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## German Fuehrer Begins Vacation At Ominous Time

A pre-Christmas week studded with disaster for Nazi Germany, and with ominous portents for her outlawed partner, Soviet Russia, throws its heavy shadow over the man upon whom the tragedy events turn as a pivot, Fuehrer Adolf Hitler.

He has gone, Berlin reports, to take his Yuletide holiday at his mountain-top retreat, Berchtesgaden. Yet the unchallengeable events of the week on the sea front will keep him grim company in his holiday making.

By his order, a hundred thousand tons or more of German shipping, including the powerful pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and the Nazi luxury liner Columbus, once the boast of the German merchant marine, have been scuttled by German hands to save them from enemy seizure or the rusting idleness of interment in neutral ports. To cap that, comes word that Captain Langsdorff of the Spee has ended his own life in Buenos Aires, as he ended that of his ship by Hitler's command.

### Turn of Tide?

The tide seems to have turned heavily against Germany. Nazi submarines, Nazi mines and Nazi aircraft have for 16 weeks taken heavy toll of Franco-British and neutral shipping; yet London reports British import and export totals rising. From France comes an official recapitulation that half a hundred Nazi U-boats have been sunk in the war. British submarines report they have scored heavily against Nazi surface craft.

In Finland, Germany's doubtful "friend", Soviet Russia, is meeting bitter resistance from her midge foe. World opinion has branded Russia an outlaw for that incursion, spawned of the German-French-British conflict. The ponderous machinery of Franco-British power is moving to give such aid and succor as is possible to doleful Finland, while the neutral world applauds.

## 1940 LICENSE PLATE FIGURES GIVEN TO DATE

Sales Reported As Slightly Less Than Last Year At The Same Time.

Through Tuesday of this week a total of 1,342 automobile, truck and trailer license plates for 1940 had been sold at the local branch of the Carolina Motor club, according to figures released today by the manager, Miss Nina Abbitt.

Miss Abbitt reported that of the total advance sales recorded 1,103 plates were sold for passenger cars; 74 were sold for trucks and 165 for trailers. Of the total number of 1940 plates sold to date it may be observed that figures show a decrease of 19 over the number sold last year through the same date, December 19, when 1,109 passenger car plates; 85 truck plates and 167 trailer plates had been sold.

In a message to local motorists Miss Abbitt urged prompt buying of 1940 plates, since after the stroke of midnight December 31, all motorists driving cars or other vehicles without the new 1940 licenses may be subjected to arrests and fines. Sale of the plates began the first of this month. And plates bought now may be placed on the machines at once.

## He Needs To See Santa Claus



Mr. and Mrs. James Oliveri of Quincy, Mass., visited by the stork only recently, are shown with their family of 12 children. Mrs. Oliveri holds the youngest arrival, who was christened Peter. Mr. Oliveri, 36 years old, is an auto mechanic receiving \$36 a week salary. Mrs. Oliveri is 32 years old. The couple has been married for 15 years.

## N. Y. A. Officials Visit City And County Yesterday

Made Inspection Of N. Y. A. Buildings At Training School and Bushy Fork.

Roxboro was crowded with notable yesterday as a large number came to this city and county to inspect recently finished N. Y. A. buildings. Among those present were Aubrey Williams, head of the N. Y. A., Congressman Lon Folger, of the fifth district; Congressman Durham of Chapel Hill and John Lang, state head of the N. Y. A. The men were joined here by Person County leaders and then made an inspection of the N. Y. A. buildings at the Person County Training school and the community building at Bushy Fork school.

Aubrey Williams made a short talk at Bushy Fork and the delegation remained there for about one hour. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies of the community around noon.

The Bushy Fork building was constructed entirely by N. Y. A. students. They even went into the woods, cut the logs and erected the building.

The out-of-town officials continued their inspection, going from Roxboro to other points where N. Y. A. buildings had been erected. Only a brief stop was made at each point.

## Driver Unhurt In Truck Turn-Over

Steven Satterfield, driver of a milk truck for the Roxboro Dairy Products company, escaped injury early Sunday morning, about 4 o'clock, when his truck turned over on the Durham highway going towards Quail Roost dairy, just the other side of Rougemont.

Satterfield is reported to have gone to sleep while driving. In the truck were some 70 empty milk bottles. When the driver woke up the truck was doing a single turn-over and repeated another half turn before it came to a stop with 4 intact bottles and considerable damage to the truck.

A. C. Fair, owner-manager of the Roxboro Dairy Products company was driving about five hundred feet behind the truck at the time the accident happened.

## FIRE TRUCK BUSY

The city fire department has been summoned five times in the last few days, though none of the fires did serious damage. In all cases an old field had caught. One fire was near the prison camp, one near the home of Jess Davis, one next to McWharther Lumber Co., one near Mrs. Munday's, and one near Henry Gates', on Highway 144.

## Quarterly Funds Are Paid Out By Rail Company

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 20—Benefits amounting to \$164,348.75 were paid to members of the Norfolk and Western Employees' Relief fund and their families during the third quarter of 1939, according to the quarterly report of the railway's relief and pension department.

The receipts of the fund during the quarter totaled \$207,388.10, the report disclosed. At the end of the quarter, the fund had a balance of \$3,789,518.92, a net gain of \$144,366.57 for the 12 months ended September 30, 1939.

Since the establishment of the Fund on July 1, 1917 to September 30, 1939, members and their families have been paid \$12,352,553.11 in benefits. For the establishment and operation of the department, the entire cost of which is borne by the railroad, the Norfolk and Western has expended \$2,671,350.39.

## CITY EDITOR CONFINED

Thomas J. Shaw, Jr., city editor of the Times, is confined to his room because of a severe cold. He will probably be out again in a day or two.

## HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Mrs. A. C. Fair has returned to her home here for the holidays, from Park View hospital, Rocky Mount, N. C. She will return soon.

"What doth Invention but together place,

The blocks of a child's game to make it whole?"

—Johnson

## Rites Conducted For Miss Oakley

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the graveside, in Hobgood family cemetery, for Miss Sallie Oakley, 78, of Rougemont, Route 1, the Mt. Harmony community, who died Saturday night at the home of her nephew, Lester Oakley. The rites were in charge of a friend and neighbor of the family, Spencer E. Peed. Miss Oakley, who had been in ill health for some time, is survived by one sister, Mrs. Nancy Oakley, of Rougemont, Route 1, and by a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Hunter Keats, Albert Clayton, Oscar Cothran, Jim Latta, Walter Vaughan and Buster Paylor. Flower bearers were Misses Doris, Evelyn and Lucile Oakley.

## 14-YEAR-OLD BOY IS 'THUMBING' TO BOWL

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20—Walter Maples, Jr., 14-year-old Knoxville high school boy hitchhiked into town today, declared he hadn't missed a University of Tennessee football game in three years and didn't intend to start January 1 when the Vols play in the Rose Bowl.

"My folks worry about me a little," he said, "but they told me if I was big enough fool to do it, why go ahead—and here I am."

A laugh greeted suggestion that tickets were a bit scarce out there at Pasadena for the Tennessee-Southern California matinee.

## Person People Prepare For The Christmas Season

Stores Have Been Crowded With Shoppers This Week; Everything Closed Monday.

Roxboro has been crowded with Christmas shoppers all the week and indications point to the fact that both city and county merchants will continue to be busy from now until late Saturday night. All stores were packed with Christmas merchandise at the beginning of the season and from the looks of things now old Santa is certainly going to leave plenty of gifts in this county.

Stores will continue to remain open at nights through Saturday thus giving everyone ample time

# Chamber Commerce May Be Disbanded Dec. 28th.

## RECORD MARK SET BY TOBACCO CROP

1939 Flue-Cured Output Of 1,117,594,000 Topped 1938's By 42 Percent.

Washington, Dec. 19—The Department of Agriculture annual crop summary today placed the 1939 flue-cured tobacco crop at 1,117,594,000 pounds, which is the largest in history.

With production control abandoned in the referendum during the Fall of 1938, flue-cured growers turned on the steam and increased their crop to 42 per cent over the previous year's mark and exceeded the ten-year average by 59 per cent. Increased average and high yield both were responsible for the record crop. The estimated 1939 yield of 905 pounds of flue-cured tobacco an acre was exceeded only in 1935, when the average was 928 pounds, as compared with 760 pounds for the ten-year average.

North Carolina was most responsible for the bumper 1939 flue crop. The Eastern North Carolina belt, for instance, stepped up production from 251,980,000 pounds to 400,950,000, the increase being 33,000,000 pounds more than the total crop of Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

Production in the Old, Eastern and Border belts in North Carolina totaled 800,650,000 pounds. Virginia produced 104,800 pounds and South Carolina, 226,150 pounds.

North Carolina this year produced 290,700,000 pounds of peanuts, as compared to 249,075,000 last year. Total U. S. peanut production this year was 1,179,505,000, as compared with 1,305,800,000 last year.

## RUMANIA INCREASES NAZI OIL SHIPMENTS

Bucharest, Dec. 20—Rumania tonight agreed to double her oil shipments to Germany.

The government consented to a new trade agreement with the reich after hard-fought negotiations which several times broke down and precipitated the fall of one Rumanian cabinet.

The new pact calls for Rumania to send Germany 190,000 tons of oil monthly. The first eight months of this year Germany averaged 120,000 tons, but since the start of the war the figure had been cut to about 80,000.

## Presidential Gift None Other Than Person Product

Two local citizens, Arthur Crosley and C. A. Harris, confessed today to a "scoop" on the White House Santa Claus.

As officials of the John Watt's Sons company located here and makers of towels, these two gentlemen "are in the know" because they have been informed, via their New York offices, that Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., shopping in a New York department store for the Presidential gift, has selected no less than three dozen, blue-bordered and "F. D. R." monogrammed, made in Roxboro bath towels.

Elated by possible official approbation of their contribution to the White House and Hyde Park St. Nicholas, Messrs. Crosley and Harris are so pleased that they can scarcely find time to decorate their own Christmas trees.

## KIWANIS OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED AT FINAL '39 MEETING

E. E. Bradsher, Jr. Winner Of Large Christmas Turkey.

Members of the Roxboro Kiwanis club, holding their final meeting of the year at the local Community house, Monday night installed the following officers for the coming year: President, F. O. Carver, Jr.; vice-president, Ben Brown; secretary, J. A. Long, Jr.; treasurer, E. E. Bradsher, Jr., and sergeant-at-arms, R. A. Bullock. These men, together with Messrs. Ralph Cole, George Currier, Stewart Ford, Emmett Hedgepeth and the retiring president, D. R. Taylor, will constitute the 1940 board of directors of the organization.

At the meeting one new member, R. D. Bumpass, was welcomed into the fellowship of the club.

Prior to the installation of officers, the Christmas basket fund sponsored by the club was concluded and E. E. Bradsher, Jr., declared winner of the Christmas turkey. Judge in the contest was S. F. Nicks, Jr., mayor of this city. It was reported that approximately \$50 was raised for the Basket fund during the campaign. This sum will be supplemented by contributions received from coin boxes placed in various stores and public buildings.

It was decided at the meeting that the club, through its representative, J. B. Snipes, will contribute to the support of the Christmas entertainment program to be given at Eastern Carolina Training school, Rocky Mount, December 28.

Next meeting of the club will be held on New Year's night at Hotel Roxboro.

## SCHOOLS CLOSE

All rural schools in the county closed for Christmas last Tuesday. They will reopen on January 1, after a holiday of twelve days.

## Meeting Of Members Called To Decide Issue After Christmas Holidays.

Has 73 Members

A meeting of the members of the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce will be called for Thursday night, December 28, for the purpose of determining whether the Chamber of Commerce be continued in Roxboro. Recently a number of members have resigned from the organization thus leaving so few members that it is almost impossible for the Chamber to continue from a financial standpoint.

At a meeting of the directors that was held last month it was decided to place the matter directly in the hands of the members and let them decide. The directors did not feel like taking the responsibility upon themselves.

This meeting will be held in the grand jury room of the courthouse at 8 o'clock on the night of December 28. Glenn Stovall, president of the organization will preside over the meeting.

If the Chamber of Commerce is to be disbanded, the directors feel that it should be done before January 1. If it is to be continued this should be decided before January 1.

The local organization now has 73 members, that are supposed to pay \$2.50 per month.

The Chamber was organized about six years ago and has had three secretaries, Hugh Sawyer, Jack Bane and Melvin Burke. Mr. Burke, the present secretary, has tendered his resignation, effective January 1.

## COUNTERFEIT TENS COME TO LIFE AT SEVERAL PLACES

\$10 Silver Certificates Taken In By Merchants. G-Man Here.

Because of the discovery in this area of a number of counterfeit \$10 silver certificates, a Department of Justice official, of the United States Treasury department, arrived in Roxboro Tuesday to begin investigations. Thought to have several clues as to the guilty parties, he declined as yet to make a public statement.

At least five of the bogus certificates were passed to merchants here during the week-end and three of them were recognized as spurious when they were turned in at the local bank.

At first glance, the bills rather closely resemble genuine certificates, although the counterfeit paper is approximately one-eighth of an inch shorter, is of lighter weight and has certain visible blurs on the obverse side Hamilton portrait and on the reverse side picture of the Federal Treasury building. Bankers here reported that all three plate numbers are different.

Persons receiving any bills of counterfeit type are requested to report the matter to their nearest policeman, or law enforcement official at once, and if possible, to detain the passer of such bills until an officer arrives.