

Coast Towns Near Perfect In Blackout

Scattered Lights On in Wilmington

WILMINGTON (AP)—The half-hour blackout test in the Wilmington area and in twelve counties in this district was nearly perfect last night.

It was the first blackout test for this area and most of those were in homes. All business lights were out.

The air raid warden, civilian defense council, sheriff and police forces in the ten eastern North Carolina and two South Carolina counties of this area reported that all the quiet hours, from 9:30 to 10 P. M., period.

Five-Horsepower Siren Warns Charlestonians

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Two powerful sirens sounded the alarm for Charleston's second blackout test last night.

A five-horsepower siren atop a government building was audible for ten miles while a three-horsepower device blasted forth from the county hall and was heard seven and a half miles.

Training Wardens

The training of air raid wardens who started last night when some earlier wardens attended their first class at the College of Charleston.

Nazis Lash At Britain

Heaviest Air Assault In Many Weeks

LONDON (AP)—German bombers launched their heaviest assault in many weeks on Britain last night as the first air raid since the great London fire bomb raid by the Government said today that the attacks, aimed mainly at the southeast coast, had caused only a few casualties and no serious damage.

Five persons were reported killed, several seriously injured and others slightly hurt in a raid on one northeast town.

In one district several people were shipped by a landslide, presumably caused by the bomb repercussions.

Some residential districts suffered considerably.

Some German planes flew over the industrial midlands, but there were no immediate reports of damage there.

The Air Ministry said that British bombers attacked shipping at the German-occupied French port of Le Palais during the night and that all the raiders returned safely to base.

It acknowledged loss of one fighter plane on patrol yesterday.

GM Moves To Absorb Lid-Off Employees

LANSING, Mich.—(AP)—General Motors Corp. Chairman W. Ch. Fisher, general manager of General Motors Corp. Oldsmobile division, announced today that his men were being placed on each department job to speed up production of needed vehicles.

Fisher said Oldsmobile had sufficient orders for guns to require the service of every regular employee, while tools and machinery to produce guns were in various stages of completion.

It might be a good idea to keep it up.

GLADWATER, Tex.—(AP)—Harold Cole and Hiram Grayson learned how to stop bleeding by applying pressure to vein and artery in their first aid class as the city's defense first aid course.

They came upon a highway wreck involving a motor car and a truck.

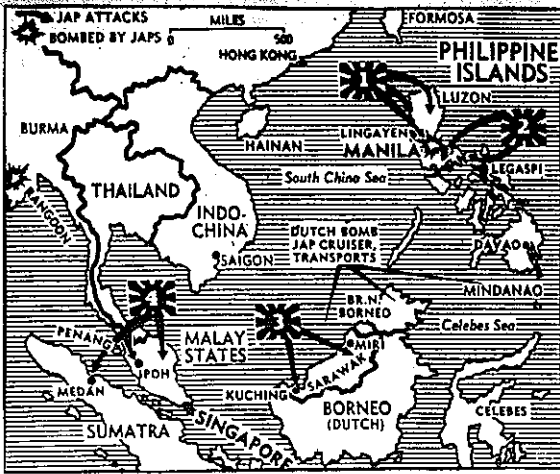
Three of the five injured were bleeding profusely.

Having no bandages, they did what the book said. Grayson examined and stopped the blood flow by pressure.

Physicians credited them with saving the lives of two men and they prevented the infection loss of blood of two others.

The City Health Department said.

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JAPS REPEATEDLY BOMB MANILA—Map shows the theater of the war in the East: 1 and 2—Japan attack the Philippines, repeatedly bombing the open city of Manila; 3—Japanese thrust at Sarawak, capturing Kuching; 4—Japanese thrust at Ipoh and Medan, Sumatra. Outnumbered American and Filipino troops are taking a heavy toll of the invaders in Luzon.

The Reviewing Stand: New Volumes Of Short Stories Set High Standard Of Excellence

By REED SARRATT

Several volumes of short stories with word reading recently have been published.

Heading the list is the 1941 volume of "O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories (Double-Day, Dorn; \$2.50). The collection has a new editor this year—Herschel Brickley, former literary editor of the New York Post. He succeeds Harry Bracken, who remains the editor of the four judges besides Mr. Brickley and Mr. Hansen, the judges were Edith Merriam, included in this volume are the twenty short stories which in the opinion of the judges are the best which were published in American magazines during the year ending in July.

Ray Boyle, who won first prize in 1935 with her "The White Horses of Vienna," takes first prize this year with her "The Feast," a story of France after the German victory. Edna Wely Jackson, Miss, won second prize this year with her folk-story "A Worm Path." A story of young people, "Tragedy of the Eighteenth," by H. A. Southgate Abbott of New York, won third prize.

NEW PRIZE—Peculiar of greater interest in the South Carolina state prize-winning stories of any of these recognized writers is the winner of a new prize offered only for the first time. An award was given for the best first published story. This was "The Log Cabin of Candor" by Mrs. J. B. Galt, written by the author and published in Redbook.

Others whose stories are included are Milton Cronin, Algren, Sally Benson, John Cheever, Walter Van Tilburg Clark, David Cormac, Richard Wright, Faulkner, Paul Gallico, Nancy Hale, Paul Kunaas, Albert Miller, Edna Murray O'Leary, Vincent Sheehan, James Still, and Dorothy Thomas. Perhaps the best-known of any of these is "The Snow Goose" by Paul Gallico and "My Friend Flicka" by Mary O'Hara.

Miss O'Hara's introduction to his new edition is noteworthy. In it he presents his views toward the short story and tells why the new book as they did in selecting the prize-winners.

The second volume of "Prize Stories" takes its place alongside previous volumes as outstanding fiction.

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best. As I said, Miss Wely lives from life, but the incidents upon which they are based are dramatized and intensified so that they have keen effects on the reader. The stories are as varied as is life in and around a Southern city of 60,000. Some of the stories are about the Southern Negro, other about small-town gossip, still others about particular characters who live in the town. Each of the stories is excellent.

NOTED SUFFRAGIST Answer to Previous Puzzle. HORIZONTAL: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100. VERTICAL: 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100.

Robeson Mayors Join In \$87,000 War Drive

Meeting in Lumberton Lays Plans For Concerted Action Next Week

LUMBERTON—Plans for a concerted drive to raise Robeson County's Red Cross war fund of \$87,000 is being launched here this afternoon at a meeting at Hotel Lorraine with all mayors of the county scheduled to attend.

Retires of the Rife Old Age of 19. HILWAUKEE (AP)—Eugene Foss, 19, retired from business so he could devote more time to social activities. Marquette University. Foss, who was a newspaper carrier boy the last ten years, paid his way through a new automobile, bought an expensive car last year, and will have several hundred dollars in the bank.

Vehicles Classified For Tires

Retaining Plan Is Explained by OPM

Classifications of types of vehicles for which new tires and tubes may be purchased under the tire rationing program will become effective Monday have been received by Al Bechtel, secretary of the Office of Production Administration, Leon Henderson, secretary.

In general, new tires and tubes may be bought for operation of the motor vehicle for public health and safety, public conveyances with a capacity of ten or more passengers, and for essential operations.

Application forms will be ready soon for persons whose vehicles are on the eligibility list, said OPM, and applicants will be required to file applications for rubber tires. It will be an examination of the tires the owner desires to replace by the board of application.

Following is the "Eligibility Classification" established by the Office of Price Administration:

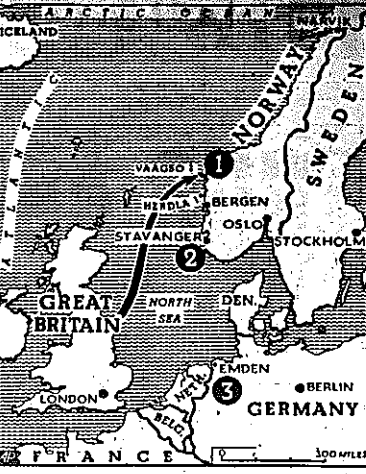
- (a) On a vehicle which is operated by a physician, surgeon, dentist or veterinarian, and which is used principally for professional services. (b) On a vehicle used exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: 1. To maintain the fighting services; 2. To maintain necessary public police services; 3. To maintain such law as relate specifically to the protection of public health and safety, including such activities as disposal and other sanitation services; 4. To maintain mail services; 5. On a vehicle, with a capacity for several families of goods, operated exclusively for one or more of the following purposes: 1. Transportation of passengers as part of the service rendered by a regular transportation system; 2. Transportation of students and school children to and from school; 3. Transportation of employees to or from any industrial or mining establishment or construction site, or other public transportation facilities are readily available; 6. On a truck used (a) for transportation of commodities to the ultimate consumer for household use; or (b) for transportation of materials for construction of defense facilities, except to the extent specifically provided by sub-sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this section; (c) On farm tractors or other farm implements other than automobiles or trucks, the operation of which rubber tires, including such activities as construction equipment, other than automobiles or trucks, for the operation of which rubber tires, castings, or tubes are essential.

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BRITISH RAID NORWAY—A "Commando" raid (arrow) on Vaagso Island (1) in Norway and an air attack by the British Royal Air Force on Herla airfield (2) in Norway were reported in London Dec. 29. The RAF also attacked an airfield near Stavanger (3) in Norway as well as objectives at Emden and in other parts of industrial northwest Germany (3).

Argentina Calls Envoy From Berlin

Relations With Nazis Somewhat Strained

Buenos Aires (AP)—The Foreign Office of Argentina called today the Argentine ambassador in Berlin to return to Buenos Aires, Argentina said today. The ambassador was suddenly called back last night on the eve of a cabinet session which is expected to discuss the position Argentina will take at a Pan-American meeting in Rio De Janeiro next month.

The Argentine Government has sought to maintain a neutral status in the war but has accorded the United States the right of a non-belligerent involving especially permission to refuse warships and planes in Argentina without a time limit.

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