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## PROMINENT CITIZENS URGE FULL AID TO DEFEAT AXIS

### White House Reveals Telegram From 169 Persons Advocating All Possible Help For Britain; Dr. Frank Graham and Other Tar Heels Sign Appeal

Washington, Dec. 26. — A round robin petition bearing the names of 169 prominent persons and urging President Roosevelt to do "everything that may be necessary to insure defeat of the Axis powers" was made public by the White House today.

It said that "the materials of war and the military nad naval and air strength we now have and the implements we can now produce are enough to make certain the defeat of the Axis powers, so long as Britain is on her feet and fighting, but that with Britain down, they are not enough and may not in the future be increased enough to hold the whole world at bay."

Immediately, a sharp division of opinion made itself manifest on Capitool Hill. For example, Senator King (D-Utha) said that "all possible aid" for England, Greece and China was imperative, while Senator Holt (D-W. Va.) said the appeal to the White House was made by a "collection of warmongers," man y of whom, he asserted, "have financial interest in the continuation of the war."

The appeal was delivered to the White House in the form of a telegram. Attached were the names of educators, editors, authors, business men, religious and labor leaders, and others.

**Not Organized.**

While some of them have been identified in the past with the William Allen White Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, or its adjuncts, Ulrich Bell, newspaperman and one of the signers, said that no organization was behind the appeal. The White House said that so far as it knew the telegram was spontaneous.

The signers included James B. Conant, president of Harvard University; Frank Altschul, New York banker; Charles Seymour, president of Yale University; Gerard Swope, New York industrialist; Mrs. Dwight Morrow, mother-in-law of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh; Lewis W. Douglas, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company and former Budget Director; Carter Glass, Jr., Lynchburg, Va.; Arthur Garfield Hayes, New York lawyer; Rupert Hughes, author, and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., motion picture actor.

While there was no announcement whether or not the President agreed with the telegram, the fact that it was made public by his official aides caught the attention of the capital.

Pledging "complete approval" of the Roosevelt plan to lend armaments to Britain, the telegram also urged the Chief Executive to tell the country "clearly and boldly" of the chances of English failure and the consequences to the United States of such an eventuality.

**Own Peril.**

It said that "ignorance and lethargy and disbelief here are blinding us to our own peril" and added:

"To your leadership the people responded before. To your leadership the people will, we believe, respond again. Your leadership is essential to the preparation of men's minds for what may be ahead of us."

"We ask you," it said at another point:

"To clarify once more, but perhaps in greater detail, the nature of the conflict which threatens to wipe out the sort of Christian civilization in which men may be free from the restraints of intolerance, from the fear of injustice and from the menace of arbitrary power. . . .

"We ask you to make it the settled policy of this country to do everything that may be necessary to insure the defeat of the Axis powers, and thus to encourage here and everywhere resistance to the plausible, but false arguments of appeasement.

"To this policy we pledge you our unqualified support, and express our complete approval of your recently announced plan for lending armaments to Britain.

The telegram apparently was drafted with President Roosevelt's forthcoming address in mind.

### SANTA RESCUED FROM ROOF

Rochester, N. H. — Santa Claus made an unexpected landing here recently when, descending in a parachute from an airplane, he landed on the roof of a business block, instead of in the street where thousands of children had assembled to greet him. He was rescued by firemen.

The story has been advanced that the fewer chickens there are the longer he will live. The animal wants to believe in the [illegible]

### HITLER

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Adolf Hitler made a Christmas tour along the north French coastal front and extended his visit through today, the official German news agency DNB disclosed tonight.

He visited units of the army, navy and air force and also of the "The Organization Todt," engineering units which built the German westwall and now are said to be installing more heavy batteries along the channel coast.

He told his soldiers, said DNB, that the watchword for the New Year is:

"Before us lies the freedom and future of our folks, behind us lie past experiences and in us lies the unswervable decision that out of this war shall come a better and more beautiful ermany."

But the presence of both Hitler and Field Marshal General Walther von Brauchitsch, the German commander-in-chief,at the front does mean an immediate attempt to invade England, authorized sources said. They remarked that both were at the German Westwall last Christmas, but that no attack in that sector took place then.

## J. T. Gaylord Wreck Victim

### Winterville Man Killed Near Farmville Wednesday

Jerry T. Gaylord, 43, was instantly killed at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning in an automobile accident which occurred a few miles from Farmville on the Farmville-Bruce road.

Mr. Gaylord was traveling toward Bruce at the time of the accident and had a head-on collision with a car driven by Brown Pernell Canady of Burlington.

Funeral services were conducted from the Episcopal Church in Winterville Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. Jackson Episcopal minister of Ayden, and burial followed in the Winterville cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Grace Cox Gaylord; one daughter, Mary Grace; and two sons, Jerry, J., and Thad, all of the home ;one brother, George O. Gaylord, Jr., of Wilmington; and his mother, Mrs. Mary Gaylord of Wilmington.

Mr. Gaylord was born and reared in Bath. He was a farmer.

Mrs. Gaylord is a daughter of the late Dr. Cox, of Winterville.

### Prize Winners In Sale of The Turnage Co. Here

Winners in the sale contest, conducted by The Turnage Company during the fall and in this month, have been announced by this firm in the final event which was concluded on Tuesday before Christmas:

**The Winners**

Grand Prize—1941, 85 H. P. Ford Tudor Delux Sedan—Paul Allen, Jr., Farmville, N. C.

2nd Prize — $114.50 Westinghouse Electric Washing Machine — A. W. Massey, Farmville, N. C., R. D. F.

3rd Prize — One set (4) Gilt-edge first line tires to fit car—Helen Tyson, Rt. 1, Farmville, N. C.

4th Prize — One-half ton Golden Crown 3-9-3 Fertilizer made by The Farmville Oil & Fertilizer Co.—Rudolph Tyson, Rt. 1, Box 184, Farmville, N. C.

5th Prize—$14.50 six shot Winchester 22 Rifle—Miss Myrtle Hines, Rt. 2, Farmville, N. C.

6th Prize—One Bbl. Roller Champion Flour—Jasper Lee Jones, Rt. 1, Snow Hill, N. C.

7th Prize — One Bbl. Roller Flour—Robert Linwood Parker, Rt. 1, Farmville, N. C.

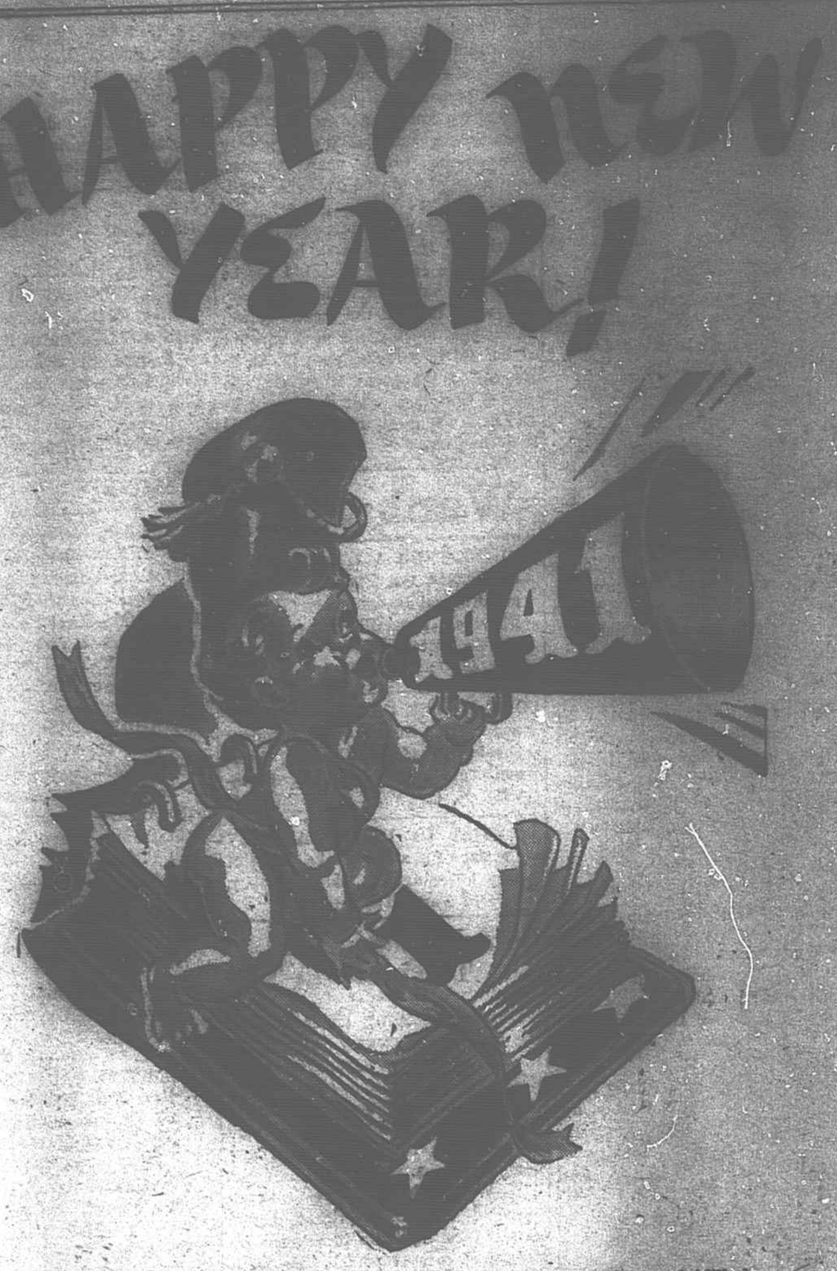
8th Prize—$400 pair Petalo Work Shoes for men—J. W. Hardy, Farmville, N. C.

### SCHOOL TO REOPEN ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd

Closing for the holidays on Friday before Christmas, the Farmville graded school children and teachers have enjoyed a holiday extending nearly two weeks.

The school will reopen for the second semester on Thursday, January 2, at the regular hour, according to Superintendent Moore, who reports that the first semester has been very pleasant with no big problem in charge of administration of the school.

The world is ever-[illegible] those who can win and hold the [illegible]. What is needed is a [illegible] take it on the chin and [illegible] honor and courage.




A NEW YEAR always brings with it the promise of many hopes fulfilled, wishes granted, and all manner of good fortune. A New Year is beginning now and surely everyone joins The Enterprise in the hope that every aim of our National Defense will be realized, and that peace will be reborn.

## Thirty-five Cities Designated For Home Guard Units

### No Pay for Guardsmen To Take Place of National Guard at Home

Raleigh, Dec. 27—Thirty-five North Carolina cities and towns have been tentatively designated as headquarters for Home Guard units, which will be established soon to perform duties formerly handled by the State's National Guard, Ad. Gen. J. Van B. Metts announced yesterday.

Site for the units, all of which will be infantry, were selected by General Metts and approved by Governor Hoey. Each unit will be authorized to have as many as 50 enlisted men and three officers.

Since North Carolina's quota, as authorized by the War Department, is 2,006 Home Guardsmen, there is a possibility that additional units, in a few other North Carolina municipalities, will be established at a later date by the Adjutant General.

Cities and towns tentatively selected are Edenton, Wilmington, Washington, New Bern, Greenville, Wilson, Goldsboro, Louisburg, Henderson, Raleigh, Durham, Lumberton, Raeford, Sanford, Burlington, Reidsville, Greensboro, High Point, Winston-Salem, Lexington, Albemarle, Salisbury, Concord, Statesville, Charlotte, North Wilkesboro, Gastonia, Lenoir, Shelby, Morganton, Rutherfordton, Asheville, Canton, Waynesville, and Bryson City.

All of the 35 municipalities, with the exception of Goldsboro, Lexington, Rutherfordton and Bryson City, formerly were headquarters of National Guard units. The Guard was called into federal service several months ago, and now is stationed outside of North Carolina.

**Take Guard's Place.**

The Home Guardsmen will be available to quell riots—a task formerly performed by the National Guard—and also may be called out to protect vital industries and public utilities, in the event of the fifth column activity in North Carolina.

### FIVE CHILDREN IN ONE YEAR

Harrington, Neb.—A year to the day after the birth of triplets, twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Mellott. The latest additions to the farm family—a boy and a girl—raised the number of children to four.

There are a lot of nuts in the woods this year, they say. And a lot on the march, too, they say.

### Farmville Furniture Co. Gives Prizes At Sale

The following customers of the Farmville Furniture Company were winners of prizes given Christmas Eve by this firm as the closing event in a sale conducted during the past several weeks:

**The Winners**

1. Radio—Mack E. Jones, Snow Hill, N. C., Route 1.
2. Red Room Suite—Mrs. David Fulford, Farmville, N. C., Route 2.
3. Lane Cedar Chest—Mrs. Smiley Smith, City.
4. Breakfast Room Suite — Lee Knott, Washington, N. C.
5. Mattress—Reddin Fields, City.
6. Two Esmond Blankets — Pete Baker, Farmville, R. F. D.
7. Gold Seal Rug—Paul Allen, Sr., Farmville, N. C., R. F. D.
8. Floor Lamp — Bessie Joyner, Farmville, N. C., R. F. D.
9. Traveling Bag—Mrs. Charles E. Fitzgerald, City.
10. Rocker—Robert D. Rouse, City.
11. End Table — Melvin Norville, Walstonburg, N. C., Route 2.
12. Mirror—Mrs. W. A. Marlowe, Walstonburg, N. C.

GRAND GRIZE: 1941 Hudson Car—Bruce Dail, of Snow Hill, N. C., Route 1.

### MRS. LUCY J. TRIPP

Greenville.—Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy J. Tripp, 70, who died Wednesday in Pitt General Hospital after several weeks of critical illness, were conducted Thursday afternoon from Reedy Branch Church by the Rev. J. C. Moye, Free Will Baptist Minister of Snow Hill. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Burney Tripp; four daughters, Mrs. Henry Tripp of near Greenville, Mrs. Maggie Fulford of near Farmville, Mrs. L. L. Forbes of Greenville, Route 2, and Mrs. H. E. Willoughby of the home; six sons, C. H. Tripp of near Ayden, P. H. of Reedy Branch, E. M. of Farmville, T. L. of Grimesland, Burney of Greenville, and Willey J. of near Ayden; 35 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; three brothers, F. E. and J. W. Tripp of Roanoke Rapids, and J. H. Tripp of Winterville; three sisters, Mrs. David Hatem and Mrs. Will Forbes of Greenville and Mrs. J. M. Tripp of Pactolus.

Mrs. Tripp spent her entire life in the Reedy Branch community. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tripp and was a member of Reedy Branch Free Will Baptist Church.

### PLAYS WITH MATCHES, DIES

Corinth, N. Y.—While playing with matches, Annabell Laffer, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. [illegible] was so severely burned that she died [illegible]

By HUGO S. SIMS
(Washington Correspondent)

AID TO THE BRITISH TO SPEED ASSISTANCE.
LANDON FOR GIFTS. AMBASSADOR LOTHIAN.
FEDERAL POWER BOARD.
OUR PLANE EXPORTS.
AID TO THE NEUTRALS.
ST. LAWRENCE PROJECT.
DEFENSE ITEMS LISTED.
BLAMES DELAY ON STRIKES.

Apparently, the chief problem before the Government at this time is how to speed up delivery of war supplies to Great Britain. Officials seem to be convinced that the need is extremely urgent, but whether this is due to the effectiveness of German bombing attacks, or to the imminence of a Hitler offensive is uncertain. At any rate, definite emphasis is being placed upon measures designed to strengthen British resistance.

The fact that the British have requested financial aid is not taken to mean that the cash resources of the Empire are now exhausted. It should be remembered that the British have committed themselves for the purchase of vast supplies of war materials which will be delivered during the coming year. It seems that the question now uppermost concerns the problems which will arise in the future when British dollar resources have been expended.

The reason this matter comes up now is that the British Government wishes to place contracts for additional materials for future delivery, but wants to be assured that when delivery time arrives, arrangements can be made to pay for them. It is important that this matter be settled now, so that contracts can be awarded and the wheels set rolling with as little delay as possible.

While various administration officials have been talking about the great break it is agreed in general that Congress will be asked to make some changes in the Neutrality Act, the Administration is not expected to ask for its repeal in its entirety. Some changes are expected to be made in the section which prohibits American ships from entering the war zone, and in that which prohibits American citizens from travelling on belligerent ships.

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## HALTER [illegible]

### P[illegible]

Washington, [illegible] andenberg (R-[illegible] W. Va.) gave [illegible] suggestions [illegible] sound out Hitl[illegible] on negotiating [illegible]

"It is rea[illegible] ply enlightenin[illegible] quite at any th[illegible] basis may not [illegible] to terminate th[illegible] denberg told re[illegible]

Holt expressed [illegible] broadcast speech [illegible] marks to Pres[illegible] West Virginian [illegible]

"Sooner or lat[illegible] ends, there will h[illegible] ence and a peace [illegible] sentatives of th[illegible] will have to try to [illegible] tions around the [illegible] can you use your [illegible] try to get that a[illegible]

The idea of Un[illegible] looking toward a[illegible] advanced Hitler [illegible] ate statements by [illegible] (D-Mont.) and Ty[illegible]

Tydings said th[illegible] ask Great Britain [illegible] ers for statement[illegible] terms so that it c[illegible] ther there was any [illegible] tion of a "just pe[illegible]

## Britain Do[illegible] Guar[illegible]

### Alert To [illegible] Threat [illegible] Truce In A[illegible] fare Is En[illegible]

London, Dec. [illegible] the number of [illegible] misty channel coast [illegible] patrolled every be[illegible] sibility of a German [illegible] vasion.

Fears that the [illegible] holiday from [illegible] by the Nazis [illegible] for such a spring [illegible] were expressed [illegible] well-informed [illegible]

Military circ[illegible] was "no change" along the coast; [illegible] carrying machine [illegible] less surveys [illegible] halted by bar[illegible] passengers were [illegible] formed soldiers [illegible] required to pre[illegible] cards.

The Strait of [illegible]

"One informant [illegible] sence of British [illegible] the continental [illegible] given the Germ[illegible] to assemble the [illegible] planes for a gr[illegible] was indeed in [illegible]

Un[illegible]

For Britain, [illegible] an uneasy peace [illegible] since early M[illegible] but once during [illegible] of Shepperton [illegible] Thus, an unofficial [illegible] was ended. [illegible] there was little [illegible] casualties.

Some informa[illegible] gested that Ge[illegible] ments reported [illegible] the objective [illegible] attention from [illegible] ing that the [illegible] strategem befo[illegible] gium and The N[illegible]

These sources [illegible] uation that the [illegible] ments pressing [illegible] Turkey and Gr[illegible] garia and Yug[illegible] ish pressure on [illegible]

### MRS JO SUGG[illegible] AT HOME IN S[illegible]

Snow Hill.—F[illegible] Mrs. Jo Sugg[illegible] the late Jes[illegible] and one of th[illegible] Greene county, [illegible] the home of her [illegible] Potter, Sr., [illegible] o'clock Satur[illegible] been in failing [illegible] months.

[illegible] Harp[illegible] of the inimit[illegible] dosh and [illegible] more promin[illegible] society. She [illegible] Methodist ch[illegible]

Surviving [illegible] M. H. Potter, [illegible] Mrs. J. W. [illegible] Harper, of [illegible]

## ARMY [illegible] BALKAN REGION

### [illegible] Massed Troops On Bessarabian Border [illegible] Germans Pour Into Rumania; Mystery [illegible] Motive For Movement — Nazi Troops Also Reported In Italy

[illegible] Hungary, Dec. 26.—Russia [illegible] hold an estimated 300,000 [illegible] on the alert along her Bessarabian border with Rumania as a [illegible] German army poured into the [illegible] and took up positions near [illegible] frontiers with Jugoslavia [illegible] Bulgaria.

[illegible] Hitler was reported by diplo[illegible] to be boosting his military [illegible] in Nazi-dominated Rumania [illegible] of perhaps 500,000 men, [illegible] spread of an impending [illegible] blow-off which might vitally [illegible] Soviet interests.

[illegible] trainloads of German war [illegible] have been rolling across [illegible] for three days, sometimes [illegible] hourly, according to eye-[illegible] reports.

[illegible] transports were said to be [illegible] into Rumania "all the [illegible] that any big-scale Ger[illegible] move might require."

[illegible] the movement of the [illegible] it was said, the transport [illegible] troops themselves will [illegible] tomorrow.

[illegible] Bucharest, it was stated official[illegible] German reinforcements were [illegible] a "training force" at [illegible] only 18 miles from Jugo[illegible] territory, across which Hitler [illegible] conceivably strike to the [illegible] of Italy's war machine bogged [illegible] Albania.

**Germans In Italy.**

[illegible] Belgrade, it was reported [illegible] German divisions, pre[illegible] intended for the Albanian [illegible] and numbering 45,000 to [illegible] troops, had arrived in Italy [illegible] special troop trains since [illegible] traveling over Brenner Pass [illegible] Pass, the latter close [illegible] Jugoslav border. Two of the [illegible] were mechanized and the [illegible] composed of crack Alpine [illegible] troops, these reports said.

[illegible] Belgrade quarters re[illegible] reported that a complete German di[illegible] vision of from 15,000 to 18,000 troops [illegible] at Timisoara near the [illegible] Jugoslav border.

[illegible] reports indicated that [illegible] might be preparing to [illegible] Balkan blow, including a [illegible] into Albania against the [illegible] by way of Jugoslavia and [illegible] Bulgaria, but many diplo[illegible] Budapest insisted that it [illegible] likely that Hitler was [illegible] positions for the Spring."

[illegible] addition to the reinforcements [illegible] Timisoara, the Germans were re[illegible] to have set up a military [illegible] near Arad in south[illegible] Rumania.

German troop movements on [illegible] scale as was reported tonight [illegible] to many neutral observers [illegible] will require four or five [illegible] this may preclude [illegible] blow by Hitler in the [illegible] although it was admitted [illegible] depends largely on Russia's [illegible]

### CREDIT

[illegible] Dec. 26.—The United States [illegible] credit for the British vic[illegible] Italians in North Africa [illegible] Italian news weekly [illegible]

[illegible] said the war had be[illegible] between all Europe and the [illegible] world, in which En[illegible] [illegible] to exist only because [illegible] supporting her.

[illegible] said Tempo, "there [illegible] only North Ameri[illegible] and fights only be[illegible] United States makes it [illegible] latest proof is the [illegible] offensive made pos[illegible] American neutrality [illegible] tanks, planes, am[illegible]

[illegible] including Pre[illegible] own H. Popolo [illegible] while part [illegible] minister Winston [illegible] to Italians [illegible] letter [illegible] was entering the [illegible] quoted in full, but [illegible] only a summary [illegible] by the of[illegible] The sum[illegible] of the passage in [illegible] the Italian [illegible] own [illegible] and [illegible] Italian [illegible] proof [illegible] American [illegible]