

Full Stockings  
Final  
Report  
On Fund  
Is Made

By FRICK SPROLES

**THE** Charlotte News Empty Stocking Fund, including \$1740 donation from the Queen Esther Class of the First Christian Church just received today, totaled this year a new high of \$7,050.03. The total disbursements for 1945 reached \$5,598.86. Filling out for the Empty Stocking for next year is the remaining \$1,451.17.

Any part or all of this revenue will be available to the Salvation Army, regular disbursing agency, at any time during the coming year in case of officials of that agency find a propitious opportunity to buy toys or other gifts at reduced prices in the off-season.

Of the \$5,598.86 spent, \$4,698.86 was distributed by the Salvation Army in checks and Christmas toys and goodies. The Family and Children's Service Bureau received \$899 for its Christmas Empty Stocking Fund program.

No funds are used in conducting the campaign at all. Postage and incidental expenses are paid by the News Publishing Co. Every cent contributed to The News Empty Stocking Fund goes straight into Empty Stockings.

The \$5,598.86 spent guaranteed Charlotte's most complete Christmas program in years. Thousands of individuals were helped.

The Salvation Army alone, which for years has filled Empty Stockings for the readers of the News, filled thousands this year. Two thousand children, white and Negro, received Christmas gifts at the Christmas tree parties conducted by the Salvation Army. An additional 2,500 received toys on Christmas Eve.

From Empty Stocking Fund checks added a total of 1,742 individuals. These checks were mailed to deserving families, old people and widows with children before Christmas in order that the underprivileged families might have normal, planned-by-themselves Christmas.

The Family and Children's Service Bureau took care of 43 families and a total of 194 children during the holiday season with Empty Stocking Funds.

The Charlotte Community Council's Christmas Bureau cooperated with the News Empty Stocking Fund to prevent duplication and to insure a complete and well-planned program. Those in charge report that 741 families were aided and that a great number of toys handled, that would be valued for the most part by the families.

In many instances, groups and individuals reported the names of families or individuals whom they intended to aid so there would be no duplication of service in one case and better results in another. All letters sent to the News Empty Stocking Fund asked for aid were referred to the Christmas Bureau for handling by persons trained to do such work.

The general opinion of those directly and indirectly cooperating with the News Empty Stocking program of 1945 is that this year marked the beginning of a successful series of more complete Christmas charity programs for Charlotte and Mecklenburg.

# CHARIBARES TO TOP SECRET'S Marshall May Intervene In Chinese Civil War

## Charlotte's 'Man Of The Year'

By MR. GILCHRIST . . . Works to make Charlotte a better city.

**Planning Board Chairman Easily Wins 1945 Honors**

By THE EDITORS OF THE NEWS

IN THE annals of any energetic community there usually emerges in any year some individual who, by force of circumstance or enthusiasm or vision, turns in a superlative (and frequently thankless) job for general public betterment. In order that such extraordinary service shall not pass unrecognized and unacknowledged, The News has undertaken from year to year to determine if such extraordinary service has been rendered and, if so, to single it out for popular approval. This time the decision is made by ballot.

C. W. Gilchrist—Charlotte's Man of the Year 1945!

Re-elected as chairman of the Charlotte Planning Board, he has done more to shape the pattern of Charlotte for many years to come. Mr. Gilchrist is offered by The News as the 1945 Man of the Year.

Since the early days of the year now ending Mr. Gilchrist has presided over the planning board, the city's highest planning agency, and has been instrumental in the planning of the city's future. He has been instrumental in the planning of the city's future. He has been instrumental in the planning of the city's future.

His colleagues on the Planning Board would be the first to declare Mr. Gilchrist the hardest worker of their group. As the board's chairman he has taken the lead in the planning deliberations and has set an example of diligent, painstaking and thoughtful planning.

Extremely modest, Mr. Gilchrist has at all times given over to the planning board the best of his own ideas. He has been instrumental in the planning of the city's future. He has been instrumental in the planning of the city's future.

The first fruits of the Planning Board's months of deliberation and the initial report on its recommendations for Charlotte of the future, was submitted to the City Council.

This report contained a comprehensive blueprint of several municipal projects which would guarantee better health in improved sewage disposal and expanded water facilities, would stimulate the city's cultural life through a new library and through the beginning of an adequate concert auditorium in a new memorial civic center, and would insure Charlotte's place on the airways of the future through adequate airport services.

This same report also recommended an increase of a cent in the city's recreation levy in order that greater recreational opportunities

## Proposal Is Offered By Government

Chiang Makes Talk To People

By SPENCER MOOSA

CHUNGKING—(AP)—The Chinese Central Government countered a Communist plan for a truce today by proposing that Gen. George C. Marshall act as arbiter and that a military inspection mission, possibly composed of Americans, serve as impartial observers to see that any armistice was observed.

The immediate reaction in foreign quarters here was that there was nothing in the Government offer to which the Communists could validly object and that General Marshall's approval must have been obtained before the suggestion was made for ending the civil conflict.

The move to bring the American special envoy into the peace picture came as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek made an outburst bid to the Communists to join a Government that would unify China and called a two-weeks meeting of the political consultative council to begin Jan. 10.

There was no immediate Communist reaction as all leaders of the Communist delegation here were not attending a New Year's Eve party.

The three-point Government plan was submitted in writing to the Communists.

CHANG'S PLAN

As translated by the Ministry of Information it was as follows:

"Cessation of hostilities in the country has been the consistent wish of the National Government. In order to attain this objective it is necessary for both sides to come to a concrete understanding on procedures to be followed. Otherwise

## Report To Nation

Byrnes Says U. S. Holds Upper Hand In Ruling Japan

By GRAHAM HOVEY

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary of State Byrnes prepared today for his fourth trip abroad in six months after telling Americans why he believes his third contributed to lasting peace.

Also on his radio report last night on the Moscow conference of Foreign Ministers, Byrnes assured the nation of new international machinery set up for control of Japan will not obstruct the outstanding and efficient administration of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. It will, he insisted, leave the United States in a top policy-making position.

The Cabinet officer ignored a partly-worded statement MacArthur issued in Tokyo earlier in the day in which the Supreme Commander said he had not been consulted during the Moscow talks and declared "I have no loss of responsibility for the decisions which were made there."

Speaking from the conference room of the State Department, Byrnes described how this country

## Says Kimmel Adequately Warned Of Blow By Nips

Statement Given Probe Committee

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Admiral Harold R. Stark asserted today that Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, Pacific fleet commander at Hawaii, was amply warned to be on guard before the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

The 1941 Chief of Naval Operations began his story of pre-war events when the Senate-House committee investigating the Japanese attack resumed its hearings after a week-long Christmas recess.

Stark was called to the stand amid indications that the committee will take still another recess—possibly as long as 30 days—to find new counsel. The legal staff which has aided in the inquiry since it began in mid-November has announced intentions to quit, possibly after examination of Stark.

Along with a 25,000-word statement from Stark, the committee received voluminous correspondence which he wrote to naval officers during the months before the Pearl Harbor attack plunged the United States into war.

From Stark and these records the investigators learned that:

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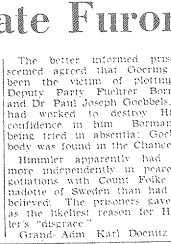
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## British Hold Police Force

BATAVIA—(AP)—The British announced today they were holding for questioning all 743 members of the Indonesian Police Force of Batavia, except Sunday when British troops seized Dutch stations here.

The Indonesians, some of whom are suspected by the British of collaborating in recent kidnappings, are being held at the Central Prison Station.

Meanwhile 2,000 Dutch Marines, trained and equipped in the United States, were reported to have disembarked from a ship which arrived off Batavia yesterday. A British air force also said it was about to disembark within a few days.

Indonesian leaders have protested against the increasing British military presence in the East Indies. Dutch leaders into troubled Java, but agreed some time ago, in this particular case, to allow the British to be brought in to replace Ambonese natives serving in the Dutch Army, said the British.

The Indonesian Government has expressed its opposition to the presence of British troops in the East Indies. It has expressed its opposition to the presence of British troops in the East Indies.

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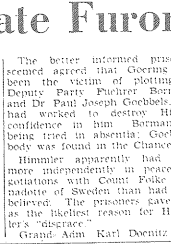
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**WEATHER**

Fair and cool tonight. Lowest temperature about 28 degrees. Tuesday fair and continued.

Temperature at 2:30 today: High and Low last 24 hours: 81°/61°

Sunrise today: 7:10 a.m.

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:11 a.m.