

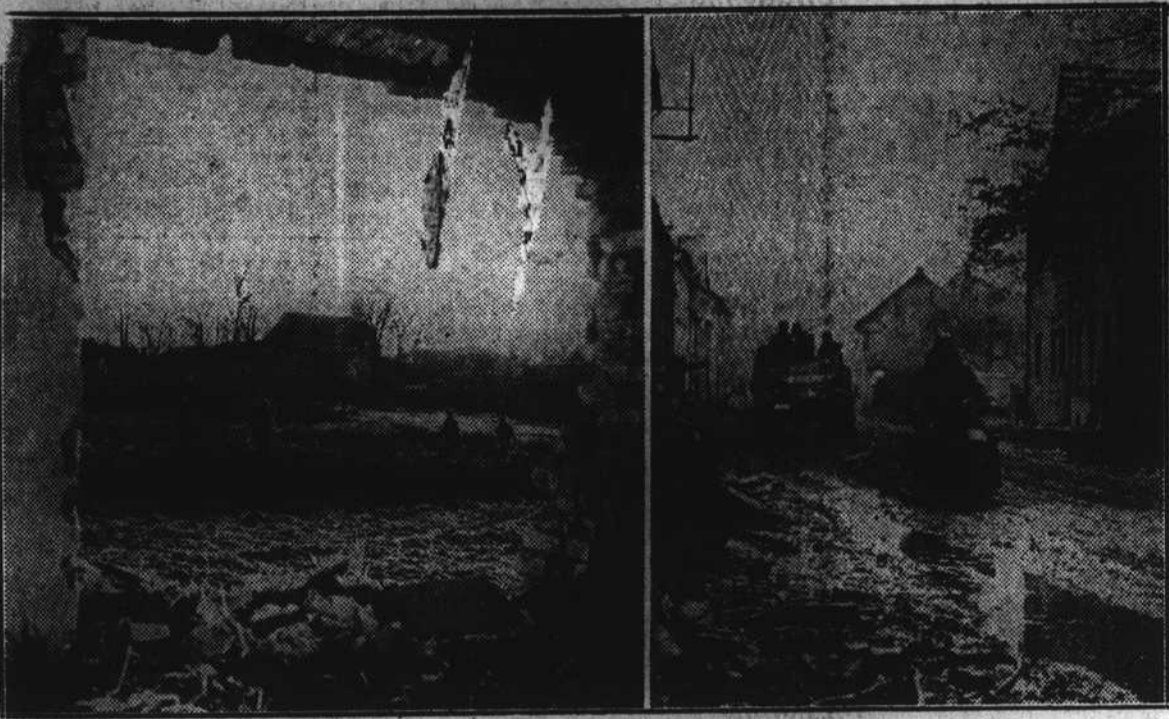
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ONWARD INTO GERMANY—Left, four U. S. Army infantrymen, framed by the shattered walls of a wrecked building, as they file through an open area in Püttelange, France. Right, Vehicles move through Eggendorf, Germany, as the new offensive inside Germany gets under way.

HELP NEEDED FOR BUILDING ROCKET VESSELS FOR NAVY

Has Two and a Half Times Firepower of 45,000 Ton Battleship

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 10—(Special)—The Charleston Navy Yard has completed a number of rocket firing landing ships which will operate with invasion forces.

The announcement followed a Navy department release disclosing that it had developed a small rocket-carrying ship with two and a half times the fire power of a 45,000 ton battleship at close range.

Each ship carried hundreds of rockets, which are divided into racks and fired in salvos for safety purposes. The total number of salvos is equal to approximately two and one half times the firepower of a battleship of the New Jersey class, Washington revealed in announcing the development of the rocket ships.

The rocket firing ships which were first built on an experimental basis, have been converted in landing ships, the hulls of which had already been launched. The Navy department disclosed the size of the newly developed rocket ships as being approximately that of the British LCT's about twice the size of the American made LCT's.

It is for building these new See **HELP NEEDED** on page 8

TAR HEELS PASS ALL BOND GOALS

Lienbach Announces Final Drive Figures

North Carolinians hung up a new record in the sixth war loan investing a grand total of \$284,364,000 in government securities—more than in any previous bond campaign—state war finance chairman Clarence T. Lienbach has announced from Winston-Salem.

The state achieved 203 per cent of its \$121,000,000 quota for the sixth war loan and bettered by \$18,364,000 its sales in the fifth war loan, which totaled \$235,000,000.

Releasing final figures in the drive, Lienbach also disclosed that E bond purchases and total investments by individuals were substantially in excess of the fifth war loan figures.

E bond sales amounted to \$42,321,000—124 per cent of the \$34 million goal. This compared with E bond buying totaling \$39 million in the fifth loan.

Overall individual sales, including E bond transactions and other type securities offered for personal investments, totaling \$94,706,000 or 155 per cent of the \$61 million assignment. In the fifth loan individual purchases aggregated \$82 million.

Seventy-five of the state's 100 counties, including Wayne, exceeded their E bond goals, compared to 54 in the previous campaign, and all counties overshot their total sixth war loan quotas.

The state war loan chairman announced he had received a message from the treasury department congratulating North Carolina and its volunteer workers on the results.

"I want to add my thanks to those of the treasury in expressing appreciation to the thousands of volunteer workers who backed their county chairmen all over the state," Lienbach stated. "All of these workers have done a grand job and deserve not merely thanks, but unstinted praise."

COLD WAVE TO HIT PORTIONS OF STATE

10 Above Zero May Be Experienced

A frigid air mass moved over the east and into the south Tuesday night, after giving the middle west some of the lowest temperatures of the winter, and causing gas and other fuel shortages in some areas.

As the thermometer began to rise gradually in the plains and some of the north central states, forecasters in Washington and Chicago, said temperatures would fall well below zero from the eastern Great Lakes through northern New England and well below freezing—as low as 10 above—in parts of such southern states as Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina.

In Ohio, the zero weather Tuesday caused gas shortages, due to excessive heating use, which shut off big industrial and war plants. There were some coal shortages due to manpower problems. As Chicago's temperature hit 8 below—lowest of the winter—dealers warned residents to keep two to three weeks supply on hand because it would take that long to make deliveries.

The coldest weather, forecasters said, probably would be in northern New York, at about 25 to 30 degrees below zero.

RALPH WHITFIELD IS PRISONER OF WAR

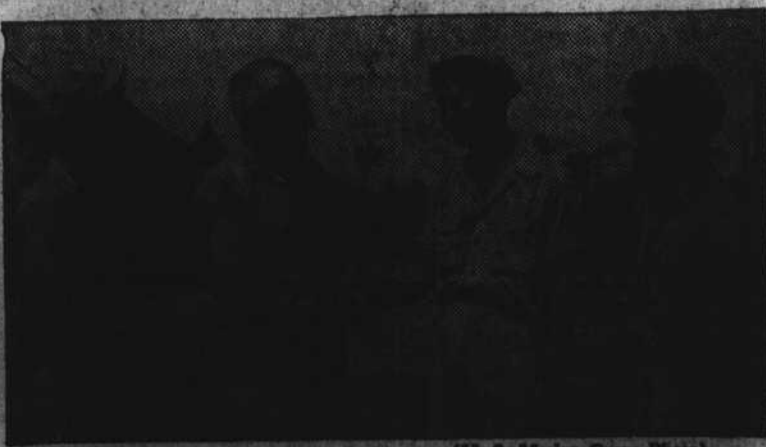
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Whitfield of route 4, Mount Olive, received word Tuesday, through the International Red Cross, that their son, Pvt. Ralph A. Whitfield, is a prisoner of war of the German government. The telegram stated a letter of information will follow from the provost marshal general.

Pvt. Whitfield was reported 'as missing in action since October 15, 1944. On December 11, a message from him to his mother, by short wave radio from a German radio station, was received by his parents. They also received letters and cards from other persons who heard the message over short wave.

MISSING IN ACTION

Staff Sergeant Adrain Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis of the Bear Marsh section, has been reported by the war department as missing in action since December 20, in the European theatre. No other details were given.

Helped Free Their Native Land



Three Guamanian youths, members of the U. S. Navy, who helped liberate their country from the Jap yoke, are shown bidding farewell to Marine Major General Henry H. Leland, Island Commander, after being ordered to return to sea duty. The trio aided the civil affairs sections while on Guam. Left to right are Manuel Cruz Perez, Edward First class, who has taken part in every major Pacific naval engagement; General Leland; Juan Ramirez and Juan Ben Nicholas Mateo, stewards second class. Mateo killed three Jap soldiers in two days during the early fighting on the island.

ARMY TAKES STEPS TO HELP RELIEVE FUELS SHORTAGE

Directive Orders All Army Installations to Join in Campaign

Alarming prospects of serious fuel shortages—a situation already brought home to American householders with scant coal bins in their basements—prompted military authorities this week to intensify a nationwide campaign to conserve coal, fuel oil and gas.

Major Gen. Frederick E. Uhl, commanding general of the 4th service command, which includes North Carolina, ordered all commanders and occupants of military quarters, down to the newest buck private, to take a personal and active part in the conservation of the national fuel supply.

General Uhl's order was directed to all army service forces installations within the southeastern states and was supplemented by a directive issued by Brig. Gen. Raymond Fowler, South Atlantic division engineer, to personnel concerned at additional installations not under 4th service command control.

"The heavy demands on the nation's critical fuel supply, together with manpower and equipment limitations, makes conservation of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels essential," General Uhl asserted. "Maximum efforts in saved. See **ARMY TAKES** on page 8

FARM BUREAU MEET HAS BEEN PUT OFF

The 10th annual meeting of the North Carolina farm bureau federation, scheduled for February 7 and 8 in Winston-Salem, has been postponed indefinitely, in compliance with government requests that conventions with more than 50 delegates not be held, according to statements this week by President J. E. Winslow of Greenville, and Secretary R. Flake Shaw of Greensboro.

The following joint statement was issued by them: "The North Carolina Farm Bureau in compliance with a request issued on January 5 by James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director, is happy to postpone indefinitely, the 10th annual meeting of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, scheduled to meet at Winston-Salem on February 7-8."

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Dry Cleaning Prices Must Be Posted Now

Ceiling price posters have been sent to all retail dry cleaners or pressers and must be posted no later than January 15, 1945. T. C. Johnson, district director for the office of price administration, in Raleigh, announces.

"Dry cleaning services," Johnson pointed out, "represent an important part of each family's budget, and it is necessary that posters be conveniently placed so that customers may know their ceiling prices."

If operators of dry cleaning establishments have not filed their ceiling prices with their local war price and rationing board or district office, OPA may establish ceilings for their services as comparable prices in the same area.

COMMENDED

Sgt. Douglas McPhail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McPhail of Mount Olive, at work in the photographic laboratory of the 44th bombardment group in England, has been overseas with the Eighth air force for more than a year and a half, and was recently commended along with other station photo technicians for the excellent work turned out by the photographic section.

Mrs. McPhail and small daughter live in Wilson.



"TOUT BELFORT EST LIBRE"—The happy Frenchwoman exclaimed to a neighbor. The American soldier understood it as "All Belfort is liberated." He answered her in his best GI French.

VITAL STATISTICS KEEPERS NAMED

In their regular monthly meeting the Duplin County Board of County Commissioners appointed the following persons as registrars for vital statistics for 1945: Wolfscrape, G. E. Alphin, Jr.; Warsaw, Mrs. F. J. Thomas; Faison, Mrs. Rose Saunders; Glisson, John W. Waters; Albortson, Mrs. Lucy Grady; Smith, Mrs. Sallie Wallace; Limestone, Mrs. Inez Sandlin; Cypress Creek, Mrs. Dorothy Brown; Island Creek, Mrs. L. S. Forlaw; Rockfish, Mrs. Emil James; Rose Hill, Miss Jessie Moore; Magnolia, Mrs. N. T. Pickett, and Kenansville, Mrs. Lawrence Southerland.

At the meeting also, the commissioners appointed Major W. Sutton of Albortson township, a special deputy sheriff following a petition of citizens in Wolfscrape, Glisson and Smith townships.

I. N. Henderson, Duplin tax collector, reported \$14,572.38 collected in taxes during December.

CAMP DAVIS WILL BE USED AS HOSPITAL

Date Not Announced for Reopening of Base

Camp Davis is to be "reopened under the jurisdiction of the army air force for use as a convalescent hospital and redistribution center," the war department has advised Senator J. W. Bailey.

Bailey declared, following a conference with army authorities that "the reopening has already been approved by the AAF, but the exact date will be announced later."

Decision of the war department to utilize the facilities of Camp Davis, much of which could not be moved elsewhere when a former decision to close the camp was announced last August, followed several weeks of effort by eastern North Carolina leaders, headed by Rep. Graham A. Barden of New Bern.

The leaders insisted when the war department announced that Camp Davis would be closed, that the more than \$50,000,000 spent by the government on the cantonment near the North Carolina coast, should not be wasted.

At the camp, under the new operational plans, wounded soldiers will receive treatment, and those able to return to duty will be re-assigned from there.

Renew Your Subscription to The Tribune

Clearing Scheldt River

A GERMAN SEA MINE EXPLODES near the shore after being swept up by the British minesweepers which cleared the river Scheldt almost before the Germans had been driven from its banks. Soon after, the first convoy of American and British supply ships was able to steam up the river to the port of Antwerp.

ARMY POSTAL UNIT MAKES EXPLANATION

Gives Reasons for Mailing Mix-Ups

Army postal services wishes to clear up some of the misunderstandings of the public relative to overseas mail delivery, according to Col. Hartley B. Dean, 4th service command postal officer, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

"It appears," said Col. Dean, "that one of the complaints of the public is that mail service from overseas is better than the service going overseas. The reason for this is that mail coming to the United States is bound for a definite, fixed address, while overseas communications are often delayed due to the necessity of directory service and forwarding to find organizations and individuals in a constantly changing scene."

"Another thing which seems to puzzle the public is the fact that overseas letters are received in bunches. This is due to transportation facilities—if a convoy sails only every two weeks, naturally the mail will pile up, and be received in one batch. This includes air mail. Both air and ordinary mail accumulate, waiting for cargo space, and as the space is available, the oldest mail is shipped out first. Of course, if plane space becomes available after the letters (both ordinary and air mail) have gone by boat, the most recent letters arrive first and the sequence of the letters is broken."

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AAA COMMITTEEMEN GIVEN CROP GOALS

AAA officials have forwarded to county committeemen and secretaries the 1945 crop goals for North Carolina, together with practical suggestions from the State college extension service and the agricultural experiment station regarding farm practices which should be followed for the maximum production of crops.

Meetings of all agricultural agencies in each county will be called to review state goals and develop plans for a county program to reach all farmers.

County committeemen in each county will discuss the goals and the county program with extension service representatives and AAA fieldmen in a series of meetings during the latter part of January.

Later, community meetings will be held for the presentation of the county goals to the farmers and the discussion of individual farm plans. The 1945 AAA practices and conservation materials will also be discussed, with emphasis on the need for signing 1944 performance reports before February 15.

Teachers of vocational agriculture will set aside one night class for discussion of goals and related subjects, including recommended practices for obtaining maximum production.

ON FURLOUGH

Sgt. William (Billy) Lewis, son of Mrs. Hattie Lewis of Calypso, has arrived home for a 30 days' furlough, after serving 32 months overseas in Hawaii and the South Pacific.

LOCAL METHODISTS WILL RAISE \$1600 AS GOAL FOR CRUSADE

Allen Cox Chairman of the Drive Scheduled for February 4th

Members of the Mount Olive Methodist church are planning to raise \$1,600 on Sunday, February 4, as their contribution to world relief and reconstruction, according to action taken by the Board of Stewards in their regular monthly meeting this week.

The campaign to raise funds for post-war reconstruction is being launched by the 41,000 Methodist congregations throughout the United States as one phase of a four-year Crusade for Christ program. During the year the 8,000,000 Methodists will contribute \$25,000,000, which will be used for emergencies created by the war. Two thirds of the money will be used in war-torn countries to feed the starving, to provide healing for the sick, and a ministry of hope to the multitudes in despair; to repair damaged Methodist institutions, such as churches, hospitals and schools; to build back some of the institutions completely destroyed by war; to provide missionaries and other Christian workers on mission fields that have been seriously affected by the war.

The other money will be spent in America in establishing new churches in under-church areas; in helping home mission fields; aiding educational institutions and strengthening the missionary program in Latin America.

Much enthusiasm was expressed by the stewards as they discussed the forthcoming campaign. It was felt that members of the congregation would respond generously to this great cause, and that the entire amount could be raised in a one-day drive, the stewards canvassing the same persons they have on their lists for the regular church budget.

Allen Cox is chairman of the local Crusade Council.

Other features of the Crusade for Christ include a crusade for a new world order, evangelism, stewardship and Sunday School enrollment and attendance. One of these will be emphasized in each year of the four-year program.

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SMITH CHAPEL

Regular preaching services here next Sunday morning. Please be present.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jones and young son, Carrol of Bailey, and Robert Jones of the Marines, stationed in Florida, visited among relatives here last Monday.

Mrs. Glenn Aycock and son, Jimmie, of Fremont, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Smith.

Several from here attended the services at St. Paul Methodist church in Goldsboro last Friday evening and heard Bishop Peelo on The Crusade for Christ.