

**Many Join In Sending Gifts To News Fund**

By FRECK STOKES  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Not only are some Charlotteans willing to take care of their own fortunes in Mecklenburg, but many kind-hearted persons outside of Charlotte are contributing in donations and expressions of interest.

In today's News Empty Stocking mail was lettered and checked by Ernest E. Boone, manager of The Phoenix Club, at 45 Southern Pines. Boone wrote, "I have read with much interest the Christmas stocking which will bring to someone happiness and good cheer for the year ahead. It is a noble idea which interests you are taking in such a worthy cause."

There was also a brief note from an organization's friend from Wilmington.

The home folks were grateful for the letter also. There were two fine letters from Paul S. Jones, Charlottean who has contributed in his family's name the sum of \$100, and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

In part, Mr. Jones said: "Once again, I am happy to be able to make my annual appeal for contributions to the Charlotte News Empty Stocking Fund. I have expressed in previous years, I consider this a most worthy cause and I am proud to have a small part in it. My only wish is that I could give more."

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**Sentences Tomorrow  
40 Nazis Guilty Of Atrocities In Infamous Dachau**

By DON DOANE  
DACHAU, Germany — (AP) — A U. S. Army Government court today convicted Commandant Martin Weiss and 39 fellow defendants on a charge of committing atrocities at the Dachau concentration camp.

They will be sentenced tomorrow. Hanging is the penalty prescribed by U. S. Army Headquarters for any sentenced to death for the regime of starvation, torture and murder at the Nazi horror center overrun April 30.

**SHORT DELIBERATION**  
The eight-officer court, headed by Brig. Gen. John C. Egan, received the case at noon. It deliberated only 90 minutes before creating the verdict.

The 24-day trial with pleas for mercy for several defendants, most of whom were S. S. Camp although five were camp doctors and three were created only 90 minutes before creating the verdict.

**ON MOTOR STRIKE BOARD**  
Judge Walter P. Sawyer in a decision today announced today it had rejected a proposal of the United Automobile Workers of America (UAW) to negotiate and arbitrate all differences between the union and General Motors.

The court said that the union's proposal would require the company to pay a 30 per cent wage increase.

General Motors reserved comment. It was indicated, however, that a statement would be forthcoming.

The Thomas-Reuther statement added: "We know that the arithmetic of the situation . . . will not denture the soundness and practicability of a 30 per cent wage increase demand."

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**Cooperation Pledged By Auto Union Before Pearl Harbor**

**Intervention Is Second One**

By JACK BELL  
WASHINGTON — A congressional investigator learned today the Navy stopped tapping Japanese consulate telegrams in Honolulu five days before war began, partly because an officer was "incensed" with FBI actions.

This disclosure was made in a report by Lt. Col. Henry C. Woodrum, special investigator for a Senate-House committee on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Clausen was shown to have obtained the tap on April 22, 1941, an affidavit from Lt. Donald Woodrum, who served in the Naval Intelligence division at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack.

Woodrum said in his statement that Rear Admiral (then captain) Mayfield, Naval District Intelligence officer, had ordered surveillance of the Japanese consul's telephone steps on Dec. 2, 1941, and that this order was effective until after the attack.

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**Leader Tackles Major Problem**

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His actions contemplated special preference to veterans in need of housing.

At the same time, Mr. Truman announced appointment of Wilson Wyatt, former mayor of Louisville, to be special housing expediter under the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

"When the housing matter came up at his weekly news conference, Mr. Truman said in response to a question that the Administration planned to invoke price ceilings on old and new housing under the still existing war powers act. He said that the enactment of special legislation on the subject."

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**Symington Plan Would Let Vets Buy Surpluses**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Surplus Property Administrator W. Stuart Symington today proposed to Congress that surplus goods be made available to veterans through thousands of wholesale dealers.

He told a Senate Military Subcommittee that the present system of releasing such goods through 33 regional offices of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has not been successful.

Symington also recommended:

1. That veterans be granted a priority over all purchasers except Federal agencies. They now rank behind State and Local Governments as well as Federal agencies.
2. That veterans be permitted to buy surplus property for personal use, provided they may make purchases only for business purposes.

Both of these provisions, Symington said, are a part of a bill that has been introduced by Representative Lyndon Johnson, Democrat, Texas.

In proposing release of goods to veterans through wholesalers, Symington also urged that the Veterans Administration be named to screen purchases of surplus property.

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**Troops Move Into Mukden**

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TIENSIN — Chinese military sources said Central Government troops entered the great city of Mukden today after forces began landing by plane at the territorial capital of Chanchung.

These sources said Lt. Gen. Tu Li-Ming's northeastern forces entered Mukden without opposition. The Fifth Division of the 44th Central Government Army was reported landing at Chanchung last night.

Both moves were said to be in line with a new agreement with Russia under which Chinese troops will occupy these two important cities.

A Chinese official mission has been in Chanchung for several weeks and with a joint Russian mission has been operating the railway between Chanchung and Harbin and between Chanchung and Dalien.

General Staff troops of the 13th and 52nd armies have been on the outskirts of Mukden for several days. Officials of the 44th Army said some of this force had fanned out to Hsingsin, 34 miles northwest of Mukden.

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**Education Bill Killed**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A bill proposing Federal aid for state school systems was killed today by the margin of a single vote in the House Education Committee.

The vote was 19-9, members said, following an executive session of the committee.

A group of more than 30 bipartisan members of the House and Senate drafted and supported the measure, which would have appropriated \$50,000,000 the first year and \$100,000,000 the second year.

**Jap War Leaders In Manila Prison**

MANILA, (AP) — Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma, commander of the Philippines, and two other officers associated with the Japanese rule of the islands, returned to Manila tonight to face charges growing out of the infamous Bataan death march and other atrocities.

They were taken to the old Sugamo Prison in Tokyo at dawn today for the flight here. They stepped from their plane during a drizzle of rain, and nervously awaiting orders from American Army officers and were taken in a staff car to prison.

**Manville, Wife No. 8 Are Wedded**

MAMARONECK, N. Y. — Wearing slacks and a raccoon coat, Tommy Manville and wife No. 8, birth-born Georgina Campbell, were married here today.

Wesley M. Messersmith, Manaroneck Township Police Judge, tied the knot. Irwin Mines, an attorney, and his wife Nina, witnessed the ceremony, which was held in a law office.

After the brief ceremony, Tommy, 31, and Georgina, 26, held a reception at a nearby bar and grill. They planned to honeymoon at Bon Repos, Tommy's estate near here.

**2,000,000 French Civil Service Workers Strike**

PARIS — Two million civil service workers throughout France went on a 24-hour strike this afternoon, interrupting all Government activities ranging from the running of the clock to the operation of the subway.

Subway trains were stalled on their tracks at 4 P. M. 10 A. M. EST. Policemen walked off their beats and stopped directing traffic and radio stations went off the air for two hours during the 24-hour strike protesting against current wages and pension systems.

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**Just Take A Dive Briny Deep Safest Place In Atom War**

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Scientists today said that the safest place in the event of an atomic war would be a deep, dark, uncharted place, should an atomic war break out, will be deep beneath the surface of the ocean.

Dr. Alvin M. Weinberg told members of the Senate Atomic Energy Committee.

Weinberg, the chief of the theoretical physics section of the Clinton Laboratory at Oak Ridge, Tenn., also explored for the Senators some of the good which may come out of controlled use of atomic energy.

Some of the benefits he fore-

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**Gangsterism In Manila Rampant**

SAN FRANCISCO — (AP) — Robert Schuchman, a Manila Broadcasting Co. in Manila reported today that gangsterism in which both "Americans and Filipinos are involved is the greatest headache of military and civil authorities in the island.

"One sea captain reports that armed gang in speed boats are going out at night and looting the harbor, looting equipment and personal gear," Stewart said.

He said the police were that American Military Police were riding jeep side-saddle shooting from the seats in chasing stolen trucks."

**SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS**

SHOP EARLY

There was a jolly holiday in the air. It was the shopping early and missed the crowds, you see.

**WEATHER**

Clear to partly cloudy and continued rather cool today. Increasing cloudiness and fog tonight and tomorrow. A few showers mainly steady with occasional rain and little temperature change.

Temperatures at 1:30 Today: High 54, Low 42. Tomorrow: High 54, Low 42. Next Week: Same as Today.