

## Christmas Plans Set

The series of Christmas programs arranged by the Second Presbyterian Church will open Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

Other pre-Christmas programs include the parties for the children, primary and junior high school children, and the worship service of carols, Christmas stories and songs on Dec. 16 at 7:30 P. M. and the Family service on Christmas Eve at 7:30 P. M.

The programs after Christmas Day will include the breakfast for college students at 11 A. M. on Dec. 29 and the student night at 7:30 P. M. on Dec. 31.

**PROGRAM THEME**  
The theme of the parent-teacher program, which is to be held in the clubroom of the Second Church Wednesday, is "Keeping Christmas in Our Homes." The group singing of carols will be planned. The Scripture story of Christmas will be read by Dr. Robert Lafferty, superintendent of the Sunday School. The prayer will be led by J. B. Kuykendall, assistant Sunday School superintendent.

Dr. J. A. Redhead, Jr., pastor of the church, will give suggestions for keeping Christmas in the home. Mrs. Wade H. Boggs Jr. will explain how music makes Christmas more meaningful in the home, and Miss Ann Jones of the Second Church will tell how books and pictures will help make Christmas more meaningful in the home. The Christmas story, "The Star in the Well," by Temple Bailey, will be told by Mrs. Nell Williams. Following the program, refreshments will be served.

Detailed plans for the other December programs will be announced later.

## Second Performance Of Play To Be Tonnight

Over 300 persons attended the first night production of "The Flying Pan," presented by the Dramatic Club of Johnson C. Smith University.

The three act comedy will be presented again tonight at 8:15.

The population of Switzerland is about 4,200,000.

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## Army And Navy Find No Grounds For Trials In Pearl Harbor Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Any further punishment for the Pearl Harbor disaster probably will be visited upon the Japanese alone. The Army and Navy announced last night that no grounds had been found for court-martial proceedings against United States military personnel. Board of Inquiry reported, however, that errors in judgment and lack of skill in both Washington and Hawaii contributed to the tragedy.

While some demands immediately arose in Congress for a separate investigation there, faith in their wisdom was voiced in behalf of the two men in command at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese struck their treacherous blow Dec. 7, 1941.

"When the entire story is unfolded, I am certain of complete vindication in the eyes of the American people," Gen. Walter O. Short said in a statement issued to the press at Dallas, Texas.

The statement of Secretary of the Navy Forrestal, counsel that Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, an oral comment at Kimmel's trial.

Meanwhile, the inside story of why the United States warships at Pearl Harbor were taken by surprise, with resultant crippling blows to the fleet and air forces, remains a mystery.

Statements issued simultaneously by War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Forster said the boards' reports which they summarized could not be released in full until after the war, for reasons of military security.

Both secretaries said they intended to continue personal investigations. Demands for a Congressional investigation came chiefly from the Republican side.

Senator Ferguson, Republican, Michigan, pressed for adoption of his resolution for a Senate inquiry and also demanded immediate submission of the evidence of the Army and Navy boards to both Houses of Congress.

Senator Chandler, Democrat, Kentucky, a member of the Military Affairs Committee, thought that the Army and Navy decisions, Ferguson's resolution did not have a very good chance of adoption.

Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, of the House Military Committee, also thought the matter so far as he is concerned. The statute of limitations, he pointed out, would expire December 7 unless again renewed. A resolution which would extend it another six months was offered earlier this week by Rep. Short, Republican, Missouri.

**ERRORS OF JUDGMENT**  
On the point of culpability, the Navy said: "The secretary in his findings upon the evidence before the court of inquiry and all the other proceedings in the matter to date, has found that the part of judgment on the part of certain officers in the naval service, both at Pearl Harbor and at the Japanese base at Kure."

Secretary Stimson said: "The Army Pearl Harbor Board, although it recommended no disciplinary or other action, concluded that there were several officers in the field and in the war department who did not perform their duties with the necessary skill or exercise the judgment which was required under the circumstances. On the recorded evidence, I agree with some, but not all of the board's conclusions."

Stimson said that in his opinion removal of General Short from his command was a "serious reprimand" sufficient for an Army officer of excellent record.

Forrestal did not mention Kimmel by name. His conclusion was that the evidence now available does not warrant the trial by general court-martial of any person or persons in the naval service.

The Army and Navy Boards of Inquiry were appointed last July in compliance with a congressional resolution. Their reports, which were secreted until last night, were returned in October after hearings in Hawaii and on the mainland.

**MONTH'S GAIN ON WESTERN FRONT**—The shaded area on this map represents territory won by Allied armies along the main Western Front during November. As the month closed, the principal action was the American capture of Lindern, northeast of Aachen, while to the south the U. S. troops edged toward Metz, Saarbrücken and Sarrebourg.

The heavy line represents the approximate battlefield (ap Wirephoto).

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SWITZERLAND

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2nd ARMY

3rd ARMY

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## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty

Dec. 2, 1944—THE CHARLOTTE NEWS



"Is that daughter's young man in the icebox or merely a rat gnawing something in the basement?"

## Nine Killed As Autos Crash Near Morganton

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Powell and Abernethy have only slight injuries. The Marion Hospital reported that Mattie Hoyle died there this morning and that her sister, Pauline, and McCall Wilson are patients. Wilson has a fractured skull and the Hoyle girl, fracture of both legs. Their condition was described as fair.

Bodies of the dead were at the Kirksey Funeral Home. The undertakers said the Mull brothers were sons of Bud Mull who lives near Glen Alpine. Doris Shook, a daughter of Mrs. A. Shook of Morganton; Charles Bonfield, Jr., a son of Charles Bonfield, near Glen Alpine; Lucille Hoyle, daughter of Burle Hoyle, Glen Alpine; Charles Mayfield, a son of Sallie Mayfield of Morganton.

One of the critically injured was at first reported to be Ashley Carswell but investigating officers later said that the victim is Pauline Hoyle.

State Highway Patrolman H. O. Kelly, who investigated the wreck, said that apparently both cars were traveling at a very high rate of speed. Patrolman Kelly was unable to say today in which of the two cars the nine killed and five injured were riding or who was driving. The injured were too badly injured to give any explanation of the crash. Patrolman Kelly had received a report that the automobile bound toward Morganton had stopped at a roadside for a while and then traveled on toward Morganton. The distance between the roadside and the scene of the crash is only two miles.

An inquest will be held here Monday at the Kirksey Funeral Home. It was announced by Coroner Ted Shirley.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of Ronald Hoult, director of the

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## Raiders Back Home After Stay With Reds

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and Second Secretary of Embassy Edward Page were permitted to visit them.

When the German advance to Stalingrad that Summer threatened Central Russia, the fliers were moved east to Ohsansk, on the Kama River near Moscow, where they were given a large house.

Admiral Standley visited them Sept. 12, 1942, inspected their quarters and took them for a boat excursion on the Kama, complete with caterers, musicians and an English-speaking hostess.

The fliers had comfortable rooms, plenty of food, servants and an interpreter-guard who taught them Russian. They had the freedom of the river-port town, went swimming and were prompted hunting in the fall.

But they were chafing at their inactivity. They could talk freely, because all Russians left the room while Admiral Standley listened to them, and they said they wanted to get back into action.

That Winter they were transferred to Ashkhabad where, as the Russians put it, they would be warmer and could be "usefully employed." Ashkhabad is on the Caspian Sea.

One day they drove across the border to a truck to the Iranian city of Meshed, and never returned. Soviet officials never drew the attention of the United States Embassy to the "escape," and the Americans never mentioned it to the Russians.

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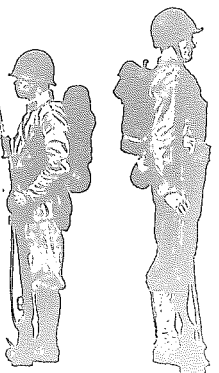
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