SHIPYARD'S FIRST WOMAN EMPLOYE TO SPONSOR SHIP

Miss Margaret Sellers, of Wilmington, the first woman employed by the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, has been selected to christen the S. S. White Falcon, 150th vessel to near completion here, when it goes down the ways at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

In announcing the appointment of Miss Sellers for the honor, officials of the company said Tuesday that she established an exceptionally good attendance and efficiency record since entering the yard.

Her attendants will be Mrs. L. V. Swann and Miss Dorothy Forbes, both of Wilmington.

The S. S. White Falcon is the 24th C-2 type ship to be built by the company and is named for a famous American clipper ship. The original White Falcon, built at Pittston, Me., in 1853, was owned by M. O. Roberts of New York and was engaged in trade principally with China and the west coast of Central America and was never on the San Francisco run. During the winter of 1856-1857, in company with the Great Republic, queen of clippers and other fine American ships, she was under charter to the French government carrying stores from Marseilles to the Crimea.

Early in 1862 she was reported as ashore at Foo Chow, being floated with the loss of a portion of her keel. She was docked and repaired at Hong Kong, later proceeding to Manila. She sailed thence March 2nd and arrived at New York on June 20th.

Shortly after her arrival at New York, on this passage, the Falcon was seized by the government on account of her ownership then being with Southerners. On Aug. 12, 1862 she was sold by order of the Prize commissioners for $21,000 to Boston parties. Under command of Captain William L. Merry she left New York October 10, 1862 with 1,400 tons of coal to be distributed at San Juan del Sur to the steamers of Commodore Vanderbilt's Nicaragua Line.

After her cargo was distributed, the Falcon returned in ballast to San Francisco, arriving Jan. 3, 1864, in 21 days from Acapulco. She was soon after sold for $28,000 gold to Canavero & Co., of Lima, N. Larco of San Francisco becoming her agent. She became the Peruvian ship Napoleon Canavero and was used to transport coolies from China to the Chincha island guano deposits. On a passage from China to Callao, early in 1866, her coolie passengers became rebellious and were driven below by force of arms, after which the hatches were put on and secured. The coolies rather than be suffocated, set fire to the ship and the crew finding they could not extinguish the flames left in the boats without opening the hatches, thus leaving the 650 unfortunates below to perish. The crew was later picked up by a passing ship.

DAVIS WILL FLY WAR BOND FLAG

CAMP DAVIS, Mar. 7.—(Special) The Minute Man flag will soon take its place under Old Glory on the flagstaff of the Camp Davis parade ground as a result of the showing this camp made in the Fourth War Loan drive.

With an increase of $278,000 over the Third War Loan drive, both military and civilian personnel here bought a total of $778,368 worth of bonds during the drive which ended February 29, according to a report made by Capt. L. B. Wantuck, War Bond Officer. This is an increase of 55.6 per cent over the amount purchased in the Third War Loan drive.

During the drive, Camp Davis soldiers bought $271,113.25 worth of bonds, and civilian employees bought $34,725.10 in bonds. Military payroll deductions were $215,020.61 and civilian personnel deductions $62,917.67. These figures show an increase of $20,000 monthly in military personnel payroll deductions and $6,343 monthly in civilian payroll deductions.

The above figures have no connection with the $870,000 worth of bonds sold at various rallies in neighboring cities and towns in which Camp Davis soldiers participated and in some cases conducted.

Approximately 996 new allotments were taken out by military personnel and 250 new and increased allotments were taken out by civilian personnel.

On the final date of the drive 1,849 of the 1,974 civilian employees on this post were subscribing for bonds by payroll deduction, resulting in 93.67 per cent subscribing and 10.5 per cent of the total payroll being deducted.

The top-ranking civilian departments with the highest payroll deductions were the following who had a 100 per cent record: Adjutant General, Post Exchange, Transportation, Camp Property Engineer, Finance, and the AA School. Close runner-up was the Quartermaster department with a percentage of 93.7.

Plans to continue the War Bond rating of the camp and to assist in future bond drives are now being made. These plans include the War Bond Council and acts to show appreciation for civilian participation.

ACTRESS TO GET DIVORCE

NEW YORK, March 7. — (AP) — Myrna Loy, screen star, will divorce her wealthy businessman husband, John D. Hertz, Jr., "shortly," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer publicity department announced today. A joint statement by the couple said they had separated amicably, MGM said, adding that Miss Loy would return to Hollywood immediately to make another picture in the "Thin Man" series.

DESERT VICTORIES SHOWN TO J-CEES

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce met last night in the banquet hall of the Friendly Cafeteria for their regular weekly meeting, at which time a motion picture entitled "Desert Victories" was shown through the courtesy of the public relations office at Camp Davis

The picture was produced by 20th Century Fox, and was the story of the British Eighth Army's victories against the Germans in Egypt.

The film was taken from pictures of the British Eighth and from captured film taken by the Germans themselves.

Desert fighting and modern warfare was the subject of the film. The story began with the plans of General Montgomery to smash through the strong lines of the German troops in the Egyptian desert His plans included offensive fighting the same as that of a huge crowbar, breaking through the solid wall of defense and working for complete victory.

The picture ended with the victorious British troops passing in review before Winston Churchill—mission accomplished.

MARINES CONTINUE DRIVE ON RABAUL

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command is finding it difficult to maintain its fleet at Truk and already may have withdrawn its first line units from that vaunted Central Pacific fortress, Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said in Washington yesterday.

"We are going in" to Truk, said Rear Admiral Edward L. Cochrane, chief of the bureau of ships. He told a House appropriations committee that the United States Navy planned to establish facilities there "by the first of January, 1945."

Guardians Bombed

Ponape and Kusaie, eastern guardians of Truk, were bombed by Army Liberators Sunday, Pacific fleet headquarters announced. Heavy explosions were set off in the supply dump of Ponape airfield. Navy Liberators hit Nauru, 500 air miles southeast of Kusaie.

Army and Navy search planes joined in attacking four by-passed atolls in the eastern Marshalls. They were not named but undoubtedly they were Wotje, Maloelap, Mili and Jaluit, which lie in a semicircle around Majuro island.

Secretary of Navy Knox said the American Navy has 900 combatant ships and "this doesn't include any small stuff."

British efforts in the Orient so far have been confined largely to Burma, where American troops now have taken over the spotlight. United States jungle troops fanned out from captured Walawbum in northern Burma to close the pincers on 2,000 trapped Japanese. American-trained Chinese advanced from the opposite direction. Some suicide enemy units in Walawbum are being wiped out.

GREAT VARIETY OF CHARGES FLY

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drama unfolds," Miller told the House, "you will find moving mostly behind the scenes the significant name of Thomas J. Corcoran, once an aide to Mr. Roosevelt. It will be shown later on that Mr. Noble employed the former chief counsel of the FCC (William J. Dempsey) at the suggestion of Mr. Corcoran and that Mr. Corcoran was in the picture to the point where he may have shared in a fee estimated to run as high as $50,000."

No Subversive Tinge

Chairman Fly of the Federal Communications commission said today that Pearl Harbor authorities, distrusting the Japanese many months before they attacked, kept a close check on Japanese-language broadcasts by Hawaiian stations but found no subversive tinge.

The question of whether Japanese-language programs might endanger the area came up "early in 1941," Fly told the House committee investigating broad charges against the conduct of the FCC.

Fly filed a flat denial of all the charges, including one that he blocked the armed forces' request to take over from the FCC control of foreign broadcast intelligence.

He said the Army, Navy and Federal Bureau of Investigation had in fact, commended the cooperation they got from the FCC and had entrusted his agency with sole responsibility for running down any enemy radio transmitters in Hawaii. None was found.

Obituaries

RICHARD WALKER, SR.

Funeral services for Richard Francis Walker, Sr., 72, retired manager of the Wilmington office of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company, who died in James Walker Memorial hospital early Monday morning following a lengthy illness, were conducted Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at the chapel of Andrews mortuary with the Rev. Mortimer Glover, rector of St. James Episcopal church, officiating. Interment will be made at Orangeburg, S. C.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Susan P. Walker, of Harbor Island; two daughters, Miss May C. Walker, of New York, and Mrs. C. A. Tate, of Wilmington; three sons, Richard F. Walker, Jr., of New York, Mike P. Walker, of the U. S. Transport service of Charleston, S. C., and H. E. Reeves, of New York; and three grandchildren.

ROOSEVELT B. PIERCE

Funeral services for Roosevelt B. Pierce, 38, of Rocky Point, who died at James Walker Memorial hospital Sunday at 9:20 p. m. as the result of injuries sustained when he fell nearly 27 feet from a scaffolding in the N. C. Shipbuilding company yard early Sunday afternoon, were held from the graveside in Rock Fish cemetery, near Wallace at 11 a. m. Tuesday with the Rev. King Brown officiating.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary G. Pierce, of Rocky Point; four daughters, Marie, Lucille, Gene and Bernice Pierce; and one son, Charles Pierce, all of Rocky Point; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pierce of Willard; one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Malpass, Willard; and four brothers, James, William, Henry of Willard and B. Pierce, of Wilmington.

MRS. ANNIE VONGLAHN FREEMAN

Mrs. Annie VonGlahn Freeman died at her home, 19 North Fifth street, Monday at 8:30 p.m. after a short illness.

She was the daughter of the late Henry and Lina Mendell VonGlahn of Wilmington, and a life long member of the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Freeman is survived by her husband, J. W. Freeman.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the late residence with the Rev. William Crowe, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Pallbearers will be O. O. Whitlock, L. R. Robertson, James Liles, Z. K. Bell, Dr. Roy Veeder and Dr. J. Buren Sidbury.

MRS. EMMA STEPHENS

CHADBOURN, March 7.—Mrs. Emma D. Stephens, 67, died at her home near Evergreen at 11:05 a. m. Tuesday. She was the widow of the late Ed Stephens.

Survivors are her three sons, Bud Stephens, Evergreen, Rev. A. P. Stephens, Burlington, and Sgt. Robert Stephens, of Pearl Harbor; four daughters, Mrs. B. M. McKeithan, and Mrs. Sim Frink, both of Chadbourn; Mrs. Emily Edmunds, of Broadman, and Mrs. Lakie Frink, Camp Lee, Va., one sister, Miss Anna Thompson, two brothers, Luther Thompson and George Thompson, all of Lumberton.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p. m. Wednesday from the home by the Rev. G. M. Singletary, assisted by the Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth, followed by interment in the family cemetery near the home.

MRS. MAUDE K. HANNAH

Funeral services for Mrs. Maude Kacison Hannah, 65, of 119 Church street, who died in James Walker Memorial hospital at noon Tuesday after a short illness, will be conducted from the chapel of Andrews mortuary by the Rev. John Knox Bowling Thursday at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Oakdale cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, L. J. Hannah; two sons, Walter Hannah and L. J. Hannah, Jr., all of Wilmington.

Active pallbearers will be J. Kyle of Bannerman, S. A. Hanes, O. H. Shoemaker, Robert Platt, Sr., J. E. Hearn, and Eustace Norfleet. Honorary pallbearers will include Fred Poisson, W. D. McMillan, H. R. Gardner, W. E. Curtis, I. A. Dyches, A. E. Kelley, Dr. H. A. Codington, Dr. W. Huston Moore and D. N. Chadwick.

MARY BLAIR GREENE

Mary B. Greene, six-weeks old, died Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Pittman hospital in Fayetteville, after an illness of several days. She is survvied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Greene, Fayetteville, a brother, A. C., Jr., and a sister, Anna. Surviving also are her paternal grandparents, Mrs. Greene is the former Miss Aliene Swinson of Wilmington.

$1,699.61 Accepted By Rationing Boards

RALEIGH, March 7.— (AP) —Sixteen local war price and rationing board price panels accepted $1,699..611 in voluntaryy contributions, representing overcharges to unknown persons, during February, The Raleigh district Office of Price Administration reported today.

By towns the paymyents were: Aberdeen $6.80, Burlington $155.86, Carthage $120, Chapel Hill $18,03, Creedmore $16,46, Deep Run $12.96, Durham $142.50, Fayetteville $656.-54, Laurinburg $187.44, Lumberton $34.93, Pinehurst 34.56, Raleigh $22.52, Roxboro $24.93, Sanford 114,97, Southern Pines $70.11 and Tabor City $81.

WELLS' INQUEST IS SLATED TODAY

Inquest into the death Saturday of Willie Wells, Negro man of 412 1-2 Dawson street knocked down by a hit-and-run driver on the night of February 18, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Superior court Grand Jury room, Coroner Asa W. Allen said Tuesday.

Elijah Parks of 1222 South Eighth street told police he witnessed the accident, and that he saw a car traveling north on Dawson at a high rate of speed. Wells, crossing the street at Eighth was knocked approximately 65 feet, but the car failed to slow down, proceeded south and turned into another street

It is believed the automobile involved was a 1936 Chevrolet.

CONVOY SHIPPING LOSSES FAR DOWN

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nation had been informed of the lass of the cruiser Penelope, a 5,220-ton vessel which survived so many holes shot into her hull that she was known as "H. M. S. Pepperpot."

The Penelope, her 2,000 shell-fragment holes plugged with wood, was finally sent to the bottom off the Nettuno beachhead in Italy, where since the landings the British also have lost the new cruiser Spartan, the destroyers Janus and Inglefield and five major assault vessels.

WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., yesterday.

TEMPERATURE

1:30 am, 64, 7:30 am, 60, 1:30 pm, 63, 7:30 pm, 48.

Maximum 64, Minimum 46, Mean 55, Normal 51.

HUMIDITY

1:30 am, 100, 7:30 am, 95, 1:30 pm, 92, 7:30 pm, 100.

PRECIPITATION

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm, 2.28 inches.

Total since the first of the month, 2.97 inches.

TIDES FOR TODAY

(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

	High	Low
Wilmington	8:53a	3:35r
	9:15p	4:05p
Masonboro Inlet	6:52a	12:35a
	7:13p	1:04p

WASHINGTON, March 7. —(AP)—Weather bureau report of temperature and rainfall for the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. in the principal cotton growing areas and elsewhere:

Station	High	Low	Prec.
Alpena	25	22	0.01
Asheville	46	36	1.09
Atlanta	52	42	1.56
Atlantic City	50	40	1.08
Birmingham	54	40	0.70
Boston	53	32	0.37
Buffalo	32	-1	0.01
Burlington	39	29	0.44
Charlotte	60	35	0.00
Chicago	21	17	0.01
Cincinnati	40	29	0.17
Cleveland	32	28	0.68
Denver	44	26	0.00
Detroit	30	24	0.00
Duluth	18	13	0.04
El Past	57	35	0.00
Galveston	65	48	0.00
Jrcksonville	65	62	1.14
Kansas City	28	22	0.00
Key West	84	75	0.00
Little Rock	57	35	0.00
Los Angeles	75	53	0.00
Louisville	39	28	0.00
Memphis	52	33	0.00
Meridian	58	41	0.00
Miami	80	67	0.09
Minn.-St. Paul	17	11	0.00
New Orleans	63	51	0.04
New York	53	37	0.17
Norfolk	62	45	1.70
Pittsburgh	37	30	0.85
Portland, Me.	37	24	1.13
Raleigh	60	38	0.00
Richmond	48	37	2.07
St. Louis	33	26	0.00
San Antonio	66	37	0.00
San Francisco	69	47	0.00
Savannah	63	54	0.57
Seattle	54	36	0.01
Tampa	77	65	1.26
Vicksburg	58	38	1.19
Washington	45	36	1.80

PLANE CRASHES INTO HOSPITAL

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trol over the camp reservation. He is stationed at the Ontario Army Air Base.

Building Burns

CAMP HAAN, Calif. March 7.—(AP)—A P-38 fighter plane crashed into the Camp Haan hospital today, burning a portion of the building, the public relations office said but rescue crews were unable to determine at once whether any persons were trapped under the wreckage.

City Briefs

TIN CAN SALVAGE

Henry Sternberger, chairman of the tin salvage drive here, urges citizens to continue saving tin cans, but to please clean the cans, take labels off, and flatten them before turning the tin cans over to salvage departments.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Donald T. Quinn, of Shreveport, La., and Aretha M. Ostby, Douglas, North Dakota, were issued marrigae license in the Registrar of Deeds' office in the courthouse Tuesday.

INITIALED EGG

Mrs. J. W. Register, 706 South Front street, discovered an egg laid by one of her hens last Friday with the letter "J" neatly raised on the small end of the shell. The "J" was perfectly proportioned in every detail—the first initial of Mrs. Register's name.

GILLESPIE TO TALK

Dr. Arthur S. Gillespie, who returned from a Jap prison camp on the exchange liner Gripsholm last December, will speak on "Seven Months In A Japanese Interment Camp" tonight at the Temple Baptist Church. Dr. Giillespie is conducting a school of missions at the church and the public is invited.

The monthly meeting of the Men's Club of the Temple of Israel, postponed from last week, will be held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in the home of Harry M. Solomon, president.

SOVIETS OVER-RUN 200 MORE LOCALITIES

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two German headquarters were routed and several railway stations and 400 trucks were captured.

The late bulletin said the Germans were bringing heavy air reinforcements to the north where the Red army was battling to enlarge its Narova river bridgehead in Estonia. Fifty-five German planes were declared brought down during the day while 500 Germans were killed in the land fighting. The Russians said they captured several strongpoints and beat back ten counter-attacks in one sector.

"Our troops were firmly entrenched in newly occupied positions which are of considerable importance," the communique said.

In the south the Germans were also counter-attacking with large forces of tanks and infantry but were beaten back "with heavy losses in manpower and equipment."

PURIM FESTIVAL TO BE CELEBRATED

The Festival of Purim will be celebrated in Synagogues and Jewish homes this week with special interest because the villain of the piece, Haman of Persia, bears a strange resemblance to Hitler of Germany. Jews throughout the world will utter a prayer for the success of the Allied forces and for the repetition of the age-old miracle, the providential deliverance of civilization from the rising tide of barbarism.

In the Book of Esther, which will be read in the Synagogues on the eve of Purim, March 8 and on the morning of March 9, it is recorded that Haman, the Prime Minister of Persia, planned universal destruction of the Jews and, what is more to the point, the confiscation by him of their possessions. Haman's classic accusation, "There is a people in thy kingdom, and their laws are different; neither keep they the king's laws; therefore it profiteth not the king to suffer them", has served every exponent of intolerance. The triumph of democracy, implying the right to difference of opinion is the key note of the modern celebration.

A Megillah Night Service, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Temple of Israel, will usher in the festival of Purim. Special music will be rendered by the choir.