

About Town
Captain David McCollum of Company H, State Guards...

Aviation Student William Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Palmer of 171 South Main street...

Robb to Head Local Scouts
Sherwood J. Robb was named chairman of the Manchester District and the election of officers...

Both Shalom Notes
Friday, Dec. 17: Evening services at 8 p. m. Rabbi B. Woythaler will speak on "The Apostle" by Sholem Asch...

Getting Ready For Big Rush
Incoming mail at the Manchester post office is heavier than usual for so early in December...

ROOFING ASBESTOS SIDING INSULATION
Expert workmanship. All work guaranteed. Reasonable Prices. No obligation for an estimate.

OAK GRILL "WHERE GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER" DINE AND DANCE
To the Lifting Tunes of DON MAC AND HIS RHYTHM MASTERS DELICIOUS FOODS - MODEST PRICES!

TALL CEDARS BINGO TOMORROW NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK
ORANGE HALL 23 REGULAR GAMES AT 8:30 P. M. A GAME FOR 25c!

Robert H. Hynds, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hynds of 45 Pleasant street...

Annual Report Read
Annual reports were given by Commissioner Hayden Griswold, Finance Chairman Harry Malt...

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OLD RECORDS
Must be turned in for sale by 11 a. m. on Monday, Dec. 18. 25c each pair for old records irrespective of quantity.

Range and Fuel OIL TICKET PRINTING METERS
Meter prints amount of delivery on your slip for your protection.

Xmas Special PHILCO RADIOS
Yes, we can take your order for a brand new Philco, either 6 tubes, Console or 8-tube Chairside Model.

EAT THE BEST AT REYMANDER'S CORNED BEEF AND DELICIOUS HALF BROILERS
TENDER, JUICY STEAKS OYSTERS AND CLAMS ON THE HALF SHELL DINE AND DANCE TONIGHT!

Charles Everett Cannon, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Cannon, of 45 Lancaster road is enrolled for basic training in the Navy...

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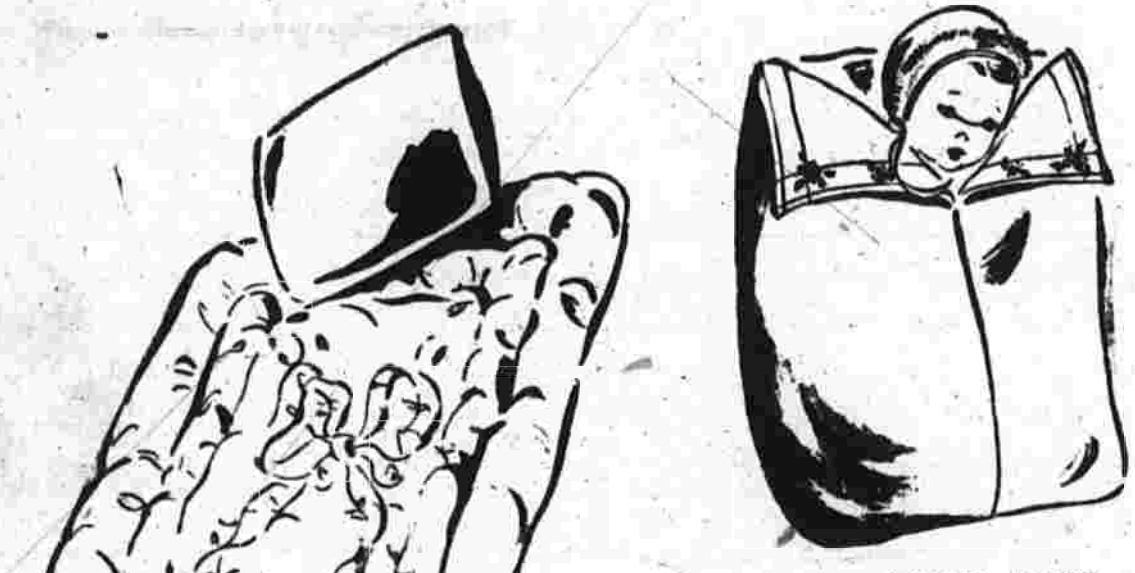
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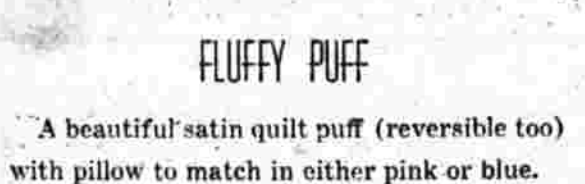
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Baby's own soft bunting with hat to match. Baby blue or pink, it makes a wonderful gift.



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A beautiful satin quilt puff (reversible too) with pillow to match in either pink or blue.



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Meats and Fats
Brown stamp P in Book Three good through January 1 through January 15, 1945. Stamp Q will be good December 19 through January 1.

Processed Foods
Green stamps A, B and C in Book Four good through December 20. Stamps D, E and F good through January 20.

Sugar
"Sugar" stamp 29 in back of Book Four valid to January 15 for five pounds. Do not confuse with stamp 29 in front of Book Four. Shoe

Aeroplane stamp number one in February 29.

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Number 8 stamps in A-Book valid for three gallons through February 8 and B-C and C-3 coupons good for two gallons. Only the new coupons marked B-2 and C-2 are good for five gallons. The face of all gasoline coupons in your possession must be endorsed in ink with registration number and state.

The office of the Local Rationing Board is located in the Lincoln school opposite the post office. Office hours are as follows: Monday, 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; Tuesday, 2 p. m. to 5:15 p. m.; Wednesday, 2 p. m. to 5:15 p. m.; Thursday, 10 a. m. to 5:15 p. m.; Friday, 10 a. m. to 5:15 p. m.; Saturday, 10 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. The telephone number is 2-0484.

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Toll of Rail Crash Dead Rises to 70

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At Rockmart, Ga., in 1922 when 20 were killed. The biggest wreck toll in the nation's railroad history was 115 deaths at Nash, Tenn., July 9, 1918.

Workers toiled throughout the night and continued today in the face of a heavy rain to clear the tracks and remove the dead.

Factors in the toll of dead—48 are civilians and 21 civilians—was announced by Atlantic Coast Line railroad headquarters at Wilmington.

"Upwards of 50 persons were injured seriously."

Enough of the mass of telescoped cars and twisted rails was expected to be moved today to permit resumption of normal traffic along the trunk line.

Some civilian deaths were still unidentified. Witnesses said a few victims were so dismembered it would be difficult to establish identity.

Names of the soldier dead were withheld pending notification of their next of kin.

A broken A.C.L. official said, caused the first wreck—the derailment of three coaches of the Florida-bound Tammam West Coast Champion. Only one person, First Lt. Roy A. Griffin, a student chaplain at Harvard university, was killed in this wreck.

Flashed into Derailment Coaches

This was at 2:10 a. m. Five minutes later the southbound Tammam East Coast Champion, ploughing into the derailed coaches of the Tammam West Coast Champion, was wrecked.

The disaster occurred on the night of Dec. 27, 1944, in a heavy rain and it was two hours before some of the injured and dying could be taken to the hospital.

Magazine Publisher William Wood, a passenger on the first train, said five cars of the north-bound train "leaped" the track and folded together like an accordion.

"It was like a bad dream, filled with screams, and in the dark you don't see what happened," he added. He told of an expectant mother, whose legs and thighs were badly mangled and who kept saying, "I won't lose my baby, God help me."

"She had more spunk than I've ever seen in a woman before," he said. "Later a doctor came up and examined her and gave her a sedative and told her that her baby would be born. 'Thank God,' she said."

First arrivals at the scene told of the injured crying "Shoot me!" "Kill me and begging for help and water.

The trains were crowded with holiday travelers. Scattered about the wreck scene were packages in Christmas wrappings and broken Christmas toys.

After the first derailment, some of the passengers built bonfires of newspapers to stop two south-bound trains. The trains were not stopped by the same engineers, without succeeding.

Identified Dead in Wreck Listed
Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The list of injured in the A.C.L. train wreck near here yesterday included:

Mr. H. Lou, 22 W. Third street, Pottstown, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. George Spindel, 34 Jamaica avenue, Long Island, N. Y.

Mrs. Hazel Northrop, 1085 Glenwood boulevard, Schenectady, N. Y.
First Lt. Roy A. Griffin, student chaplain at Harvard University.

Mrs. Jean E. Stein, wife of Julius Stein, stationed at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Mrs. Mary T. Vallancourt, wife of Corp. M. J. Vallancourt, stationed at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Miss Mary Theresa Mintogh, 23 C street, Framingham, Mass.
Miss Helen Colmider, 146 Bayway boulevard, Miami, Fla., and 102-27 Lefferts boulevard, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
Mrs. Eva Mae Dunn, Charleston, S. C., Navy Yard.

Never Married To Former Star
Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Albert Stanwood Murphy says he and former Film Star Midge Bell are not now and never have been husband and wife.

Attorney for the wealthy California lumberman filed an answer to the actress' divorce suit yesterday, denying her allegation that she and Murphy were married under Nevada's consent clause in April 1941.

In San Francisco last January, the actress was accused of firing three ineffectual shots in Murphy's direction because of his illegitimate association with another woman. The latter subsequently was identified in the litigation as Mrs. Murphy, the former June Almy of New York.

Under international agreement, the first letter in a radio station's call letters indicates the nationality of the station. The United States was allotted three, W, N, and K.

Partial List Of Injured
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Albman, Corp. Edward A., 108 Chapin street, Binghamton, N. Y.
Allerton, Robert, 1629 Brooklyn avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ball, Edward, 1515 Barnett Building, Jacksonville, Fla.
Bass, John Eugene, U. S. Navy (no address).
Bourgeois, C. J., 200 S. Wilson street, Gainesville, Fla.
Boyer, Mrs. Josephine S., 192 78th street, New York, N. Y.
Call, Mrs. Stanley S., and baby, 113 Hillside avenue, West Toronto, Canada.
Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. E. M., 196 St. Paul street, Brookline, Mass.
Clarke, Seaman 3rd Class Francis H., Charleston.
Collie, Raymond A., 122 N. Fifth street, Allentown, Pa.
Connor, Pvt. Raymond C., 3rd Air Corps, Charleston.
Covey, Mrs. George, 337 Sherburne street, Middleville, Pa.
DeGregory, Sgt. G. L., Mount Airy, N. C.
Duchowicz, Stanley, 157 Franklin street, Clinton, S. C.
Friedman, Mrs. S. C., 222 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Gagle, Paul F., 750 Walnut street, Portland, Ore.
Goldston, Mrs. Elaine, Robobomb, Pa.
Greely, Mrs. Eleanor, 1505 Broadway street, Cleveland, O.
Jacobson, Pfc. Gerald E., Revere, Mass.
Kear, Thomas, 524 N. 21st street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Liffendale, Wilbert T., Seaman, Second Class, U. S. Naval Hos-

Pinney Awarded Army Air Medal

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal to more than 175 officers and enlisted men of the United States Army, Ninth Air Force for participation in bombing missions over Europe, have been announced by the War Department.

These airmen were credited with repeated missions over the enemy island strongholds. Earlier, many of them had participated in bombing and strafing attacks over Italy and France.

These awards were made by the War Department. The recipients are: Capt. Joseph P. Pinney, 367 Silver Lane, East Hartford, Conn.; 1st Lt. Charles A. Pinney, first lieutenant, 367 Silver Lane, East Hartford, Conn.; 1st Lt. Charles A. Pinney, first lieutenant, 367 Silver Lane, East Hartford, Conn.

Life of Vesalius To Be Published
New Haven, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Recognition of the highly significant part played by the medical work of Andreas Vesalius, foremost among the founders of modern medicine, was announced today by the University School of Medicine here.

Dr. Vesalius, who lived in the last part of the 15th century and the first part of the 16th century, was a Flemish physician and anatomist. He is known for his work on the human body, particularly his book "De Humani Corporis Fabrica," which revolutionized the study of anatomy.

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Boviet people was issued by the German government. "Yes," he answered in a firm, clear voice.

The Gestapo captain then related how Red Army officers were killed in the Kharkov prison "to prevent their escape."

"How many Soviet citizens did you kill yesterday?"

"It is hard to say exactly but I think about 100," Langheld answered.

"How many were killed by the Germans in Kharkov and Kharkov province?"

"I heard about 30,000 and about the same number in Kiev," the German's published testimony said. "About 15,000 were killed in Poltava."

Langheld then testified how civilians and Russian Army officers were kept in the same camp and given the same treatment.

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Local Skating Rink Open; Ice Is in Good Condition

Center Springs Municipal skating rink will be open to public skating today for the first time this season. The past week five inches of ice have been formed on the pond and the park department, under whose supervision the skating in Center Springs Pond is held each season, officially opened the pond and skating lodge for public use this morning.

Last season there were 35 days of skating in Center Springs Pond and upwards of 25,000 persons visited the area for the winter sport.

The pond will be open most of the night and will be lighted during the evening hours by large flood lights set up on the north shore of the pond near the skating lodge. The lodge will be open most of the night and will be lighted each afternoon and evening for the convenience of the skaters.

As soon as the ice is a little thicker, the hockey arena will be set up on the pond near the dam for the use of local teams.

To Use the Skating Rink

A flag signal will be flown from a pole near the lodge when there is skating at the pond. When no flag is flown, skating is not permitted.

Special Constable William Anderson of the Park department is in charge of skating and the lodge. He stated this morning that the ice now is of excellent quality and expects several hundred persons to take advantage of the early skating this afternoon and evening. The five inches of ice was formed in the past six days on the pond.

Rockville Lewis is Chapman 840 Rockville

1200 Workers To Get Bonus

Hockanum Mill Employees to Receive \$25 and \$10 Checks

Rockville, Dec. 17—(Special)—The 1200 workers of the Hockanum Mills Company of the M. T. Stevens & Sons Co. will receive a Christmas bonus today.

The workers who have been employed a year or more will receive \$25 while those who have been employed six months will receive \$10.

Miss Eva M. Shepard, 20, of Rockville, who has been employed at the greeting card packing department of the National Printing Company for the past two years, left on Thursday for Hunter College, New York, for instruction into the "waves." She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shepard and has two brothers in the service, Seaman Second Class Charles E. Shepard and Private James D. Shepard of the Army.

Horse Not Misrepresented

Ball Lake City—A buyer can't say he was tricked. One of the horses offered for sale at Ogdon Arsenal and Fort Douglas was publicly listed as having "one eye in front of the back of the head" and "one eye in front of the front of the head." Thirteen years old, too, the government proclaimed.

Synthetic Rubber Better

Middletown, Dec. 17—The Russell Manufacturing company announced yesterday that it had made full scale production of synthetic rubber and said the synthetic rubber being used resulted in a better product than was made with natural rubber before the war.

Funeral of Mrs. Mary Brooks

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Brooks, wife of Mr. C. Brooks, pastor of the Union Congregational church, was largely attended at the church on Thursday afternoon. Rev. Tertius Van Dyke, dean of the Hartford Theological Seminary, officiated, assisted by Rev. James P. English, superintendent of the Connecticut Congregational churches. The bearers all seasons of the Union church were John Tomko, Eben H. Cobb, John Alby, Charles H. Allen, Otto Yost and Ralph Wilcox. Burial was in Grove Hill cemetery.

Get a Divorce

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Solons Ready For Vacation

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Recreation workers use an acetylene torch to cut away portions of a car to release trapped injured passengers of a coast Atlantic Coast Line train wrecked near Bain, N. C., and was struck by a train bound in the opposite direction. (AP Wirephoto)

War Fund

George Coleman, chairman of the Vernon War Fund announced that the fund now totals \$9,002.42. The sum of \$140.77 was received from the Community Ring the past week. Donations should be sent to Edward Buchanan, treasurer of the drive.

Horse Not Misrepresented

Ball Lake City—A buyer can't say he was tricked. One of the horses offered for sale at Ogdon Arsenal and Fort Douglas was publicly listed as having "one eye in front of the back of the head" and "one eye in front of the front of the head." Thirteen years old, too, the government proclaimed.

Synthetic Rubber Better

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Home Front Changes While Roosevelt Away

Congress Colder and Some Members of Democratic Party Openly Hostile to Him

By James M. G. ... Washington, Dec. 17—(AP)—President Roosevelt—like a maestro who comes a day off for other business—looks back to find the congressional orchestra has torn up his music and is busy playing its own loudly.

He returns to a home front different from the one he left more than a month ago for historic conferences abroad. The Congress he left was chilly toward him. It is colder now and some members of his own party are openly hostile to him.

Line Not Actually Broken
His "hold the line" plan against inflation is sagging under congressional hammering. Yet that line has not actually been broken in any one of the vital places. It will be his job to try to push it back into shape.

These are the main domestic jobs on tap when he rolls up his sleeves and settles down to work in the White House:

1. He must prepare his annual budget message for delivery to Congress early in January, asking new billions of dollars to run the country and the war for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944.

2. He can try, although few expect him to succeed, to get Congress to vote a higher tax bill than the one it has in the oven now. Mr. Roosevelt and his treasury months ago asked Congress for 10 1/2 billion dollars more in new high taxes.

To Yield Only Two Billion Dollars
Congress will shelve down in both houses, but the lighting might strike anytime. Everybody is for it, the amount is the big question.

3. The president will have to face a budget deficit of \$1.5 billion when it comes back after his first recess since last summer. Jan. 4 more will get down to cases on these controversial matters:

Food subsidies—Apparently scheduled for temporary continuation until a showdown can be reached in January on the farm bloc's demand for their elimination.

Higher taxes—Probably to be left open until early in January.

Social security—Signs pointing to enactment before the recess of legislation freezing social security payroll levies at their present level of 4 1/2 per cent each on employees and employers. A veto might have this as a holiday hangover too.

Likely to Let Base Cost Railroad pay—Committee may report out Senate-approved measure to put into effect a 2-cent an hour increase for non-operating clerks and other workers, but the

Administration leaders, one after another, stepped in to warn that without subsidies price would soar. On Dec. 8 War Mobilization Director James H. Doolittle appealed to Congress to pass the subsidy program.

He said "we must make up our minds whether we want to hold the line or break the line."

Mood Little Less Friendly
For a while the subsidy program looked sunk. But recently so much consumer pressure was used on Congress that the mood of the men

in the White House went right behind Byrnes and voted the increase which now is in the Senate's lap for final disposition.

If the president has any spare time he may try to straighten out the servicemen's vote jumble or maybe soothe some southern Democrats who have threatened to form a third party.

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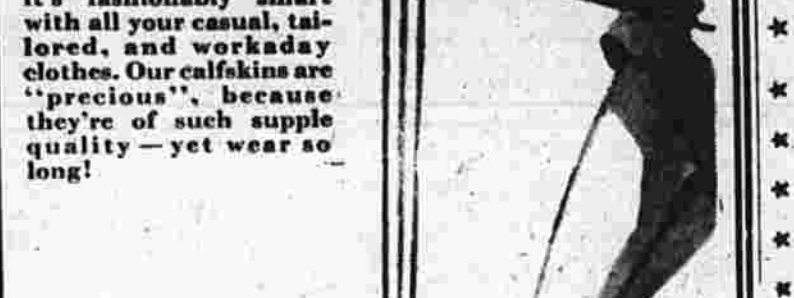
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JEWELERS AT THE CENTER

Hoare Denies Talking Peace With Germans

Britain's Envoy to Spain, in Interview With NEA Writer, Predicts Year of War.

By Henry J. Taylor
NEA Correspondent
Madrid, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Hoare denied to me persistent rumors linking him here with peace negotiations. He has done so categorically. He said that he had never seen Samuel and that he had no contact with the German ambassador at the Avenida del Generalissimo Franco.

"As regularly as clockwork I read the same things from New York, from London, from Stockholm and elsewhere—how the Germans are in touch with me for peace," said Britain's former Foreign Secretary, now his country's senior ambassador on the continent of Europe.

"I have not been talking peace with anybody, including the German ambassador here," he said.

Louis Hull
I reminded Sir Samuel that our people abroad had a year of taking such denials with a grain of salt, and only yesterday here I heard a radio report from Switzerland that he had not influenced at all what was meeting Germany's Von Papen at the Vatican.

"Well," Sir Samuel said with a pleasant smile that he was widely in Madrid, "maybe I don't have influenza and maybe this is the Vatican—but I don't think so. Seriously, what more can I say? I feel that the matter of peace is a matter of life and death, and it is a matter which is being discussed in Washington recently when he said, 'Such statements are evidently put out with

Forty Years of Flight

Wilbur Wright Today



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Forty years ago, Dec. 17, 1903, on the wind-swept dunes of Kitty Hawk, N. C., man's age-old dream of flight in a heavier-than-air machine came true when Wilbur Wright, prone on the lower wing of what amounted to a motorized kite, took off and flew 802 feet in 59 seconds. It was not the first flight of the Dayton, Ohio, brothers, but it was the longest and proved the practicability of their contraption. The historic flight is pictured at top above, with brother Orville watching. (Photo below symbolizes the development of the airplane in the short span of two-score years—see a mighty factor in sending the world to the earth's far corners, with the promise of globe-girdling aerial voyages for Mr. and Mrs. America after the war's the Navy's great flying boat Mars, implicit with the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, in their passenger service and a precursor of the helicopter—launched by its enthusiasts as the family "flier" of the future.

Wife No. 2, Mrs. Lucille Miller Orville Wright, 37, buried her face on her mother's shoulder when the verdict was read. She said she didn't know what she was doing, but she said she would wait for him until he came home. Mrs. Katherine Orville Wright, 20, had listened to the arguments, then walked out without waiting for the verdict.

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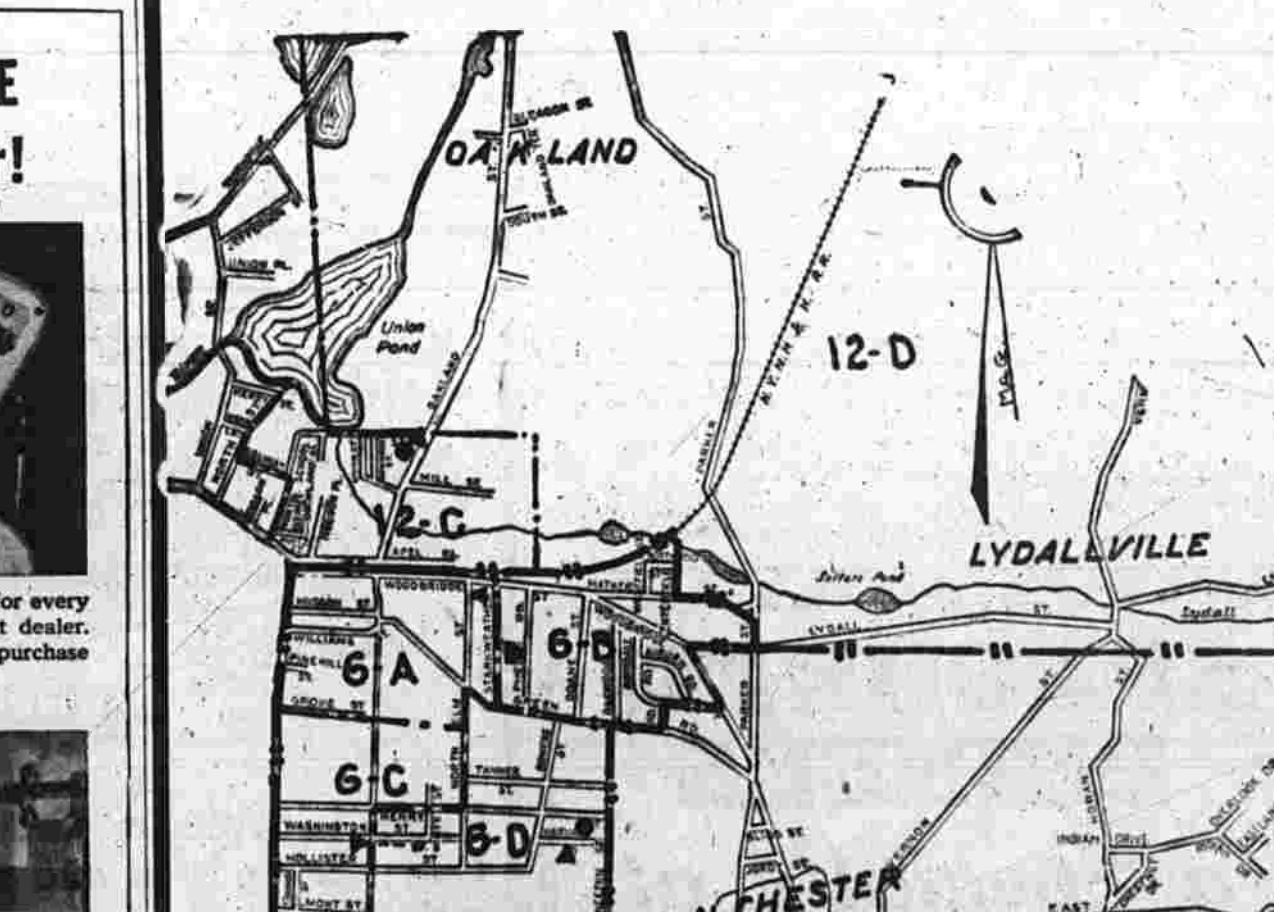
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Five Burned During Blaze

Woman and Four Children Fight for Life in New Haven Hospital.

West Haven, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A woman and four children, all of them critically burned, fought for life today in a New Haven hospital. The woman, 36-year-old Mrs. Lena Cristante, 26-year-old daughter, and four children were burned when a portable oil stove overflowed.

Shelton said he did not see the fire until it was too late. He saw the woman and children being laid and as soon as one or two rooms are finished, the radiators are set and then comes the polishing of the floors. The painting follows right after and no time is being lost in getting the apartments ready.

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Mrs. Cristante, her year-and-a-half old daughter, Angela, and three other children, Mary Frances, nine months old, and a baby, were reported on the danger list at the convention. Mrs. Michael Cristante, 21, was burned severely and discharged from the hospital after treatment.

His Completely Burned Away
Shelton, who brought Mrs. Cristante and the three children out of the apartment, making his last trip into the blazing tower, was so badly burned that he died in the hospital. Mrs. Cristante's hair was completely burned off and she was discharged from the hospital after treatment.

Seven State Jobs Open
Hartford, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Personnel department announced yesterday that applications for competitive examinations for seven state jobs would be received during the next two weeks. The jobs are: Domestic animals inspector \$2,000 a year; toll collector (Charter Oak bridge), \$1,200; welfare research associate, \$2,400; senior child welfare case worker, \$1,920; child welfare case worker, \$1,560; social worker, \$1,680; mental defective social worker, \$1,560.

Six Topics On Agenda

Legislative Council Selects Subjects for Special Session.

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1. Extension of the governor's war powers, which expire Feb. 1, 1944, for one year beyond that date.
2. Simplification of the statutes pertaining to absentee voting, to make it easier for men and women in the armed forces to cast ballots.
3. Extension of the voting hours at state elections from 6 p. m. to 8 p. m. to accommodate persons working at considerable distances from their homes. (The council also recommended a bill giving individual municipalities the power to set their own voting hours, within limits for local elections.)
4. Would repeal Eviction Law.
5. Repeal of the law enacted by the last General Assembly eliminating the nine-day grace period given tenants before eviction proceedings for non-payment of rent could be started.
6. Enactment of legislation to decrease within a few days.

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British Bombers Hit Berlin Hard

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Sweden indicated that the central section had suffered heavily. The Swiss radio said the Foreign Office district was struck, and one Berlin broadcast chimed to the familiar line that the residential area had been the target.

The German high command, acknowledged only that "considerable damage" had resulted. Canadian fliers who participated in the raid had been given credit for the damage with accuracy, but judging from the glow I think our concentration of bombs must have done great damage, said Lieut. Rod Dunphy, of Winnipeg.

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Assert Nazis Drive Turned Into Retreat

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The vengeful Nazis, making another effort to crush the very patriots, were brought to halt just six days after Tito, in a dramatic appeal to his men, told them "this is the decisive hour." Tito's communique was broadcast by the Free Yugoslav radio and recorded here by The Associated Press.

The German offensives were aimed at the Koridan and Banja districts of Croatia. In western Bosnia to the south, the Yugoslavs announced the slaying of several hundred Germans and a soldier troops near Livno and Suvaco, while in eastern Bosnia the patriots also engaged in successful operations against units of the 1st Alpenjaeger (Alpine) division.

The Germans, striving to destroy Tito's Army before the patriots launch a possible invasion of the Balkans, were rushing reinforcements to all areas.

In the Sandjak area in Bosnia north of Sarajevo, the German fighting was reported near Poje Polje and Brodovodre, and the former town was reported in a fierce counter-attack by the patriots.

Fresh forces of tanks and infantry were being moved to the area.

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Torrington Company to Distribute \$60,000 in Excess Earnings.

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The Public Utilities' commission announced yesterday it had ordered the company to distribute about \$60,000 in excess 1943 earnings to its customers.

The payments, it was estimated, will amount to about 15 per cent of each customer's electricity cost for the year. On the average, the checks expected to be mailed this month to each consumer will amount approximately to the cost of power for a month and a half.

Industrial Users Not Affected. Sharing in the payments will be 7,164 household users and 588 commercial users of power. Industrial users are not affected by the order. The commission said that the method of repaying excessive profits in wartime by ordering a customer dividend was considered more equitable than attempting to institute a rate reduction, a lengthy procedure requiring many hearings.

Commission members emphasized that they received 700 per cent cooperation from Torrington company officials who accepted the plan without argument; and that no complaint about rates had been received from any customer in Torrington.

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Rice said this represented an increase for men with top experience and beginners, but represented a wage cut for the "middle group."

Arrington asserted that the company signed a new contract for drivers and maintenance men providing approximately a 20 per cent increase, but the W.L.B. insisted on a wage cut of 11.11 per cent, or four per cent.

Given Numerous Accolades. London.—(AP)—American precision bombing received a humorous accolade today from the magazine "Aeroplane." The periodical printed a cartoon showing a group of S. S. Army Air Force officers regarding dismay at a high-flying American plane scores a miss in the "practice." "It's Cadet Schmidt's turn," says one of the bomb falls outside the target. "He's hopeless." The target is a rain barrel.

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It is said that if one tries hard enough, success will be a spirit of friendly rivalry between the Men's Club of St. Bridget's church and the Campbell Council Knights of Columbus' setback team. Try as they might the K. of C. had never been able to beat the doughy lads from the North End in the past.

An entirely different story today following the sitting last evening at the K. of C. home on Main street. The Knights downed the Men's club with Bernard Fogarty and Joseph Wolf capturing high score of 108. However, Jim Foley and Thomas Shea were right behind with 101. The next sitting will be on Thursday evening, Jan. 8. The Men's Club came off best in the first round.

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Japs Suffer Real Setback In Invasion

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have been there within two weeks of the establishment of a firm beachhead.

May Jap Troops in Area

Large numbers of Japanese troops remain in the area—the enemy may have as many as 30,000 men in New Britain, Bougainville and New Ireland. But complete superiority is held by the Allied forces, and they also command the sea lanes. With Japanese communications smashed, as they are already, the collapse of resistance is a foregone conclusion, however bloody and desperate the fighting the enemy may do.

On the other side of the world, the aerial offensive continues against New Europe, with second Air Force bombers roaring out against targets in the House of Commons in a precision softening up.

Invasion Imminent Hinted

The imminence of that invasion was broadly hinted in the House of Commons by Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, the day before Mr. Roosevelt's arrival in the United States was disclosed.

It was significant that, although the Navy and Army let it be known that Admiral Ernest J. King, chief commander of the United States Navy, and Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the United States Army Air Force, were in the United States, they were not permitted to meet with the press.

Marshall, chief of staff, is scheduled to take the field command of the Allied forces for the invasion. He attended the Midway conference in London, and there has been some speculation that he might be proceeding to London to take over the new post without returning to Washington.

About Town

A chimney fire at the home of James Acto, 501 Hilliard street, brought the Manchester Fire department to the scene after a long ride. The fire evidently started from papers being burned in a fireplace. Chief Roy Grinstead reported no damage.

Miss Marion T. Jeseman, children's librarian at the Manchester library, will conduct another story hour tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock for children of the third and fourth grades. The story hour will be held in the library room, where there is a Christmas tree, and Miss Jeseman will tell Christmas stories.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Brown of 42 Jensen street have received news that their son, Staff Sergeant Albert E. Brown, better known as "Ace" Brown, has successfully passed all examinations at Miami Beach required to allow him to be transferred to the Air Corps. His new address is A-8 Albert E. Brown, 31125106, 40th Street, Box 242, Woodford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

A daughter was born yesterday to Attorney and Mrs. Harold Garrison, 141 Pavilion street, at Manchester Memorial hospital. The little newcomer is their second child.

A Christmas party for all employees of the Manchester Cleaners will be held at the plant on Friday, Dec. 24. At that time a Christmas bonus will be distributed to all employees. The amount will be contingent on length of service. Presents will also be exchanged among those present.

Just a reminder that the time of the annual Christmas party on the 20th is 6:45 p. m. to 7:45 p. m. as originally announced. The party will be held at the Manchester Club, 100 East Center street.

Hospital Notes

Admitted yesterday: Mrs. Mary Hayes, 148 Main street; Miss June Winchester, 107 Summit street; Donna Tourtelotte, 150 Charter Oak street; Mrs. Ellen Grant, 85 Forest street; Charles Stanley, 65 East Center street.

Admitted today: Mrs. Anna Dare, RFD, Manchester.

Discharged today: Mrs. Hamilton Miller and son, 4 Hudson street; Mrs. Edward Thibault and daughter, Diamond Lake, Gloucesterbury.

Birth: Yesterday a daughter to Attorney and Mrs. Harold Garrison, 141 Pavilion street, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Fish, 661 Hartford street, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Putnam, East Hartford.

Commodore Vanderbilt added \$100,000,000 to his fortune between the ages of 70 and 83.

Yanks Consolidate New Britain Hold; Repel Air Attacks

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tion for the Sixth Army, commanded by Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, and it won a strategically important position for the Allies, giving them command of the southern entrance to Viaz and Dampier, which separate New Britain from the northeast coast of New Guinea.

A United States destroyer force under Rear Admiral Daniel Bane, who pounded Arava and the tiny islands at the entrance to the bay before the first Army assault troops showed off, and medium bombers added their explosives to the tons of steel thrown as the enemy.

Try to Cut Retreat Line

Proceeding the principal assault, aimed at Orange beach at the foot of the peninsula, a force composed mostly of the 2nd Marine Division and Wright of Dallas slipped away from the invading fleet in the principal direction of the retreat line.

But the Texans were met with heavy machine and light cannon fire as they neared the shore, and their attack ended on a note of one-quarter of a mile, where they were killed or wounded. The force was the principal element of the entire operation.

General MacArthur, directing the operation from a small island off the north coast of New Guinea, said in a radio broadcast that the Australian and American squadrons that supported the attack were "lost, not was any of our naval or transport ships lost."

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Wreckage in Which 70 Died

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Strews along the right way of the Atlantic Coast Line tracks, near Buie, about 20 miles from Lumberton, N. C., are the passenger cars of two wrecked steam trains that crashed in an early morning crash, in which approximately 70 were fatally injured. (AP Wirephoto.)

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3 Ton Truck On the Loose

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Runs Down Hill and Is Stopped by Tree; Not Very Badly Damaged.

A three-ton delivery truck owned by the Railway Express Agency, went over a bank and curbing on the down grade on Arch street just after 3 o'clock this afternoon and came to a stop against a tree, a short distance from the four family home at the corner of Arch and Center streets.

The truck was in charge of Russell Sidrasinski and had been brought to a stop in front of the Liberty House at 12-14 Arch street.

Brakes Released

The driver had set the brakes, left the front wheels against the curb and stopped the engine when he entered the house to deliver a package. While he was in the house the truck started to roll and went about 30 feet before it crossed the walk and down a bank. The front bumper hit the tree bringing the truck to a stop.

The driver called his office and another truck was sent out to assist. With a chain attached to the rear and the engine of the truck that was in trouble assisting, the truck started to roll and went about 30 feet before it crossed the walk and down a bank. The front bumper hit the tree bringing the truck to a stop.

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Golden Split Peas 1 Lb. 16c

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Speaking of Points

Favor Angott Over Astoria Boy Tonight

N.B.A. Champion Rated At 13-5 in Garden Bout; Ruffin Lightly Regarded Tonight.

By Jack Hand

New York, Dec. 17.—(AP)—"The Garden bout between the N.B.A. champion Steve Angott and the upstart Astoria boy Bobby Ruffin, scheduled for tonight, is being regarded as one of the best of the season."

Angott, who has won the N.B.A. championship for the second year, is being rated as a 13-5 favorite over Ruffin, who is being rated as a 5-13 underdog.

The bout is being held at the Garden, which is being managed by the Garden Athletic Club.

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Craig Wood Breaks Par At Florida

Open Champion in Rare Form on First Day in Big Miami Match; Drizzle, Cold Bothers

By Bert Collier

Miami, Fla., Dec. 17.—(AP)—The uncanny putting of Craig Wood, duration National Open champion, was the talk of the galleries with the blood blaster from Mammoth, N. Y., starting the second round of the Miami Open today in that spot by a stroke.

Wood, who had a 72-37-88 for the first three rounds, showed off the biting wind and driving rain that set many scores high.

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Count Fleet Sweeps Field

Named Top Horse Today Over Best for '43; Race Not Even Close.

By Ed Fisher

New York, Dec. 17.—By the most top-sided margin in the eight-year history of the poll, the National Sports Writers named Count Fleet "The Horse of the Year" for 1943 and the Count did less work for it than any of the seven previous winners.

Although he has been on vacation for the last few days, Count Fleet was named head man by 135 of the 143 voters, against two for Market Wise and Slide rule and one apiece for Thumbs Up and Occupied. The nomination was blank on two ballots.

On top of that, the racy rocket from the Blue Grass made even more of a one-sided walk of the drawing, 142 of the first-place votes, and 141 of the 143 total of 428 points, compared to 219 for W. E. Boone's Slide Rule, the late season star who polled the only other top vote. Voting for age was a basis of three points for first, two for second and one for third, only single nominations were made for horse of the year.

The Count's runaways for the top spot and the three-year-old crown and the unexpectedly early victory of John Mearns' Occupied, the "Young Ladies" and party three-way scramble between Thumbs Up and Occupied. Thumbs Up, who was named head man by 135 of the 143 voters, against two for Market Wise and Slide rule and one apiece for Thumbs Up and Occupied. The nomination was blank on two ballots.

And Still Champ-eeen

Sharp Shooter

North Camp, Pa., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Pvt. Thomas Brown of the 4th Armored Division has held his own in the Kentucky long-range country.

Came the day when officers put him on the range with a rifle long enough to satisfy the fustiest Kentucky A. 37mm. gun and the target was set up 3,000 yards away.

The 19-year-old Oskaloosa, Ky., youngster scored 10 bull-eyes in exactly 10 shots. He didn't appear the least bit surprised.

Deer Gets Frisky

Charleston, W. Va.—(AP)—A buck deer ventured well within the city limits recently.

The deer was seen in the residential area. He may have been looking for some action, but he was shot and killed by a hunter.

Navy's Luck Piece

Annapolis, Md.—(AP)—That's the way to win ball games. That's the way to win ball games. That's the way to win ball games.

Polo Grounds Liké Concrete

Both Teams Will Wear Basketball Shoes In Sunday's Game.

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Prokop Makes Tech Tick With His Brilliant Play

By Ramsey Wheeler

Atlanta, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Georgia Tech only barely escapes Eddie Prokop and the law of averages. There's no doubt about it. Prokop is a star.

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Rec Juniors Open Season

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Troop 9 Girl Scouts will hold their Christmas party Monday evening at 4 o'clock at the South Methodist church. Everyone is urged to be present and to bring a present for the Girl Scout whose name they draw.

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3 Factors Slow Gains Along Boot

Italian Aid Less Than Expected; Competing in Priorities; Rome of Little Military Value.

By Wes Gallagher
Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Three factors, an important, if not more so, than terrain and weather, have played a large part in the slow progress of the American Fifth and the British Eighth Army up the Italian straight boot since it met after a four-day drive out of their pillboxes one by one.

Liquor, Taxes Big Munitions Plant Twin Issues For Senate

Two-Fisted Floor Fight Affects Both—Impends; Hope to Release Whiskey Held.

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General MacArthur's Headquarters, New Guinea, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Troops of the United States Sixth Army have occupied the entire Cape Merkus peninsula in the Arwe sector of New Britain island, and are continuing to advance. General MacArthur's headquarters announced tonight that the invasion forces which landed four days ago complete control of the three-mile neck of land flanking the Arwe harbor on the southwest coast of the big island, and leading toward the site of the present Yugoslav air strip.

Nazis Report Plans Shift For Leader Of Invasion Battle Heavy

Russians Strengthen Encirclement of Kirovograd; Kill 800 Counter-Attacking Forces.

Storm Troop Leader Gives Hitler Blame

Says Fuehrer Responsible for Reign of Cruelty in Soviet Union; Documents Falsified.

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