point for several months, most of which he has spent at field headquarters on the eastern front directing the German campaign in Russia, the informants said.

They warned him that the extraordinary strain of a continued heavy drain on his physical resources might be fatal.

Hitler finally agreed to go to the Berchtesgaden mountain retreat, where he is expected of absolute seclusion for a rest cure.

TRAFFIC FINES.

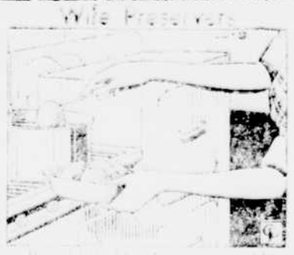
A. W. Cooper and Melvin Taylor paid $1 traffic fines into the office of the city clerk of record, they showed today.

Recorder Has Charge.

Recorder R. E. Clements heard one charge today in county court, with Andrew Dickerson being guilty of speeding and reckless driving. Prayer for judgement was continued upon payment of the costs.

INDIAN YOUTH AND WOMAN RELEASED

Gene Alford, 19-year-old Indian youth, who gave his address for Oklahoma and Evelyn Bartlett, about 25, said to be of California, who have been held here since Sunday on an open charge of investigation, were released by Tuesday by State Highway Patrolman A. L. Taylor, upon Alford being turned over to the U. S. Navy, which, officers said, he was a deserter. Contact was made with the woman's brother, police said, in California, and she had been reported as among the missing. Alford was sent back to California, police said.



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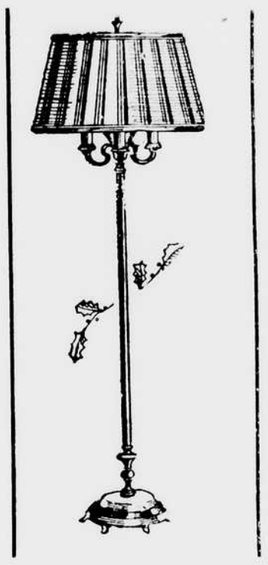

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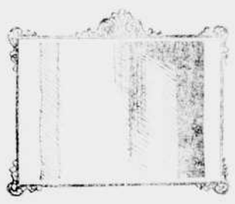

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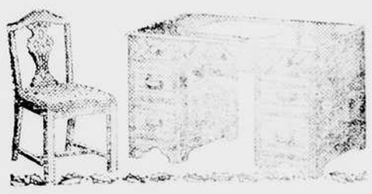

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