

# BOWLES MOVES TO END SHOE RUN

No Outstanding Rationing Stamps to Be Canceled, Public Told.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (U. P.).—The OPA moved today to halt a serious run on the nation's shoe supplies.

No outstanding shoe ration stamps will be cancelled, OPA promised unreservedly.

Airplane stamps Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are now good for a pair of shoes apiece.

The OPA was aroused by reports that panic-buying of shoes had set in all over the country for fear some of the stamps might be cancelled.

Price Chief Chester Bowles declared emphatically that there was "not a chance in a million."

"We are not going to cancel any outstanding shoe stamps," he said flatly.

Began on West Coast.

A nation-wide United Press survey showed that the rush to use up valid shoe ration stamps began on the West coast immediately after the OPA cancelled all food stamps validated before Dec. 1.

Many persons, caught unawares on their food stamps, apparently were convinced that the same thing would be done with their shoe stamps. They rushed to stores in Indianapolis, New York, Chicago, Boston, Atlanta, Houston and other cities to use their stamps while they could.

In a survey of downtown stores in Indianapolis yesterday, concerns reported an increased business of from 5 to 100 per cent. Men led the raid on the stocks, many buying two pairs.

L. E. Langston, executive vice president of the National Shoe Retailers association, said in New York he had received "hundreds" of telegrams from all over the country reporting tremendous runs.

Houston retailers reported they had to close their doors at 4 p. m. Saturday and the Tuesday after New Year's day because of a terrific Jan. of frenzied customers seizing any and all shoes they had on their shelves.

In Chicago the rush was concentrated on men's shoes. Dealers contemplated sales on a daily quota basis unless "scare-buying" ceases at once.

Charles E. Lanchin, secretary of the greater Chicago Shoe Retailers association, said there were "enough shoes to go around for six months if only consumers take it easy."

Five out of six representative dealers in Boston reported a demand of "unheard of" proportions since last Saturday. They said their shelves might be bare by Easter if it continued.

'Unheard of Demand'

The same was true in New York. In Atlanta shoe dealers said continued runs would wipe out stocks in 45 to 60 days.

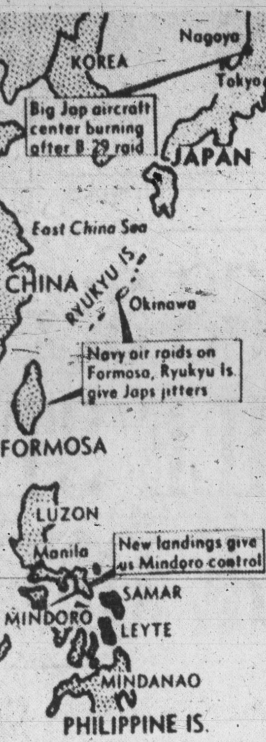
Langston said the run was due to the OPA's language in saying it "does not contemplate" cancellation of shoe stamps when announcing last Saturday that airplane stamp No. 3 would have to last well into next summer instead of just until May 1.

He said the public apparently did not take the phrase as a positive denial of such intentions.

ENROLLS AT CINCINNATI

Thomas S. Shimer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Shimer, 5815 E. New York st., is one of four Indiana students enrolled as freshmen at the University of Cincinnati school of applied arts. He is a graduate of Technical high school.

## Action in Pacific



Big Jap aircraft center burning after B-29 raid.

Navy air raids on Formosa, Ryukyu Is. give Japs jitters.

New landings give us Mindoro control.

## T. M. Wimberly, Former Bowling Champion, Dies

ONE OF THE CITY'S top-ranking bowlers, Thomas Milton Wimberly, died in the Methodist hospital today, following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Wimberly, who was 41, was employed at the Pennsylvania alleys at the time of his death. He had been connected with local ten-pin establishments for the past 20 years. He lived at 2120 N. Oxford st. and was a life-time resident of this city.

Mr. Wimberly was a member of the Pennsylvania Recreation and Washington leagues prior to his illness. He had rolled in the Indianapolis, Fox-Hunt classic, West Side classic and other leading loops and was one of the few bowlers who could control a "palm ball."

HE WAS state all-events champion in 1930 and had placed high in several national, state and city meets. He had a reputation of bowling best in tournament play.

Survivors are his wife, Nondas, a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Moore of Indianapolis, and an uncle, Lewis Wimberly of Kokomo. Three nieces, Marguerite Moore, Mrs. Laura Cloyd and Mrs. Helen Clements, all of Indianapolis, also survive him.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday from the Montgomery funeral home, with burial in Crown Hill.

FALSE NEWS FROM BERLIN

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 4 (U. P.).—A Berlin dispatch said today that false teeth will be rationed strictly in Germany from now on, and can be had only by special permission of authorities.

## SORORITY OBSERVES 67TH ANNIVERSARY

The 67th anniversary of Mu chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, at Butler university, was celebrated last night at a dinner in the chapter house, 421 W. Hampton dr.

Approximately 50 alumnae and 50 collegiate members participated in the program. Walter Leckrone, editor of The Indianapolis Times, spoke on "Post-War Peace Problems."

The program also included a toast to Mu chapter by Mrs. George Oburn, president of the Mu Alumnae club, and a response by Miss Mary Lu Marshall, active chapter president. Mrs. Everett M. Schofield, was general chairman of the event, and Mrs. John Brayton presided at the business session.

## BUTCHERS FACE CLOSING

NEW YORK, Jan. 4 (U. P.).—Hundreds of retail butcher shops in this area were threatened with permanent closing today. A group of wholesalers and distributors declared they would convert their plants to government service unless their allotments of meat were increased immediately.

## Atterbury's 30th Lauded for Role in Stopping Nazi Drive

By JOHN McDERMOTT  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
U. S. 1ST ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Western Front, Jan. 4.—The 1st army paid high tribute today to the fighting 30th division.

(The 30th Old Hickory division was trained at Camp Atterbury, Ind., from November, 1943, to January 1944).

Lifting its security bag, 1st army headquarters permitted disclosure of the role played by the 30th and nine other Yank divisions in stemming the Wehrmacht's bid for a breakthrough in the Ardennes last month.

THE 30TH, in the thick of the fighting at Stavelot and La Gleize, knocked out 92 German tanks and 380 vehicles.

It captured 337 prisoners and buried 117 enemy dead while serving as the forward wall of the 1st army on the northern flank.

In the Stavelot area alone, the division's supporting artillery claimed to have killed 2000 Germans and destroyed 200 vehicles.

The 30th, commanded by Maj. Gen. Leland S. Hobbs, Washington, D. C., won grudging praise from the Germans themselves.

They dubbed the outfit "Roosevelt's shock troops."

THE "BATTLE BABIES" of the 99th division also came in for high praise.

The 99th received its baptism of fire on the bloody northern corner of the Ardennes salient.

The division fought off four German divisions for five days and nights at the start of the Nazi winter offensive.

Going into action for the first time, the 99th faced wave after wave of German assault forces at the beginning of the Ardennes drive.

Two panzer and two Volksgrenadier divisions, reinforced by tanks, hit it amidships on Dec. 17 in the vicinity of Hollerath, Bulling and Wirtzfeld, below Monschau.

Some of the bitterest fighting of the entire offensive centered around those towns.

FOR FIVE DAYS the 99th battled around the clock. Sometimes it fell back.

Then it charged the Germans and forced the Nazis to retreat.

The baptism of fire was one of the strangest any American outfit ever received.

It was the 99th that captured Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's order telling his troops their moment had come to strike a decisive blow—tipping the allies that this was a full-scale Nazi offensive.

The 1st army also paid high tribute to the stand made elsewhere in the Ardennes by the 9th, 2d, 1st and 75th infantry divisions, the 82d airborne, the 7th and 9th armored, and the 112th regiment of the 28th division.

THE 9TH infantry, commanded by Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig, Raleigh, N. C., was thrown into the line in the Monschau area when the German offensive began.

When the 99th was "taking it" hardest, the 9th moved in to relieve that division around Eisenborn.

The 75th held the line along the Hotton-Grandmenil sector where the Germans were stopped in their tracks.

That was the first important action the 75th had seen since it was activated at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., in 1942.

The 9th armored part of which was going under fire for the first time, held off the Germans near St. Vith until it was relieved by the 7th armored.

THE 7th armored, which fought one of the most gallant holding actions of the battle in the St. Vith area, previously had been identified as in action in the Ardennes, along with the 82d airborne and the 1st infantry.

The 2d infantry division held the "hot corner" around Bullingen. It plugged the holes ripped in the advanced American lines, winning special citation from 1st army commander Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges.

The 2d had just begun a small-scale attack of its own into Germany on Dec. 16-17 when the Nazis struck.

When the "hot corner" cooled off 700 enemy dead were counted there, another 1000 or more were prisoners and the Nazis had lost 50 tanks.

## SHOW OF AUTHORITY RESULTS IN ARREST

James Elmer McReynolds, 903 Paca st., was being held today on a charge of vagrancy after he is alleged to have used his special police powers to stop two Anderson men unlawfully.

Lester Farran, 33, and Morris Green, 33, both of Anderson, said they stopped their automobile at Michigan and West sts., yesterday afternoon.

They said McReynolds drove his car alongside and waved a gun at them, telling them to pull to the curb.

After telling him they were supposed to head a policeman, McReynolds is said by the two men to have released them.

Police said he had in his possession an Indianapolis auxiliary police badge and a gun, for which he had a permit. Both the gun and badge were taken from him at police headquarters.

## FORMER SHERIFF DIES

EFRAZIL, Jan. 4 (U. P.).—William Wallace, 69, former sheriff of Clay county, Indiana, died yesterday of a heart ailment. He was first superintendent of Shakamak state park.

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