



Where news is suppressed there is anarchy; where news is controlled there is fear; only where news is free are human beings free.

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Weather

Cloudy and colder today, tonight. Partly cloudy and slightly warmer Wednesday.

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## First Army Cuts Into Heart Of Foe's Salient

### Brothers In Service



**CLARENCE L.**  
Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Scott, of Statesville, Route 3, have three sons in service. Sgt. Ray S. Scott entered the service in June 1941 and took his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, later being transferred to camps in Florida and Georgia. From a radio school in Virginia he was sent to Fort Jackson and then overseas. He was with the invasion troops that landed in France on D-Day and was in Germany for several weeks but his last letter dated December 22nd was mailed from Luxembourg. He is a radio operator with the First Army.

**WILLIAM F.**  
Clarence (Buddy) L. Scott, S. F. 2/c joined the Navy in 1941. He took his boot training at Norfolk, Va., after which he was assigned to sea duty. After several trips across he was returned to the states to deep sea diving school in New York and was then assigned to duty as a salvage diver. He is now in England.

**RAY S.**  
Pvt. William F. Scott entered service in January 1943 and took his basic training at Fort Jackson, later training at a Camp in New Jersey. He went overseas in April 1944 and is now in France. His wife, the former Miss Mildred Webber, is making her home with her mother in Statesville. Pvt. Scott is in the Third Army.

### Surrender Terms Still Unconditional



**SEEN AND HEARD ABOUT TOWN**  
By E. Y. Oculia

**DON'T . . .**  
Whatever you do not criticize any man for not being in Uncle Sam's military service . . . usually in every case, upon investigation, it can be learned that the person you might criticize will have a just reason for not being in service, and in a lot of cases he's probably been called and rejected.

We know the American public to be fickle, but this is one time to "cut out" such remarks because of the ill-feeling it creates and the damage it does to the war effort . . . harmony must be maintained at all costs.

Persons have been known to make remarks about the local draft board, and right here I wish to state that the board has been and is fair in all its dealings. It is perhaps one of the best boards in the state. Remember, these men serve without pay as members of the draft board, and should be commended for their work not criticized.

In The Record office approximately 200 per cent of our men have been called to service and are now "working" for Uncle Sam. Included in our present staff are two fellows who received honorable medical discharges, and two lads that are in the 4-F class. In fact one of the 4-F fellows was rejected on two occasions. To see these men on the (Continued on Page Two)

### Statesville Shots . . .

Informal Glances of People In and Around Statesville.

MAMIE REAVIS and MRS. SARA PARKER climbing over car seat . . . W. R. BYFORD greeting guests . . . KENNETH TAYLOR doing last minute studying for his role of DAVID COPPERFIELD . . . M. C. GOFORTH out walking with his little granddaughter . . . RUTH HADLEY wondering if it could have been the earrings . . .

### SOVIETS DRIVE TO WITHIN 40 MILES OF REICH BORDERLAND

#### 'March On Berlin' Rolling Forward

**BY BRUCE W. MUNN**  
LONDON, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—The Red Army drove a solid 40-mile wedge across Southern Poland within 45 miles of the Reich today and Moscow dispatches indicated the Nazis were falling back rapidly for an all-out stand on the borders of their homeland.

Between 600,000 and 700,000 Russian troops, backed by a tremendous concentration of armor and mobile artillery, were spilling through the shattered enemy defenses on an ever-widening front, raising the imminent threat of invasion to German Silesia and menacing the rear of the Nazi armies defending Warsaw.

Soviet front dispatches said the Germans were throwing tank and infantry reserves into the battle in what appeared to be a strong delaying action intended (Continued On Page Two)

### FOURTEEN DEAD IN HOTEL FIRE AT CHICAGO

**CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—**Fourteen persons were burned to death early today and many others were reported injured when fire swept through the six-story General Clark Hotel on the northern edge of the Loop.

Firemen removed 12 bodies from the ruins of the 70-room building shortly after the flames had been brought under control. One other person, an unidentified woman, died in a hospital of injuries.

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### LATEST Bulletins

**LONDON, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—**The full-scale Soviet winter offensive, Nazi reports said today, has carried the Red Army to the outskirts of Radom, the great Polish southern communications center, and in the north the East Prussian fortress of Schlossberg has fallen to the Russians.

**CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—**An area wide tightening of tire rationing in the western part of the state has begun here with the organization of a special tire advisory board of the Charlotte OPA office made up of district tire dealers, District OPA Director L. W. Driscoll said today.

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—**President Roosevelt today conferred with high military officials and Congressional advisers on the outlook for obtaining national service legislation in view of the renewed opposition that the proposal has met.

The President was considering sending a special message to Congress on the subject.

**MERIDEN, Conn., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—**Sen. Francis T. Maione, D. Conn., died today at Meriden Hospital where he had been a patient since New Year's Day, suffering from grippe and a heart attack.

At the hospital it was said the Senator had spent a restful night, chatted with his nurse when he awoke and decided to take a nap. He died in his sleep from a heart attack.

### Now Nearly 40 Miles Inland

Spearheads Within 75 Miles Of Manila

**BY WILLIAM B. DICKINSON**  
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—American tanks, mobile guns and infantry swept on unchecked and apparently unchallenged across the great Central Luzon plains less than 75 air miles north of Manila today.

The biggest invasion of the Pacific war entered its second week with American spearheads nearly 35 air and 40 road miles inland from the Lingayen Gulf beachhead—almost a third of the way to the Philippines capital.

**Hard Fighting At N. E. Corner**  
Stiff fighting was under way along the Rosario-Pozorubio line at the northeastern corner of the beachhead, but the unopposed frontal advance already had carried to within nearly 30 miles of the great Clark Field air center and perhaps a dozen miles of the provincial capital of Tarlac.

Camling, 28 road miles inland from Lingayen and five miles inside Tarlac Province, fell Sunday to two converging columns which advanced nine miles from Bayambang, to the northeast, and Manglatrem, to the northwest, and merged into a single powerful army aimed straight at Manila.

**Tarlac May Fall Soon**  
Tarlac lies 22 road miles and 17 air miles south of Camling and may be engulfed by the advancing Americans within the next 24 hours, if it has not already fallen.

For the first time since Gen. Douglas MacArthur's men began the march back to Manila from (Continued On Page Two)

### LOCAL LIONS HEAR INSPIRING TALK BY THORNBURG

The Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church delivered a very inspiring message to members of the Statesville Lions Club and guests last night when he spoke before the civic organization at the Vance Hotel. He based his message on "War Angles and Causes of War". The minister stated that war is humanity's public enemy number one, and that peace and revenge do not go together. Thornburg stated that unless we remove the causes of war we will not succeed with the peace movement.

"People, their desires for power, ambition and activities are responsible for war. We must be new people with selfishness removed if we are to be successful in solution of the war problem and humanity must be redeemed before war can be removed," said the able speaker in conclusion.

President Clyde W. Nagle presided at the meeting. Guests included Rev. George Hurlbut, retired local minister, and O. G. Bain, manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Company branch of Salisbury.

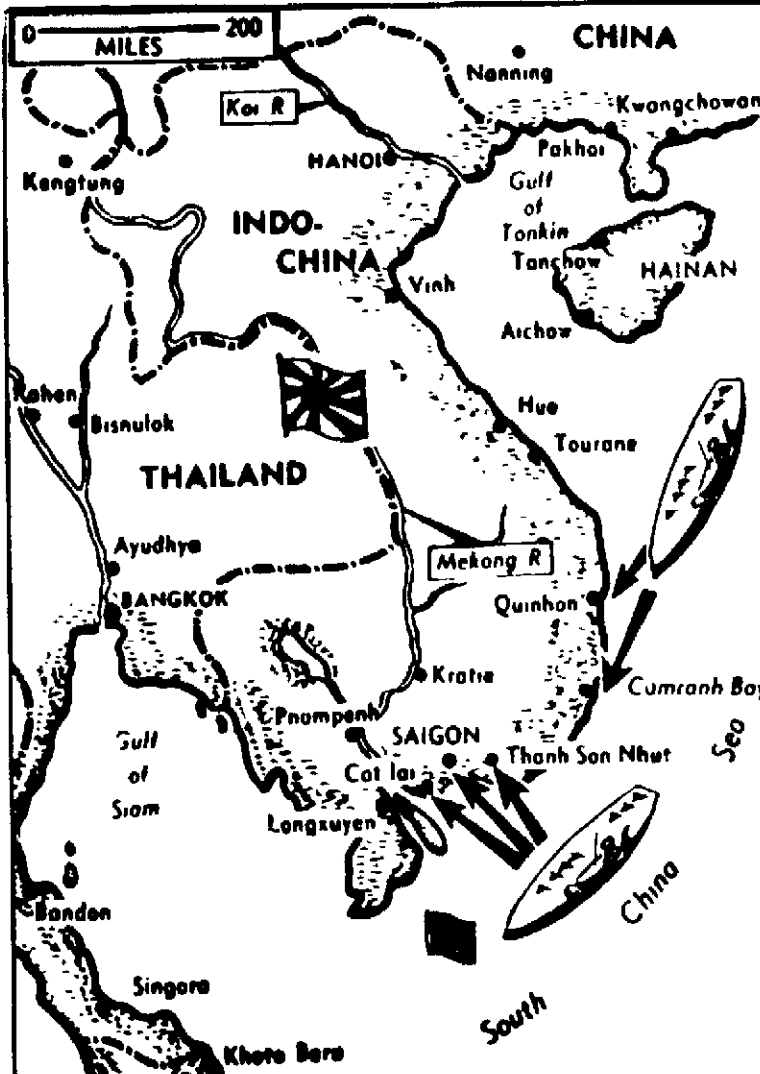
### Presbytery Meeting At Barium Springs

Some 40-100 ministers are in attendance today at the quarterly meeting of Concord Presbytery at Barium Springs. The ministers were luncheon guests at the orphanage, and are continuing their sessions this afternoon.

### Cpl. E. G. Little Is Back From Pacific War

Cpl. E. G. "Bill" Little, who has served for nearly three years in the army, and who has been stationed for some time in the Pacific area, has returned to this country, and will be home at an early date for a furlough, he wired his mother, Mrs. J. R. Little, at Loray. She received the wire Monday, and expects her son to arrive as soon as he can report to the center for reassignment. He was in California when he telegraphed the news of his homecoming.

### Where Yanks Hit Jap Sea Power



Map shows general area where U. S. Third Fleet has scored smashing blows against Japanese sea power. The China coast was lashed yesterday from Hong Kong to Swatow, and 58 ships have been wrecked off the Indo-China coast.

### Halsey's Planes Hit China Coast

#### THEODORE HOLMES TO BE TRIED FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Theodore M. Holmes, 16-year-old colored lad, was ordered held under \$2,000 bond for the January term of Iredell County Superior Court to face the charge of manslaughter after he was given a preliminary hearing last night in Mayor's Court.

Holmes is charged with the fatal stabbing of Alberta Gilliam, 18-year-old colored girl, in a knife battle which took place in a local cafe on December 16th. The girl later died on New Year's Day in a local hospital from the wound.

The young negro will not be able to raise the bond according to his counsel and will remain in jail until the trial is called the last of this month.

Charlie A. Dukes, Lonnie G. Benfield, Baldie L. Shoemaker, Lee W. Lambert, Wade T. Bell, (Continued on Page 5)

**BY UNITED PRESS**

China's coast, oft-mentioned goal of America's trans-Pacific campaign, felt the impact of the U. S. Fleet's Air arm today.

Admiral William F. Halsey sent his fleet of carrier-based bombers and fighters against Japanese strongholds along a 350-mile stretch of the coast from Hong Kong north to Swatow and Amoy.

A brief communique from Pearl Harbor announced that the Third Fleet had launched these attacks on Sunday and Tokyo said at least 70 carrier planes had continued the assault through Monday.

The enemy broadcasts claimed the attacking force inflicted only "negligible" damage and said five planes were shot down and three damaged.

Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet, striking even deeper into Japanese home waters, swung north to the China coast after wrecking a record total of 69 enemy ships off French Indo-China last Friday.

APearl Harbor communique (Continued On Page Two)

### Vanguards Break Into Houffalize As Nazis Retreat

#### RED CROSS PLANS TWO-DAY DISTRICT MEETING HERE

#### 23 Chapters To Send Delegates To City

Representatives of 23 chapters of the American Red Cross will meet here on January 19 and 20 to attend the one-day disaster institute and to devote a second day to making plans for the 1945 American Red Cross War Fund which is scheduled to be held in March. Mrs. L. N. Mills, chapter chairman, announced today.

Joining with local representatives of the Red Cross in staging the disaster institute to which the first of the two days will be devoted, will be representatives from the Southeastern Area office of the American Red Cross, Atlanta. They will include:

Stone J. Crane, assistant director of Disaster Service and one of the Red Cross veterans in handling Red Cross disaster preparedness and disaster relief, and Mrs. Marion Ritzert, general field representative, who will preside. (Continued On Page Two)

#### PLANS COMPLETE FOR VISIT BY UCT OFFICERS

Plans are completed for the U. C. T. program tonight at Refreshment Hall at 7:30 o'clock honoring the visit here of U. C. T. Counselor L. C. Hochtritt and U. C. T. Ladies' Auxiliary Supreme Counselor, Amy E. Hochtritt of Sacramento, Calif.

A welcoming committee composed of officers of the newly organized auxiliary will meet Mrs. Hochtritt upon her arrival and after a period of instruction in regard to the installation ceremony tonight will gather for dinner with Mrs. Hochtritt as the honor guest.

A telegram received this morning by Mrs. C. W. Lewis from Mrs. S. S. Pruitt, of Durham, Grand Auxiliary Counselor, congratulated the Statesville Auxiliary Council upon its organization and stated that Mrs. Dora Lasley, of Winston-Salem, Grand Secretary-treasurer of the Grand Auxiliary of the Carolinas would be present tonight and will in all probability have a part in the impressive installation ceremony.

#### Three U. S. Divisions Converge On St. Vith

**BY BOYD D. LEWIS**  
PARIS, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—American First Army troops broke into Houffalize in an unopposed drive into the center of the Ardennes salient today while three doughboy divisions to the northeast converged on St. Vith, where the Germans were reported massing for a last stand on the approach to the Siegfried Line.

Strong German tank and motorized infantry units that had been fighting a savage rear guard action for Houffalize pulled out suddenly after nightfall yesterday in a last-minute attempt to rejoin their main forces digging in on the St. Vith ridge, 18 miles to the northeast.

**Enter City At Night**  
Vanguards of the U. S. Second Armored Division entered Houffalize between 10 and 11 p. m. last night without opposition, but at last reports they still were probing cautiously through the heavily-mined streets to forestall a possible ambush, and there was no official word that the town had been captured.

The sudden breakthrough at Houffalize came as the entire northeastern wing of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army wheeled down on St. Vith to attack the wooded mountain ridge on which Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's divisions were gathering in the hope of retaining some small part of their Ardennes salient.

Hodges sent the First and 75th Infantry Divisions into the offensive at dawn yesterday in support of the 30th Infantry, which had driven to within six miles of St. Vith in four days of bloody fighting.

**Advance Traps Germans**  
The advance into Houffalize, which virtually sealed off sizeable German covering forces west of that town, was made by a second armored division tank spearhead that thrust straight down the Liege highway from the north.

Not a shot was fired as the first tanks and armored troop carriers raced through the streets, but long lines of burned-out Nazi tanks attested to the fury with which the enemy had fought to hold the tiny cross-roads that once formed the pivot of his great Ardennes salient.

Field dispatches indicated the German panzer units fleeing from Houffalize were trying to break through the American ring north. (Continued on Page Two)

### ONE MAN HURT IN ACCIDENT AT HARMONY

One man was injured slightly this morning at Harmony when a car and motorcycle crashed at the Square Deal garage there.

Henry Shuford, investigating deputy, said this afternoon that the car, driven by C. D. Casley of Catawba county, was pulling into the garage and that the operator of the motorcycle, Ernest Kinder of Harmony, applied brakes to avoid striking him. Kinder was thrown from the motorcycle from the application of brakes, Shuford said, and the driverless cycle went on to hit the car.

Kinder came to Statesville for treatment of his leg, which may have suffered a fracture of the small bone. Shuford made no charges following his investigation, leaving the matter to be settled by the two parties.

#### Sgt. Charles Mills Foresees Home Visit

Tech. Sgt. Charles Mills, Jr., has notified his parents that he is now awaiting orders to ship back to the "Good Old U. S. A." He has been based in England, and is in the air corps. He is not certain as to when he will be returned home, but his parents are delighted with the news that he will soon be on his way home.

### Nazi Officers Killed Local Man Under Surrender Guise

How Lt. J. Carlton Reddeck, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Reddeck of Armfield street, met his death near Lagny, France this past fall is told graphically in a letter from his commanding officer, Capt. John L. Wilson, Jr., written to his wife, who lives in Gastonia.

Lt. Reddeck entered service in 1941 and was commissioned in June 1943. A graduate of city schools, and an alumnus of Mitchell College, he was employed before entering service at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Charlotte.

The letter follows:

7 October 1944  
Mrs. James C. Reddeck  
412 West Third Avenue  
Gastonia North Carolina  
Dear Mrs. Reddeck:  
Jimmy as he was known to all of us. He was on duty at the Division Message Center early on the morning of the 28th in the vicinity of Lagny, France,



LT. CARLTON REDDECK

on our drive to the Belgium border at Mons. The division Command Post was attacked at six A. M. by a group of the enemy try-

ing to get out of a trap. Our tanks knocked out the German vehicles, and the men from the vehicles indicated they wished to surrender. Lt. Reddeck took his platoon out to round up the Germans. He had taken about fifty prisoners when he noted a German officer and four men trying to escape down a hedgerow. He and several men went after them. In the ensuing fight the German officer shot Lt. Reddeck and one of his men with a machine pistol. Lt. Reddeck was shot once and died instantly. Upon hearing the fight, I left my post and went to his aid. I found that his men had killed or wounded the German officer and all of his men. With the aid of a Medical Officer I evacuated Lt. Reddeck to the nearest hospital, where the Division Chaplain made arrangements for his burial at a nearby Military Cemetery. Lt. Reddeck has been recommended for the Bronze Star Medal for his heroic (Continued on Page Four)



**Theatres**

**PLAYHOUSE**  
LAST TIMES TODAY  
"THE HAIRY APE"  
With William Bendix  
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**STATE**  
TODAY AND WEDNESDAY  
Susanna Foster - Turhan Bey  
"THE CLIMAX"  
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**CRESCENT**  
TODAY ONLY  
"ENEMY OF WOMEN"  
TOMORROW AND THURSDAY  
Garry Cooper in  
"THE STORY OF DR. WASSER"

**YANKS ROLL**  
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New Guinea, they are fighting under the conditions in which their mechanized equipment and great firepower can best be used.  
On the plains of Luzon, it will not be individual against individual as it was in the New Guinea and Leyte swamps and hills. Jungle craft will avail nothing. Superior American tanks and guns will tip the scales—and probably fast.  
**Excellent Roads Speed Drive**  
Most important bridges between the gulf and the front lines already have been repaired and there are long stretches of two-lane concrete and gravel roads over which thousands of American vehicles can operate at speeds up to 50 miles an hour—another far cry from New Guinea and Leyte.  
American bombers struck out ahead of the advancing troops Friday and Saturday and heavily bombed and strafed both Tarlac and the Clark field air center, as well as airfields at Manila and farther south. Supply and bivouac areas were destroyed at Tarlac and large fires started.  
At the center of the beachhead, other American forces advanced five miles from Catablan to Urdaneta, 16 miles southeast of Dagupan, along the main highway running east across the plains.  
**Artillery Proves Effective**  
Units in the Northwest corner of the beachhead seized several hilltop positions in sharp fighting with Japanese forces and gradually were reducing enemy positions with artillery and mortar fire.  
The Japanese positions cover the approaches to the mountain stronghold of Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines, 17 miles northeast of American troops in the coastal town of Zamboanga. An official spokesman denied reports published in Australia and attributed to BBC that Baguio had been captured.  
A front dispatch disclosed that MacArthur and an official party toured front-line positions, including the eastern outskirts of Zamboanga, yesterday. MacArthur wore his regular khaki uniform with the full insignia of a five-star general and sported his famed gold-braided cap.  
Japanese planes caused some damage to American shipping in Lingayen Gulf Friday, but four of the raiders were shot down and no more enemy aircraft have appeared over the gulf since.  
At Leyte, light naval units sank an enemy barge off the northwest coast, possibly engaged in an attempt to evacuate Japanese remnants.

**BUY BONDS AND STAMPS**

**Symbols**



(USAAP photo from NEA)  
A downed German plane's swastika, symbol of totalitarianism, makes a significant background for Sgt. Charles F. Kistler of Kansas City, Mo., as the 9th Air Force soldier studies his presidential election ballot, symbol of democracy.

**Principals In Wife-Swapping**



Percy Radford and his new bride, the former Mrs. Charlotte Hause, are shown on the left as they phone friends to tell them of the wife-swapping wedding. Radford vacated his home so that his ex-wife and her new hubby George Hause would have a place to live. George Hause and his new wife, the former Gladys Radford take life easy in their home.

**MRS. SHARPE OF STONY POINT IS DEAD AT 85 YEARS**

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Mrs. Emma Deal Sharpe, 85, died at her home in Stony Point this morning at three o'clock, after a critical illness of the past few weeks which climaxed declining health of several years.  
Born Dec. 9, 1859 in Alexander county, Mrs. Sharpe was the daughter of the late Noah Deal of Alexander county and Jane Campbell of Iredell county. She married George W. Sharpe Feb. 27, 1880, and he preceded her in death by about 15 years.  
She is survived by one child, Mrs. Mayme Miller of Stony Point; and four sisters, Mrs. A. W. White, Stony Point, Mrs. Atlas Andrews, Webb, Okla.; Mrs. J. A. Myers, Lake Charles, La.; and Mrs. Watt Goodman of Mooresville.  
Mrs. Sharpe was an active member of the Stony Point Methodist church and was a teacher in the Sunday school class while her health permitted. She was also active in the women's organizations of the church.  
Funeral services will be held at Stony Point Methodist church Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by the Rev. R. V. Martin. Interment will follow in the family plot at the church cemetery.  
Arrangements are by Bunch Funeral Home.

**HALSEY'S PLANES**

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reviewing last Friday's successes, disclosed the sinking of 41 ships totalling 127,000 tons and the damaging of 28 others totalling 70,000 tons. Two convoys, believed attempting to carry reinforcements to the embattled Philippines, were wiped out completely and a third was decimated, while 162 enemy planes were destroyed or damaged.  
Sixteen American planes were lost and U. S. surface forces apparently escaped undamaged in one of the most one-sided victories of the war. The Navy's raiders also battered ground installations from Saigon to Camranh Bay.  
The China coast attacks coincided with raids on the Japanese island of Formosa, where the sea approaches to the Asiatic mainland, Pearl Harbor reported an attack on Sunday and Tokyo said 200 planes raided the island on Monday.

**BOMBERS, FIGHTERS RENEW REICH BLOWS**

LONDON, Jan. 16. (U.P.)—American heavy bombers and fighters resumed their attack on Germany in daylight today, U. S. Strategic Air Force Headquarters announced.  
(A German broadcast recorded by the FCC said a bomber formation flew in from the northwest over the north central coastal area of Germany while a fighter formation penetrated the skies over Mark Brandenburg.)

**CIGARETS GO ON RATION LIST, BUT IT'S UNOFFICIAL**

CHICAGO, Jan. 16. (U.P.)—Cigarette ration cards—good for a pack a punch—were ready for distribution to the nation's 1,000,000 retailers today under an industry-sponsored program through which the National Association of Tobacco Dealers hopes to put an end to the daily nationwide scramble for smokes.  
The plan, approved yesterday by distributors attending a war time conference here, would not supplement existing supplies but would assure a more equitable distribution through local outlets, according to Joseph Kolodny, executive secretary of the association.  
Kolodny admitted the system would be unfeasible for chain stores and the so-called transient outlets, such as hotel and railroad stands, which account for 15 per cent of the supply, but predicted that it would prevent raids by hoarders who shop every possible outlet.  
Within the next two weeks, he said, numbered cards would be distributed to consumers, who will be requested to sign a declaration that they hold only one card. The cards will be distributed by local retailers, presumably only to their regular customers and will be honored only by the issuing dealer. The cards will be punched each time the holder purchases a pack of cigarettes and when all the punches have been used up, a new one will be issued.  
The card won't be worth any specified number of cigarettes—or for that matter, any at all—Kolodny emphasized. However, he said, the program is expected to enable dealers to apportion their current supplies fairly and eventually limit smokers to a single source of supply.  
The Office of Price Administration has expressed no disapproval to the proposal, he said, pointing out that the OPA itself has avoided rationing only because of the difficulty of determining how many people are cigarette smokers.

**War In Brief**

**BY UNITED PRESS**  
**WESTERN FRONT**—American armored columns entered Houffalize at center of Ardennes salient and German holding force is reported fleeing east.  
**PACIFIC**—American forces on Luzon advance to within 75 air miles of Manila while Tokyo reports Third Fleet carrier planes hit China coast from Hankow to Swatow.  
**EASTERN FRONT**—Red Army drives wedge into Southern Polish plains with 45 miles of Reich.  
**AIR WAR**—American heavy bombers resume daylight attacks on Germany.  
**ITALY**—Deep snow and poor visibility virtually halt action on Fifth and Eighth Army fronts.

**RED CROSS PLANS**

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Regional Director Francis P. Sumerville, Atlanta, will lead the discussions on War Fund planning and will be assisted by the following:  
A. B. Murphy, assistant manager of the Southeastern Area, who has been associated with the American Red Cross in various capacities for more than 10 years, and Mrs. Ritzert.  
Charles L. Skarren, Jr., American Red Cross Field Director, who went into France on D-plus-six day, going into Belgium and France later with the infantry unit to which he was attached, will recite some of his experiences during the War Fund planning sessions on the second day of the meeting.  
The meetings will draw representatives from Red Cross chapters in Lexington, Salisbury, Spencer, Thomasville, and from Alexander, Allegheny, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Guilford, Iredell, Jones, Madison, McDowell, Cleveland, Kings Mountain, Lincoln and Gaston counties.  
The local Red Cross disaster committee, headed by John Gilchrist, met yesterday at the Red Cross office to map plans for the institute.

**SURRENDER**

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Atlantic charter clearly showed that he had joined common cause with President Roosevelt in public expressions on the matter as an important step in avoiding Anglo-American bickering and in presenting a more united front at the coming meeting of the Allied "big three."  
He also sought to allay criticism of British policy in Greece with a brief comment that he had "every reason to believe that the present government is extremely democratic... composed entirely of Republicans."  
During the discussion, an orderly crowd of factory workers visited the central lobby to interview members regarding the Greek policy, but were told it would be wiser to await the government's statement Thursday.

**NEW DUTIES**  
Miss Sadie Ramsey has accepted a position as saleslady at Spanhoffs, and began her new duties Monday.

**A DAUGHTER**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Campbell announce the birth of a daughter, Bernadette, on January 12 at Mrs. Campbell's mother's home on Diamond Hill. Mrs. Campbell was the former Miss Marjorie Cline.

**OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat**

**"SPRING FEVER PLOWS NO FURROW."**

"FROM THE 'OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC', FIRST ISSUED—FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1793, BEING THE FIRST AFTER LEAP YEAR AND THE SEVENTEENTH OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF AMERICA."  
—NOW IN 1945—ISSUED FOR THE 153<sup>RD</sup> CONSECUTIVE YEAR.



PART OF AMERICA'S DAILY LIFE FOR GENERATIONS, THE FARMER'S ALMANAC HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF HOMEY TRUTHS AS WELL AS USEFUL INFORMATION TO FAMILIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.  
"SPRING FEVER PLOWS NO FURROW" ONLY BY SETTING OUR HANDS TO THE PLOW OF WORK, HOLDING STEADY TO THE HABIT OF SAVING, PUTTING OUR MONEY INTO SUCH THINGS AS WAR BONDS, LIFE INSURANCE AND SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS DO WE ACHIEVE FINANCIAL WELL-BEING—TURN THE STRAIGHT FURROW OF OUR OWN SECURITY.

**SOVIETS DRIVE**

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to cover a general retreat to a new line between Katowice and Czesochowa, just east of the Silesian border.  
**Nazi Front Shattered**  
Less than 100 hours after the start of the great winter offensive that Soviet spokesmen predicted would put the Red Army in Berlin and end the war, the Nazis' front in Southern Poland had been irretrievably broken and their grip on a vast area of that nation was cracking.  
Berlin said the Soviet westward drive was spreading along the entire eastern front, exploding into furious battles in East Prussia, on both sides of Warsaw and down across the Carpathians into Slovakia and Hungary. Upwards of 3,300,000 men were in action—2,000,000 Russian and 1,500,000 German—and "Nazi spokesmen for the first time used the words 'general offensive' in describing the Soviet assault in their eastern wall.  
Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian Army veterans scored their biggest one-day triumph on the Southern Polish front yesterday with the capture of more than 400 towns and villages, including the big railway hub of Kielce, in a general advance of about eight to 16 miles.  
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**Called Spy's Aide**



Marie Hedwig Koedel, above, was arrested with her foster-father, Simon Emil Koedel, in Harper's Ferry, W. Va., on FBI charges that she worked with him to give information on New York harbor shipping to the German consulate before Pearl Harbor. Pleading innocent, she was held in \$25,000 bail.

**KEEP FAITH with us—by buying WAR BONDS**

Miss Helen Patterson is in Charlotte today attending Carolina-Virginia Fashion Exhibitors, in interest of her shop, Helen Hat Shop at Ramsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cockrell and two sons, Billy and Andy, of Bristol, Tennessee, arrived here Saturday with Mr. Cockrell's mother, Mrs. B. B. Cockrell, who had been visiting with them for the past three weeks.

**SEEN ABOUT TOWN**

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streets of Statesville may make a lot of people wonder why they are not in service, but the above reason answers this question.  
This is also true in a lot of other business places in this city, so hold your tongue because I don't know of any one person that can be called a "draft dodger" in this community. The draft board is fair and will give just consideration to every case. Government laws regulate their actions, and special investigators check the records, not only here in this city but all over the nation.  
Men who are not in uniform are:  
Those over age.  
Those discharged.  
Those in 4-F.  
Those in essential industry.  
Remember DON'T criticize—  
—eye—

**NOT BAD**

It's almost incredible but Mrs. A. B. Stradley in Park Place can boast of having a grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Barkley Elliott of Conover, whose family has branched out to 76 grandchildren, 195 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Mrs. Elliott is 87 years of age and has 12 grandsons in the service.  
—eye—

**SCARED GENE?**

Were you scared? "Just a little bit," replied Gene Fraley whose familiar voice was heard over WBT Sunday. Seems that so many Statesville people heard the genial Fraley's Food Fair manager broadcast Sunday and enjoyed hearing a familiar voice so much that they want him to do it again.  
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**COUNTY TO GET STATE PATROLMAN**

Iredell county has been assured a State Highway Patrolman by Lt. W. Blake Lentz, commander of this district, who stated in a letter to Sheriff Walter Morrison that Patrolman C. M. Byrd would be transferred here from the eastern part of the state to begin his duties February 1.  
This area has been without a patrolman since the resignation of Patrolman Herbert Hawthorne in October. Sheriff Morrison has been very active since that time in trying to secure a state man for Statesville.

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## Your GI Rights

Questions and Answers  
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### TRAINING AID PLAN LIBERALIZED

**BY DOUGLAS LARSEN**  
NEA Staff Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. — A liberalized interpretation of the GI Bill of Rights to give college training to additional thousands of men over 25 years of age has been made by Veterans' Administration.

The education clause of the act was first believed to apply only to these men who at the date of induction had not reached their 25th birthday, and to those over 25 who were actually attending college at the time of induction.

Now it is ruled that a man who can present convincing proof that he intended to get further college or university training, had he not been inducted, is eligible for a year or more. That is, assuming he is eligible under the other provisions of the GI Bill.

Q. I graduated from the University of Michigan and intended to go to law school but couldn't afford it right away. I am 28

years old. I decided to work a year and then go back but was drafted in the meantime. Am I eligible for law school work under present legislation?

A. Yes.

Q. I graduated from college fully intending to go back and do post graduate work in English. But I thought it would be smart to have a couple of years of practical experience in the business world. The war came along and I enlisted. Will the Government help me get that post graduate work when the war is over?

A. If you can present convincing evidence that such was your intention you will be eligible for money for the post graduate work from Veterans' Administration.

Q. I finished law school about a month after Pearl Harbor and enlisted immediately. However, I doubt whether I could pass the State Bar exams, having been away from legal work so long. What happens to me?

A. It is your right to get a one year refresher course paid for by the Government.

## Cigaretts Assume Greater Value Than Dollar Bills

**BY RUTH MILLETT**

If the cigaret shortage keeps up, we may find ourselves with a new medium of exchange—cigaretts.

The idea is already catching on. There are the enterprising restaurant owners who lure diners into their places with the offer of a cigaret after each meal.

There is the hitch-hiker, having no luck thumbing a ride to Washington, who held up a package of cigaretts instead of his thumb and got a ride in the next passing car.

And there is the restaurant, desperate for waiters, that is advertising: "Waiters wanted; salary, meals, and a daily package of cigaretts."

If the cigaret shortage lasts long enough we may find that cigaretts have more bargaining power than money and that they will be used for everything from softening up the butcher to taking a maid away from a friend.

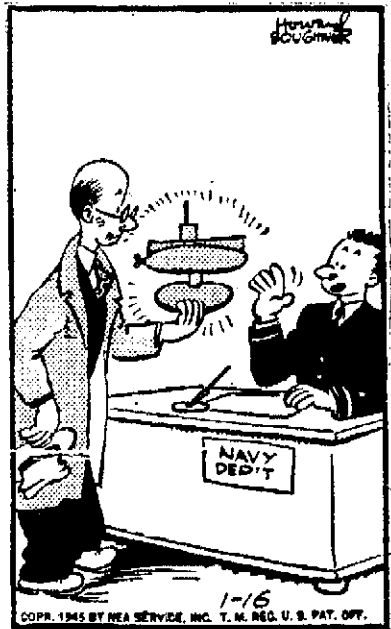
Old ladies who never smoked in their lives may stand in cigaret lines in order to exchange money for a commodity that they can use to buy the things they want.

### How To Be Popular

The most popular hostesses of the future may not be the women who can corner the most important guests—but the ones who have well-filled cigaret boxes.

We've found in these times of rationing and shortages that money doesn't talk as commanding as it once did. And it may be that cigaretts are the medium that will talk.

If you need a maid or a baby sitter or any other service you might try bargaining with cigaretts.



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### Rochefort Monks Meet Their First Yank



Life inside the 13th Century Trappist Monastery at Rochefort, Belgium, has been so secluded that no news of the progress of the war trickled in until Yank soldiers, the first Americans they had ever seen paid them a visit. At right, Pvt. Paul Gabriel exchanges grins with one of the older monks. Left, a Trappist Father inspects one of the famous Rochefort cheeses, made for their own use alone since the war began. (Photos by Bert Brandt, NEA-Acme warpool photographer.)

picked up on the beaches. Other souvenir gifts from him include a pillow top, kerchief and luncheon set of Hawaiian design.

### OVERSEAS DUTY

Roy B. Goodman, S. C. 3/c, and a son of Mrs. E. W. Hollifield of Troutman, Route 1, took amphibious training at Norfolk and New Orleans. He was sent to England last spring, stationed as cook on an L. C. T. and after the invasion of France worked a while with the Red Cross in France making doughnuts for American soldiers at the front. Now since he is back in England on an L. C. T., he writes that he prefers the sunshine of England to the mud of France but better still would like to be back in the states.

### S/SGT. "BUCK" EARLY ON LEYTE ISLAND

Staff Sergeant Frank "Buck" Early, Jr., is on Leyte Island in the Philippines. It was revealed in letters coming to his parents here Sunday—the first since early December.

He wrote of finally receiving five packages, 21 newspapers and several letters. "The social and personal items in the paper interested me the most," he wrote. "Christmas day the fighting was the hottest in the campaign and while the Japs told of wiping

us out, we're still here." He gave their menu for two different breakfasts as a tiny piece of spam and a cup of coffee for one and a spoonful of oatmeal and a cup of coffee for another. This breakfast was served at 5 o'clock in the morning and had to last until noon," he said.

He, with several other Marines, got their Christmas turkey by trading beer stamps with an Army cook. The Army had their Christmas dinner but for some unknown reason the Marines were not so fortunate and were still waiting theirs when he wrote the letter. Another night they were unloading a ship and told to go to the Army post for coffee. A freshly baked apple pie attracted their attention and according to "Buck" the cook is still wondering what happened to it.

**ARMY AIR FIELD, Okla., Jan. 15.**—Sgt. Kenneth R. Poston, son of Henry A. Poston, Mooreville, N. C., Rt. 2, is assigned to this 2nd AAF flying field, where he is completing final phase training as gunner of a heavy bombardment unit.

Poston entered the service Sept. 16, 1940. He received Army Air Force gunnery training at Oxnard, Calif., and Gardner Field, Calif.

### Plotting Five-Star Finale?



Three-star Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, left, head of the Allied 5th Army in Italy, and two-star Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, 2nd Corps commander, bend over a map in a behind-the-lines conference boding ill for the Heineies.

## Reporter Makes Own Headline By Saving State Treasury

**BY LARRY DALE**

RALEIGH, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—State Treasurer Charlie Johnson, has a couple of scorched fingers—tips—and he hasn't been handling any hot money.

He might have been rescuing some though if it hadn't been for yours truly—mebbe I'm a hero. Shucks, it was really nothing—the wind was in my favor and I had just heard a fire engine go by. Any psychologist will explain to you the power of suggestion. Also the sensitivity of the nose.

The first thing I noticed when I stepped into the capital yesterday was the sniff of an unusual smoke. Being well aware of the tobacco shortage I might have thought it nothing more than the result of the latest discovery of some desperate legislator, but they weren't in session. There was hardly a soul around.

There in the rotunda the lady at the information desk—I call her Morning Glory because I see her every morning while making the rounds—was putting away a good sized first aid kit. "What's up?" says I.

"Why, Mr. Johnson burned his fingers and his wife came down here to get something for him," she said.

I smelled a story—also smoke. Pushing open the treasurer's door which is seldom if ever closed, I entered a slightly more than usually beclouded atmosphere. There were several cigarette smokers and a pipe smoker in action.

"Unusually smoky isn't it?" I inquired.

The pipe smoker waved his billowing weapon cheerily. "Hasn't there been a fire in here or something?" I persisted. "Mr. Johnson's wastebasket caught fire," one lady volunteered, "and he burned a couple of fingers, but it was nothing serious."

I stepped into his office to get a closer smell. An office member did likewise, only he walked around the desk. There he found the wastebasket contents still burning. He carried it to the water cooler and gave it a couple of drinks.

Guess that makes him the hero—I just got a big nose.

## COLLEGES MUST HELP MAINTAIN PEACE-DYKSTRA

RALEIGH, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Dr. C. A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, in an address here last night before a joint session of the General Assembly marking the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the University of North Carolina, said that state universities must "commit themselves to the complete abolition of war."

Other speakers included Gov. R. Gregg Cherry and President Frank P. Graham of the University.

Dykstra briefly outlined the history of the people's democratic institutions before going on to enumerate the great part education plays in war and peace. He said that from the past we

have learned that whenever there is any kind of power there will always be temptation to use it, often wrongly, but that a sounder education may eventually help to discourage this.

State universities and colleges must commit themselves to the complete abolition of war as an instrument of national policy, he said, adding that to believe war is still inevitable is to entertain defeatism. He said it would be treason to mankind to allow military aggression from this time forth.

### TONSILECTOMY

Mrs. Fred Travis underwent a tonsilectomy yesterday at Davis hospital and is expected to return to her home this afternoon.

## Please Say I Saw It In The Record

### First Over the Line



(Signal Corps photo from NEA)

Wherever there are Yanks, there you will find American Red Cross workers and doughnuts. These girls—Janette Diefendorf, left, of Greenwich, Conn., and Georgia Carson of Providence, R. I.—were the first to pass out doughnuts to the Yanks on German soil.

### Creator Of Crossword Puzzle Dies In Florida

CLEARWATER, Fla., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Arthur Wynne, creator of the crossword puzzle, who died here Sunday.

Wynne came to this country about 50 years ago to enter the newspaper field. He started the crossword puzzle about 30 years ago.

A native of Liverpool, England, Wynne was associated with the Hearst newspaper chain in this country for many years.

Surviving are his widow, two daughters and a son.

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## PFC. HUGH KING WINS BOND IN LEAGUE CONTEST

Frank Ledbetter Is Second-Place Winner

Final tabulations made by members of the Junior Service League show that the first prize a \$2500 War Bond, offered by the Johnson Furniture Company, was won by Pfc. Hugh B. King, Route 2 and the second, a prize \$500 bond to Frank Ledbetter who has just received his medical discharge from the Army.

The league had set a goal of \$88,000, but fell somewhat short of this, reaching the total \$71,065.66 (maturity value). W. Johnston cooperated with the league in permitting them to one of his display windows in furniture store as their headquarters, and carrying the names they were presented on the purchase of a bond by friend or family.

Pfc. King is now stationed in Iran, and has been there for nearly three years. He trained in Arizona, but has not been home a furlough since his entry in the war. He is connected with engineer unit, which built highways into Russia from Iran, permit the passage of material from this country. Lately he has been driving a truck along the same route, those trips taking several weeks. He writes that weather there is the most objectionable part of it, as it gets most unbearably hot, the thermometer sometimes reaching 100 degrees.

Pfc. Ledbetter was seriously wounded in the African campaign and is now living in Statesville with his wife.

### Pipe This Stunt



Maybe you can't get your favorite brand of cigaret, but don't let that stop you if you want a smoke. You can always do like Virginia Plesian of Washington, D. C., is doing here—puff a pipe.

