

Deaths

WHITE CHAPEL
H. S. Durden, Pres.—H. E. Phil. V. P.

TAYLOR, William Clark, 84, a native of Snowdown, who resided in Birmingham for many years, died there Monday following an illness of one week. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. J. R. Rutland, Montgomery; Misses Frances and Georgia Taylor, both of Birmingham; two sons, Joe Taylor, Birmingham, and James Taylor, Atlanta. The funeral will be held from White Chapel today at 2:30 p.m. with the Rev. Selwyn Smith officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

HOLLIMAN, James L., 73, a resident of Montgomery for 24 years, died suddenly at midnight Monday at his home, 704 South Court Street. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Orene Webb, Montgomery; three sons, Arthur R. and William G. Holliman, both of Montgomery; Louis A. Holliman, U. S. Army, overseas, also seven grandchildren. The funeral will be held from White Chapel today at 11 a.m. with the Rev. John C. Coggin officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers will be J. L. Alford, L. B. Searcy, E. C. Vinson, L. R. Williamson, H. J. Rutherford, and R. S. Brazell.

MEMORY CHAPEL
LEAK—BELSER—TUCKER

STATE DEATHS

Selma

HEARN, Mrs. Willie Hardy—Funeral services for Mrs. Willie Hardy Hearn, who died in a Selma hospital after a long illness, were held Tuesday from the First Baptist Church with Dr. John A. Davidson, assisted by the Rev. E. B. Warren, officiating. Interment was in New Live Oak Cemetery, with Breslin Funeral Home in charge. Surviving are her husband, James M. Hearn, of Selma; a sister, Miss M. E. Hardy, of Plantersville; three brothers, George Hardy, of Tuscaloosa; Jesse Hardy, of Pensacola; and Thomas Hardy, of Montgomery, and several nieces and nephews.

14 Persons Die In Chicago Fire

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Fourteen bodies lay in the county morgue today, victims of a fire that Marshal Michael J. Corrigan called the worst in the Loop District in 25 years. Six persons were hospitalized with injuries.

The victims, one a woman, perished in an early morning blaze in the General Clark Hotel at 217 North Clark Street, a seven-story, 40-year-old stone-frame building a few feet north of Lake Street on the north side of the Loop.

Strategy

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the Belgian bulge was a victory or a defeat for the Nazis.

Was it worth some 90,000 men to seize the initiative, throw the Allied winter offensive plans off schedule, to mail several American divisions and gain perhaps a few more miles? The

OPA Janitor Fined In Gas Coupon Deal

Several OPA violators, trafficking gas ration coupons under the leadership of a janitor in the Office of Price Administration building, admitted their guilt yesterday before Judge Charles B. Kennamer in U. S. District Court and were given fines and placed on probation.

The violators, all negroes, were found in illegal possession of gas coupons by Detectives Mike Chisholm and Hugh Chisholm of the city police department, who, with OPA Attorney Ben Hardeman, worked up the case. James Earkard, janitor at the OPA, and believed to be ringleader had in his possession 250 voided gas coupons. The same number of voided coupons was found on the person of the Rev. Bennie E. Walker, who was charged with accepting and buying the coupons stolen by Earkard and reselling them at 25 cents apiece.

Earkard was fined \$200, given a suspended sentence of six months and placed on five years probation. Walker was fined \$100 and put on five years probation.

Robert McCain, charged with buying and selling of stolen coupons and having in his possession B and C coupons which had not been issued to him, was put on five years probation. James Ballard, filling station operator, charged with accepting illegal coupons and having in his possession B and C coupons not issued to him was also placed on five years' probation.

U. S., British

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Vith highway where German counter-attacks precipitated fierce armored clashes Monday.

The road had again been firmly sealed by the recapture of Cherail, four miles outside Houffalize, and judging from the nearly 1,500 prisoners taken by the First Army in 24 hours—the biggest one-day bag to date—the First and Third Armies had established several junctions west of Houffalize and all organized resistance had ended west of the line of the Bastogne-Houffalize-Liege highway, embracing about two-thirds of the maximum bulge area.

Three First Army columns now were battering down on the last stronghold of Marshal Karl Gerd von Rundstedt's Winter conquests, St. Vith, and the 30th Division striking from the north had speared within five miles of the city.

The new 75th Division on the western flank of the arc forced a new crossing of the Salm River and seized Salmchateau, nine miles from St. Vith and a key point because it had been the Germans' northeastern anchor position in the bulge.

Maj. Gen. Clarence E. Huebner's crack First Division, hitting within seven miles of St. Vith from due north, drove into On-denval in one-mile advance from Faymonville and fanned out to the east near Schoppen seven miles from the German border.

Between the northern and northwestern spearheads 30th Division troops finally captured Thirimont, three miles southeast of Malmédy, after four days of the fiercest fighting of the bulge campaign—a struggle into which the Germans put large forces of tanks and mobile guns in an effort to keep open the St. Vith corridor.

Jurors In Elmore To Get Handbook

Madison Guilty, Says High Court

Conviction of Arthur A. Madison, negro lawyer, on charges of unauthorized practice, was upheld yesterday by the Alabama Court of Appeals.

Madison, a Montgomery County native and a resident of New York, was convicted in Montgomery County last May on a charge of filing a petition in Circuit Court to determine the voting qualifications of a negro school teacher, without the latter's having retained him.

In that case he was fined \$500 and declared incompetent to practice in Alabama courts. In lieu of payment of fine and costs, the sentence was 184 days at hard labor.

Madison was convicted in four similar cases in county Common Pleas Court. All were appealed to Circuit Court, but after passing judgment in one, Judge Eugene W. Carter postponed the others pending a ruling of the State Appellate Court.

Whether Madison will carry the Appellate Court's ruling to the State Supreme Court was not learned immediately.

Fellowship Rally For First Baptist

The fellowship supper of the First Baptist Church will be held at 6:15 tonight in Stakely Hall, and final plans will be made for the church's participation in the citywide religious census next Sunday. Noble Seay, F. E. Bouchers, M. A. Barnes, Tom Griffith and Wallace Mercer are representing the First Baptist in the census work.

Group singing will be led tonight by Mrs. Janice F. Byers, minister of music.

Following the supper several church groups will meet. The weekly teachers meeting will be in charge of Mrs. H. G. Tew, educational secretary, and Mrs. Davis Cooper, Mrs. J. W. Heustess, Mrs. Harry Blue, Prof. J. M. Timmerman, and Ramon DeShero will participate in the discussion.

The pastor will conduct the midweek devotional service, and the business and professional women's circle, led by Mrs. Albert Smith, will hold their monthly meeting.

Hosts for tonight's supper are Mr. and Mrs. Leland Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Seay, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bouchers, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Tripp, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. William Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heustess, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Doster,

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Egerton, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Menza Head, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wood, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryon Goode.

Evangelist Visiting Church Of Nazarene

The Rev. Otto Stuckl, pastor of the First Nazarene Church in Mobile, will begin a series of revival services at the Church of the Nazarene, 108 James Avenue, at 7:30 tonight, the Rev. V. S. Rushing, pastor, announced last night.

Mr. Stuckl is secretary of the Alabama District of the Church of the Nazarene, and has been in the pastorate about ten years. Services begin each night at 7:30, and Mr. Rushing said last night he has extended a cordial invitation to the public.

The revival will continue through Jan. 28.

U. S. Steps In

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country is probably the most destitute and broken in Europe. After that will come some measure of economic rehabilitation designed to help the Greek people recover their own internal economic stability.

The assistance to France covered in today's State Department announcement is exclusive of relief and is designed entirely to assist economic rehabilitation. Under the plan agreed upon by Secretary of State Stettinius and Jean Monnet the United States endorsed an import program laid down by the French for planning purposes, but what the French really get will be determined by available shipping.

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