

Partly cloudy and mild tonight and Tuesday preceded by a few showers in extreme east portion early tonight.

Invasion Of Okinawa Cuts Japanese Communications

Tokyo Reports New Landings On Kume Island 60 Miles West Of Okinawa; Sea-Air Blockade Of Japan Already In Progress; Three Airfields Captured

New York, April 2—(AP)—American invasion forces have started landings on Kume Island, about 60 miles west of Okinawa and west of the Kerama group, a Tokyo broadcast reported by the Blue Network said today.

By ELMONT WAITE Guam, April 2—(AP)—With soldiers and Marines well across Central Okinawa Island after a "too easy" landing on its western beaches, one of the principal purposes of the invasion of this stronghold 325 miles south of Japan has already been accomplished.

Seaplanes based in the nearby Kerama Islands are beginning the sea-air blockade that Adm. Chester W. Nimitz predicted would be a major factor in assuring "final decisive victory."

The new Tenth Army sent the 24th Army Corps and Marine Third Amphibious Corps onto Okinawa's amazingly lightly defended beaches with their guns slung on their shoulders. By dusk they had seized two of Okinawa's five airfields.

A half million civilians thus far have proved neither a burden nor a barrier—they apparently obeyed invasion leaflets "scattered" from planes which advised the populace to evacuate. The few thus far encountered were unwilling to fight and mostly unwilling to commit suicide.

James Strebis, Associated Press Aviation Editor aboard a seaplane tender in the Keramas, called the U. S. base in Japan's former waters the "largest and most daring floating seaplane base operation in history."

Kerama waters are excellently protected by long runways and good anchorages available. Adm. Richard Kelly Turned told Vern Haugland of the Associated Press the invasion of the Central Ryukyus will cut Japan's traffic to the south and for the first time shut off her surface traffic up the Yantze River of China.

Fleet headquarters here have not reported any substantial ground resistance.

The Yanks went ashore on the (Continued on Page Six)

Landing Craft Sunk In Philippine Area

Washington, April 2—(AP)—Loss of the LCV 974 in the Philippine area as a result of enemy action was announced today by the navy. The vessel was a small landing craft (infantry) converted into a gunboat and normally carried a crew of 30. The navy gave no indication of the number of casualties but said the next of kin had been informed.

Sinking of the vessel brought to 278 the announced number of navy craft sunk, overruled and presumed lost or destroyed to prevent capture since the start of the war.

The WAR TODAY AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE (Associated Press War Analyst)

Uncle Sam's amphibious invasion of Okinawa means that we actually have boarded an integral part of the Mikado's domain, only 325 miles from the homeland—a sensational event whatever you look at it and one which we have achieved much sooner than we had any right to expect.

That's the most significant aspect of this biggest operation of its kind seen thus far in the Pacific war. Of course, Okinawa also is of vast strategic importance, but what rings the bell is that we've flung an army into a heavily populated section of Emperor Hirohito's immediate domain. That's enough to make us divine our attention for a bit between tottering Germany and the Japanese.

Patton Explains To Eisenhower



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower (left) meets three of his top-ranking commanders somewhere in Germany, and laughs good naturedly as one of the Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. waves his hand above his head and explains a point. Watching with obvious amusement are Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley (second from right), 12th Army group commander, and Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges (right of center), U. S. First Army commander. The impromptu conference took place March 25. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto.)

Find Jap Atrocities Had Official Approval

Editor's note: Most of the Manila atrocity stories herein summarized were reported by the Associated Press as they were discovered during the fighting in the city. The following is a summation as compiled by American military units and sworn to by civilians who survived them or by soldiers who discovered them. The complete reports, most of them in affidavit form, were disclosed today.

Senator Sees Collapse Of Manpower Measure

Washington, April 2—(AP)—The manpower control bill teetered on the verge of collapse today.

Senator Ed Johnson (D-Colo.), author of the compromise which squeaked through the house by seven votes, declared War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes dealt it a death blow in his report to congress over the week-end.

Johnson took violent exception to Byrnes' assertion that the legislation, if enacted, could be used not only for war production "but also for the production of essential civilian goods, and later, to facilitate reconstruction."

Hitler Heads War Criminals

London, April 2—(AP)—Aeol' Hitler heads the roster of war criminals. Chiefs of state will have no immunity from prosecution, the United Nations War Crimes Commission disclosed in announcing the drafting of five lists of Axis leaders who will be brought to trial.

Only Hitler's name was made public. Other names were withheld the commission explained, to prevent forewarning suspects and avert possible reprisals against helpless persons still under enemy control.

Recently a number of charges, against the Japanese were heard at the commission's London headquarters, last night's announcement said, indicating that Emperor Hirohito is included among the war criminals. Two lists of German criminals, one of Japanese, one of Italian and a fifth comprised of Albanians, Bulgarians, Hungarians, Italians and Romanians have been prepared and the hunt for the war criminals is already under way, the commission said.

Tokyo Hit Again

Guam, April 2—(AP)—Tokyo was raided early today by a large force of Superfortresses—probably 150—which concentrated explosives and incendiaries on the big Nakajima aircraft engine factory on the northwestern outskirts.

The B-29's, flying from Saipan bases, came in at low level in the pre-dawn darkness, said the bombers were. They said the bombers were. They said the bombers were. They said the bombers were.

COAL STRIKE IS AVERTED

Present Contract Extended Until May 1

By HAROLD W. WARD

Washington, April 2—(AP)—John L. Lewis dispelled the threat of a nation-wide coal strike today by a zero hour extension of the expired bituminous contract through April 30.

But Lewis, irked over the loss of retroactive wage increases in the seven-month controversy of 1943, imposed the until May 1 only reservation on his acceptance.

This set the stage for another possible crisis in a month, but both miners and operators were hopeful they could work out a new contract before then.

The UMW president told the board that a month of negotiating had failed to bring the parties together on any of his 18 demands, and that future meetings with the producers appeared fruitless.

However, Lewis agreed to further conferences "out of courtesy, if nothing else," when Edward R. Burke, representing the Southern Coal Producers Association, suggested.

Byrnes Resigns Government Job

Washington, April 2—(AP)—James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization and reconversion was reported today to have resigned so he may return to private life.

Byrnes informed the congress last June when it considered legislation to create his present office by expanding the old Office of War Mobilization, that he did not desire to remain in charge of the reconversion program.

Last fall he gave President Roosevelt the same information but the White House announced the President had persuaded him to remain until victory is won in Europe.

In his second quarterly report to the President and congress, released yesterday, Byrnes declared that "the days of Nazism are numbered and the end of war in Europe is in sight."

Seek Early Settlement Of The Polish Question

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER Washington, April 2—(AP)—United States diplomats are working at top speed to avoid a showdown with Russia over Polish participation in the San Francisco United Nations conference.

High officials here hope the Polish national unity government agreed upon at Yalta in February still may be set up in time to resolve the controversy.

Should it appear in the next few days that this hope might be transformed into a probability with additional time, the opening date of the conference may be delayed two or three weeks beyond April 25.

These officials show little inclination at the moment, however, to favor a prolonged postponement.

The Polish issue actually involves two closely related questions. 1. Reorganization of the present Soviet-sponsored Warsaw regime to include Polish "democratic elements" from both inside and outside the country. The United States and Britain have counted heavily on getting former Premier Mikolajczyk of the exiled government in London into the new administration.

2. Representation for Poland at the San Francisco conference. This became an open controversy Saturday with disclosure that Russia had requested and Britain and the United States and vetoed an invitation for the present Warsaw government.

The Russian action was based on the expressed possibility that reorganization of the Polish government might not be achieved in time for Poland to have any part in the conference. Therefore, Moscow contended, the invitation should go to the Administration now in power despite the fact that the United States, Britain and practically all

Nazis Fight Fiercely To Escape From Allied Trap

Yanks Advance In Frankfurt Street Fighting



American infantrymen of the 11th Division advance cautiously in early street fighting at Frankfurt, Germany, March 27. Two days later the city, ninth largest in the Reich, was reported cleared of enemy resistance. (AP Wirephoto from Signal Corps Radiophoto.)

Russian Army Spearhead Within 20 Miles Of Vienna

NEW ACTION ON ITALIAN FRONT

German Rear Threatened By New Outbreak

London, April 2—(AP)—The German communiqué said today that fighting had broken out on the "forgotten front" in the France-Italy border region and Allied troops had gained a "small foothold" on Petit St. Bernard, just south of Mont Blanc.

There was no Allied confirmation but reports from the front two weeks ago said forces commanded by Brig. Gen. Ralph C. Tobin were fighting a holding action in the mountains. Troops on the enemy side were reported to be Italians principally.

An attack in force in the area would threaten the rear of Germans holding the Po valley in Italy.

Rome, April 2—(AP)—Allied warships raked German positions along the French-Italian frontier, including the harbor of San Remo, as the (Continued on Page Four)

Other Units Battle Within Three Miles Of Messerschmidt Assembly Center

London, April 2—(AP)—Masses of Russian tanks, flanking Vienna on the south, have opened 30 miles into Austria to the Semmering pass 43 miles southwest of the Austrian capital, the German radio reported tonight.

Moscow dispatches saw Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's 3rd Ukrainian army had fought to Neudorf, three miles east of the Messerschmidt plane assembly center of Wiener Neustadt, 24 miles south of Vienna, and other reports said the Russians had fought into Wiener Neustadt.

Marshal Stalin announced capture of the coal production center of Nagykanyizska, 19 miles from the Yugoslav border and 63 miles northeast of Zagreb, capital of the Nazi puppet state of Croatia.

The penetration to Semmering pass in the Austrian Alps carried the Russians across the main Vienna-Gratz railway. The pass is about 126 miles from the Italian border.

Northeast of Wiener Neustadt the Russians were fighting 20 miles from Vienna and were reported to have battered to the outskirts of Bratislava on the north bank of the Danube 30 miles east of Vienna.

In reaching Semmering pass Marshal Tolbukhin put Russian troops in the Alps for the first time since the Napoleonic wars.

Spearshead of Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army (Continued on page four)

PROBE DEATH CLUB WOMAN

Wake Coroner Says Circumstances "Mysterious"

Raleigh, April 2—(AP)—The charred body of Mrs. John V. Higam, about 65, wealthy and prominent club woman and civic leader, was found early today in her home in an exclusive residential area here under circumstances which Coroner Roy M. Banks said were "very mysterious."

The house had been badly damaged by fire.

Banks said that firemen had been unable to find a large jewelry box which Mrs. Higam kept in her bedroom, and that two large diamond rings were missing from her fingers.

Her wedding band was intact. Her body was found halfway between the steps leading from the living room to the upstairs and the front door. Her clothing had been burned off. Banks said that part of her corset was found under her, leading him to the belief that she had been fully clothed at the time of the fire, the origin of which was (Continued on Page Four)

Today On The Home Front

By JAMES MARLOW

(Editor's note: This is the first of a series of stories explaining what the San Francisco Conference means and how the league machinery would work.)

Washington, April 2—(AP)—The delegates to the United Nations conference in San Francisco April 25 will try to turn man's age-old dream—no more wars—into a reality.

They are going there to work out a charter for a world organization to preserve peace after this war. The San Francisco conference is not a peace conference connected with this war.

The delegates will carry the charter back home with them. Their governments will have to approve it before the world organization can start to operate.

This is the second time in 25 years that the nations have tried to set up a peace-keeping plan. The last time it was called the League of Nations.

This country stayed out of the old league. Eventually, the league failed, as this war shows. But this war has changed American thinking about joining a world organization.

Now there is a strong desire here to join some organization to end wars. We can't join such an organization without approval of the Senate. The Senate kept us out of the old league. No one can say definitely that the Senate will do about this one. The charter to be drawn at San

Junction of American First And Ninth Armies Closed Ring Of Steel About Upward Of 100,000 Germans; Montgomery Seeks To Close Trap On Others

By DON WHITEHEAD

With U. S. First Army, April 2—(AP)—The Germans launched their first coordinated attack to break an escape corridor through the Allies' steel ring circling the Ruhr. Hard fighting still was in progress early tonight.

German infantry supported by tanks hit the First Army's ninth division near Winterburg about halfway between Paderborn and Siegen, trying to smash a lane through Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' lines to the east.

But at last reports the doughboys were holding arm and beating back this "desperate attempt of Marshal Kesselring to save some of his troops trapped in the Ruhr."

Tens of thousands of German troops were caught in a steel vise formed by the junction of the First and Ninth armies, who had cut all major escape routes.

Swift American infantry, following quickly in the wake of the Third armored division, mounted guard over all possible escape avenues as disorganized enemy troops and tanks stabbed to the east and north, east trying frantically to uncover an escape gap.

There is hard fighting ahead and anyone who thinks the war will be over in the next few days is likely to be badly fooled. Even though disorganized, the enemy still is putting up a fight and there are no indications of mass surrender.

Paris, April 2—(AP)—British and Canadian troops have captured Eindhoven, occupied Rheine and are racing northward from 25 to 40 miles from the Zuider Zee to close the trap on the German army group in western Holland, field patches disclosed tonight.

The rapid shaping of a second giant pocket took place as it was disclosed that 25 divisions of 100,000 men, enemy troops had been stitched tightly in the Ruhr pocket.

Destruction of the two pockets would wipe out two-thirds of the remaining German strength in the west.

While first Canadian army troops jumping off from the Rhine raced northward 25 miles into north Holland and reached the Eindhoven (Continued on page six)

Airmen Rescued Off West Coast

San Francisco, April 2—(AP)—Seven navy airmen and their pet dog were safe today at the Alameda Naval Air station after being rescued Sunday from 35-foot breakers off a San Francisco ocean beach within sight of thousands of Easter holiday vacationers.

The plane—a Martin Mariner inbound from Hawaii—was forced down by motor trouble less than 35 miles from their destination.

The men and dog were taken from the plane by liferafts floated through the angry sea by a rescue boat after they had clung to the washed hatch three hours. They included Lt. L. F. Frensch, the station chief; Lt. Donald Ashville, N. C.

Art Festival Here This Week

Plans for the eleventh annual community art festival to be held in Sneed Memorial Library on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week have been completed. Committees from the Greenville Woman's Club and the Community Art Center have been working for several weeks locating and collecting exhibits and arranging programs for this annual, outstanding event in our community. They promise unusual exhibits and splendid programs. The festival will open Wednesday, April 4 at three o'clock. At four o'clock a program featuring Mrs. George Monk of Farmville who will wear a Chinese costume and talk about the exhibit of Oriental art which she and Mr. Monk have loaned the Art Center. A group of Chinese songs by the high school chorus under the direction of Miss Shindler and a Gallery talk on the exhibit of Mexican paintings by Miss Jean Lane of ECTC.

Artists who have contributed to the exhibit and other out of town visitors are expected for this program.

The exhibits will be open to the public Thursday from ten o'clock in the morning until eight in the evening when a program on Mexico will be given. Friday, exhibits will be open from 10 in the morning throughout the day. In the afternoon at four o'clock a program of music, poetry and flower arrangements will be featured.

As has always been the custom with the sponsors of the art festival, all of the programs and exhibits are entirely free to the public.

Other United Nations do not recognize it. A British foreign office spokesman said the Soviet proposition was out of the question, and a State Department official termed it unacceptable.

That apparently passed the next move back to the Soviet government, and there was considerable speculation here over what Moscow might do. It ranged all the way from the possibility of prolonged delay to a Russian threat to withdraw from the conference.

A "big five" meeting may be held in advance of the San Francisco conference to work out an agreement on Mandates. It was learned that this country has suggested such a meeting of representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia, France and China to be held in Washington.

A United States plan ready for presentation at such a meeting would establish a trusteeship council under the general assembly of the proposed world organization similar to the proposed economic and social council. The American plan includes the right and obligation of the international organization to visit and report on "trusteeship" territories and principles of non-discrimination in trade, aviation and telecommunications.

The term "trusteeships" would be substituted for "mandates."

The discussions would be limited to setting up machinery for controlling mandates under the League of Nations and those which will result from this war. The direct question of who will have power over former Italian and Japanese colonies and mandates, and the question of other colonial areas would be pushed aside.

Social and Personal

Mrs. E. F. Tucker left yesterday for Milwaukee, Wis., to visit her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edwin T. Tucker, for several weeks.

Fred Blank and Jack Browne, students at State College, spent Sunday at their homes here.

Carlton Taylor was home from the University at Chapel Hill to spend Easter.

Miss Katherine Davenport of Raleigh, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lively, port.

Miss Margaret Lee Duke, who is attending school at Peace Junior College in Raleigh, is spending the spring holidays at her home in Greenville.

W. C. Sugg, HA-1c, stationed at Parris Island, S. C., spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Sugg.

Richard Duncan of Newport News, Va., spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Duncan.

Mrs. Ruth Harris spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Kennedy in Beaufort.

Miss Susanne Kilgo returned to Duke University yesterday afternoon.

Mr. W. F. Hutchinson spent the week-end in Charlotte.

Charles Warren of Washington, D. C., was the week-end guest of Mr. Corey.

Miss Julia Ann Bland of Greensboro, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. T. Bland.

Mrs. Eleanor Yelverton of Goldsboro, spent Easter with Dr. and Mrs. K. B. Pace.

Sammy White, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, has returned to Bainbridge, Md.

Jimmie Lanier, Jack Scott, Charles Pace and Pat Corey, students at Chapel Hill, spent Easter here at their respective homes.

Miss Ernestine Hobgood of Raleigh, and Miss Betsy Hobgood of High Point, spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hobgood.

Cpl. Clifton Hugh Edwards is home on furlough from his camp in Florida.

Miss Peggy Rose Smith a student at Duke University, spent Easter at her home here.

Mrs. Francis A. Dixon, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dixon in Tarboro, has returned to her home in Winterville.

Huck Sansbury, former Greenville newspaper editor, now with the Roxboro Courier-Times, spent the week-end in Greenville.

Mrs. W. S. Tyson and children of Washington, D. C., are spending this week with Mrs. Annie Washington.

Mrs. W. J. Bundy has returned from Columbia, S. C., where she has been visiting Capt. and Mrs. Rex E. Havens.

To Sponsor Dance Revue. On Friday evening, May 18, at 8:30 in the Austin building of East Carolina Teachers College, Marie's School of the Dance will present its 1945-46 "Dancers of 1945 on Parade."

The revue is being sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Greenville and the proceeds will be used in improving the children's wing of the local hospital in memory of Dr. T. M. Watson.

The revue is composed of all local talent and tickets will be on sale by all members of the Junior Woman's Club and pupils of Marie's School of the Dance.

Christian Science Service. "Reality" was the subject of the lesson-sermon in all Christian Science churches and societies on Sunday, April 1.

The golden text was from Psalms 45:8. "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre."

Among the citations which comprised the lesson-sermon were the following from the Bible: Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure." (Isaiah 46:9, 10).

The lesson-sermon also included the following passages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "There is but one primal cause. Therefore, there can be no effect from any other cause, and no reality in aught which does not proceed from this great and only cause. The spiritual reality is the scientific fact in all things. The spiritual fact, repeated in the action of man and the whole universe, is harmonious and is the ideal of Truth. Spiritual facts are not inverted; the opposite discord, which bears no resemblance to spirituality, is not real."

Birth Announcement. Major and Mrs. George H. Pittman, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Theresa Ann, on Sunday, April 1, 1945, in Pitt General Hospital.

Major Pittman is with the army in the South Pacific.

To Speak Here



Miss Flavel Barnes, lecturer and world traveler, will speak tomorrow noon at the regular weekly ECTC chapel in Austin Auditorium under the auspices of the United War Fund of Pitt County.

Miss Barnes is the only woman to motor from Finland to South Africa during the war, traveling in 1939-1942 through twenty-six countries of Europe, Asia and Africa in a four-cylinder car which bore a Yugoslav license. She worked for several months with the Kenya Women's Emergency Organization canteen for British soldiers in Nairobi, Kenya, British East Africa, and eventually returned to the United States on an unconvoyed and unarmed freighter at the height of the submarine menace.

Since her return, Miss Barnes has lectured in the midwest and has been actively engaged in relief work for the people of Yugoslavia. The public is cordially invited to hear her lecture tomorrow. Her appearance on the ECTC campus is through the efforts of Mr. Sam Underwood of the Pitt County United War Fund.

Birth Announcement. Sgt. and Mrs. William Richard Steele announce the birth of a daughter, Richie Dare, on Friday, March 30, 1945, in General Memorial Hospital, Kinston. Mrs. Steele is the former Miss Belva Dare Harris of Greenville.

Fire Damages House Sunday. Fire resulting from an oil stove exploding in the kitchen did several hundred dollars worth of damage at the home of Maybelle Wilson, Negro, on Fleming street, Sunday about noon. The fire gained considerable headway before the alarm was sounded. Mrs. William I. Wooten owns the property. The alarm was turned in at box 72.

NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

Visiting in Winterville. Gerrard Edwards, aviation machinist mate first class and Mrs. Edwards are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Edwards in Winterville. Mrs. Edwards is the former Miss Bettie Lea Moss of Dallas, Texas, where Mr. Edwards is now stationed.

Awarded Silver Star. Cpl. Raymond L. Carrow, tank gunner, Inf. Co. D, 66th Armored Reg., with the First U. S. Army in Germany, has been awarded the Silver Star for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. He had previously been awarded the European African Middle Eastern campaign ribbon, the Good Conduct medal, and the Bronze Star (Sicilian campaign).

Col. Carrow is the son of Mrs. Sadie E. Carrow of Greenville, Rte. three.

No Easy Job at Front. Staff Sgt. Norman E. Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Mills of near Greenville, is ill in a hospital somewhere in France. In a letter to his parents he said he was with General Patch's 7th army and has had front line duty. Sgt. Mills discounts the theories of people on the home

front that the war will soon end. He believes the Germans will drag out the struggle as long as possible. "What some of those at home need is 24 hours in a front line foxhole with the Nazis 150 to 300 yards away. Then they would apply for a 28-hour a day job and try to get 26 hours into it. I may sound bitter, but reports we have of loafing workers and strikes at home is the cause of it," he said. Sgt. Mills expects to return to front line duty shortly.

On Furlough. Marvin L. Ellison, SM1c, USNR, is spending a 20-day leave with his parents on Ayden, Route 3. He has been aboard a navy carrier, serving in the supply department during the Third and Fifth fleet operations from March, 1944, to the strikes on Tokyo in February of this year.

Graduates. Quantico, Va.—Master Second Lt. John Bryant Kittrell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Kittrell of Greenville, N. C., has graduated from the officers candidate school at Quantico. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, he received a bachelor of science degree in commerce and was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Shoppers Crowded Stores Saturday

By CHESTER WALSH. Easter shoppers thronged the stores in Greenville Saturday. Money appeared to be more plentiful than merchandise and stores did a heavy volume of business. Extra clerks were on duty at many places. Florists did the biggest business in years and some of them sold out before night.

A profusion of blossoms on trees, shrubs and vines added color to the Easter parade Sunday morning and afternoon. Easter was observed much earlier this year, but the spring season is several weeks in advance of the average year.

Incidentally, yesterday was April 1—April Fool's Day. Today—Easter Monday is a state and national legal holiday. The banks were closed. The postoffice remained open. County and city offices were open as usual and the War Price and Rationing Board remained open.

When the groundhog saw his shadow when he came out from under hibernation February 2 there were some who expected 40 days of bad weather. The legend was dispelled when 51 bright sunshiny days followed the groundhog's prophecy. Bad weather was experienced on only eight days. Maybe the groundhog waited until Easter to come out from hibernation this year, an old-timer said today.

Overflow Audience Methodist Church

By WYATT BROWN. "Think about heaven honestly and earnestly. It is the most important thing we upon this earth have to think about," said Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, in his Easter sermon yesterday morning to an overflowing congregation at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church. "Our Christian faith centers in and begins with a fact—the fact of a risen Lord, the fact of an empty tomb."

Then he gave reasons why one should believe the fact of the risen Lord: testimony of living witnesses; the disciples; 2,000 years of people finding hope in the fact, testimony of the head and the heart of the individual. To those who accept the fact of the risen Lord come immortality, an immortal companion through life, a direction with this companion toward a heavenly home.

"Picture Heaven yet better than the finest we can imagine," he urged because heaven would afford reunion there. "The richest joy upon earth is human fellowship. I am hoping there are going to be more family groups gathering around the piano and singing. More neighborhood groups playing together. We have lost this in the rush of today."

"There will be understanding in Heaven. And Jesus will be there. You and I shall have the satisfaction of knowing Him more intimately," the minister in conclusion.

Salvaged cartridge cases will now be used to make new pennies for America.



PACIFIC HOUSING PROJECT—Thatched-roof homes built by U. S. civil affairs authorities provide shelter for natives whose homes were wrecked in battle.

Air Medal Awarded Lt. Wilbur Brown

The War Department has notified Jesse W. Brown that his grandson, Second Lt. Wilbur H. Brown, Army Air Corps, has been awarded the Air Medal for outstanding performance of duty in battle. The Air Medal will be presented to Mr. Brown for the Greenville flier at a later date by the commanding general of the Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga.

Lieut. Brown was shot down over enemy territory in November, 1943. He has been in a prisoner of war camp in Germany since then.

The citation is as follows: "For meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States."

Easter Observed In Churches Yesterday

Overflow congregations attended services at nearly all churches in Greenville yesterday—Easter Sunday. Pastors of the various churches delivered special Easter sermons. Appropriate musical programs were rendered by the choirs. Ideal spring weather prevailed with bright sunshine and scattered white clouds scudding across the sky at intervals.

Appropriate Easter services were held at the Salvation Army chapel on Dickinson Avenue.

Special programs of Easter music and appropriate sermons featured the services at churches in other towns and communities of the county Sunday morning and night.

Orthopedic Clinic Here Next Friday

Dr. Hugh A. Thomspan of Raleigh, orthopedic specialist, will conduct a clinic for cripples at the Pitt County Health Department offices, Third and Greene streets, next Friday from 12:30 to 4 o'clock. The clinic is for white and Negro cripples. It is free for those who are unable to take private treatments. It is desired but not required that patients take with them letters from their county welfare officer or a physician. The clinic serves adults and children. Dr. N. Thomas Ennett stated.

Corregidor, guardian of the mouth of Manila Bay, is supported by three lesser fortified islands, the sites of Forts Hughes, Drum and Frank.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of D. S. Spain, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Greenville, on or before the 9th day of March, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 9th day of March, 1945. D. S. SPAIN, Jr., Administrator of the estate of D. S. Spain. Mar. 9-1tw-6wk.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administratrix, C. T. A. of the estate of Ackall Richard, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, or to the attorney named below, at Greenville, on or before the 21st day of February, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, or to the attorney named below, at Greenville, on or before the 21st day of February, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, or to the attorney named below, at Greenville, on or before the 21st day of February, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.



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Social Calendar

MONDAY 6:30 p. m.—Rotary Club. 7:00 p. m.—Lions' Club. 8:00 p. m.—Circle No. 8 of the Methodist Church meets with Mrs. N. O. VanNorthwick. 8:00 p. m.—Wesleyan Service Guild meets with Mrs. K. B. Pace. 8:00 p. m.—The Girls' Circle of the Free Will Baptist Church meets with Miss Lorraine Boyd.

TUESDAY 1:00 p. m.—Mrs. Walter Harrington will be hostess to the A. Home Club. 3:30 p. m.—The End of the Century Club meets with Mrs. A. D. Frank. 3:30 p. m.—The Round Table will meet with Miss Eunice McGee at Ragsdale Hall. 8:00 p. m.—Chapter 149 of the Eastern Star meets.

WEDNESDAY 11:00 a. m.—German Club meets at the home of Mrs. W. G. Glass.

Bridge Party. Grifton, April 2.—Mrs. Clay Burney entertained at a pretty party on Friday night at her home here. Her guests were members of her contract club and additional players for four tables. Floral arrangements of tulips, irises and spirea made a pretty setting. After progressions the high score for club members went to Mrs. F. L. Cox and Mrs. Ben G. Tucker, the guests receiving prizes were Mrs. C. R. Cobb and Miss Alma Lewis. Other players were Mrs. Carey Garris, Mrs. Elmo Smith, Mrs. Walter Patrick, Mrs. Roy Jackson, Mrs. Wiley Gaskins, Mrs. Edward Hart, Mrs. Julius Chauncey, Mrs. Milton Hart, Mrs. Norwood Lockhart, Miss Hazel Jarrell, Miss Edith Hart and Miss Margaret Jackson. Mrs. Burney served a delicious fruit salad with sandwiches and iced tea. Her appointments were of the Easter motif.

Birth Announcement. T. Sgt. and Mrs. Harry D. Michael announce the birth of a daughter, Carol Elizabeth, on Saturday, March 31, in Pitt General Hospital. Mrs. Michael is the former Miss Dorothy Powell. Sgt. Michael is serving overseas.

German Club to Meet. The German Club will meet Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. G. Glass.

Eastern Star Meets Tuesday. The Greenville chapter of the Eastern Star will meet on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. There will be a public installation of officers at 8:30.

Card of Appreciation. We wish to thank our many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in our recent sorrow. Mrs. W. N. Simmons and Family.

Forty Years Ago Today. THE DAILY REFLECTOR April 2, 1905. Sunday was another of the ideal days.

The dispensary was the first building that got electric lights. At a meeting of the trustees of the State University the gift tendered by Andrew Carnegie of \$50,000 for a library was accepted. The conditions under which this amount is given is that a like sum shall be otherwise raised.

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Second Marriage

By EVELYN MURRAY CAMPBELL

Chapter 12

It was disconcerting not to be needed. Maud ran the house beautifully and the children were entirely independent with their own concerns, their own plans. She had been the charming visitor who came to dinner every night but she did not know them intimately. Cynthia told herself this with a wry smile but it was the truth and left her at loose ends when she stayed at home. So why should she?

There were other things she could do. For one, she bought a flock of ray prints and organized though it was so late in the season and in spite of the huge bills of the former month. She had spent so much time in street clothes that now she set her head completely with the help of a saleswoman anxious to thin her stock.

Madame is so very slender. She can wear the very young frocks. Even a fourteen is a little—we will try a twelve—

"Heavens, no!" Cynthia gasped. "Fourteen is young enough. The seams can be taken up."

"But it is not the age, only the size that is fourteen," blundered the woman, tactless and Cynthia murmured "Oh," deflated.

She had never cared about looking young until now. She hadn't given youth a thought as it slipped away from her and if it had lingered longer than with other women she knew, she had not been unduly flattered about it. But now she wanted pretty things and got them, too. The fitting room mirrors were flattering and somebody called her "Miss."

Vera was at home when the boxes came. "Trousseau?" There was a note in her voice that didn't belong there.

Cynthia said, "One would have thought you were buying your own last month."

Slow color came into Vera's lovely ivory skin that no sea or sun could spoil and Cynthia was instantly remorseful. They had never quarreled or had mother-daughter enmity between them.

"I shouldn't have said that. I hope you'll show me your pretty things after you've looked at mine." Vera was moody over the boxes stilling riots of color. She didn't offer to help with the hangers but sat in a slipper chair hugging her knees.

"That was a lousy thing for you to do, mother."

Cynthia was so startled by the odd, hoarse voice that she dropped the dress she was holding up to admire. "Vera!"

"Yes, it was," Vera shrugged. "You heard, but I'll say it again. Messy trick, then. It made us all feel silly before people. One's own mother running off, getting married to somebody we didn't know."

Cynthia trembled. Suddenly she was buying it out with Vera who more than the others had seemed to take the debacle with composure. Vera was now taking her to task.

"It was a selfish thing to do. But you've always been selfish."

Cynthia waited a moment before she said, "Why selfish? It's my life. I haven't interfered with yours in any way. Or with the others." She frowned the "always." It was too ridiculous.

Faint derision touched Vera's lips. "Don't you think so? You're our mother. What you do affects us more or less."

"And how did my marriage affect you?" Cynthia kept her eye under control. This was only Vera, her child, but she had to know how she felt. Vera, she closed, the guard. There might be something unone that she could meet and conquer.

"Well—we had always looked up to you, you know, as if you were mother—and father, too. In one person. Wise, you know, in every way."

We thought you knew all the answers and that we could always count on you. And then you do this—come home with a handkerchief tied over your head, bringing in this man we've never even heard of—this young man—

"Cynthia was scarlet. She held up her hand. 'Leave Carey out of it,' she said.

"Carey can't be left out. He's the root of it. But I'm not blaming him. Lots of men would have done the same thing. Pretty soft for Carey."

"You are vulgar," Cynthia said coldly. It was horrible and hateful beyond words. She didn't have to listen but she did. And a hateful little piping voice within her kept saying over and over that it wasn't vulgar at all. It was only cold facts told in a cold fashion and what other people, strangers who didn't know, would say. "All right, go on," she said. "But first I want to admit that I was wrong, not in marrying Carey but because I didn't tell you in time for you to get used to the idea. To use your common sense. It was only because it seemed so very much our own affair."

"Marriage is one's own affair—or should be. But usually it isn't. When it interferes so frantically with other people's plans—"

Cynthia laughed and this relieved the tension. The absurdity of the grave girl using psychology like that!

"Oh, did you have plans?" She picked up the fallen frock.

Vera did not reply. Her silence was ominous. She moved to the dressing table and began to brush her silky hair. She was ivory pale again and the situation was not completed as Cynthia had hoped.

"Haven't everyone—even the children. But everything is knocked into a cocked hat."

"I'm sorry," Cynthia said, cool again. She had had enough. She tried to speak lightly, dismissing the whole thing. "Can't you make some new plans? Something to fit in with my own?"

"I'll hate to, it seems," Vera said, and went out of the room taking the brush with her.

Chapter 13

Cynthia's pleasure in her new frocks was spoiled. She flung them away without interest. But she had cause to remember them when Carey opened the closet door and saw the array. From the first time they had been together he had noticed her clothes with quick, keen appreciation for color and form. But now there was something else in his face. She would have called it disapproval if that had not been so preposterous.

"You've been on a buying spree, Cynthia?"

"I had to have something new. We'll be going out a lot, Carey, as soon as my friends learn about us. After all," she laughed a little, "one doesn't get married every day."

"That's true," he said slowly, as if he picked his words. "I'm afraid my own wardrobe doesn't stack up with this, Cynthia."

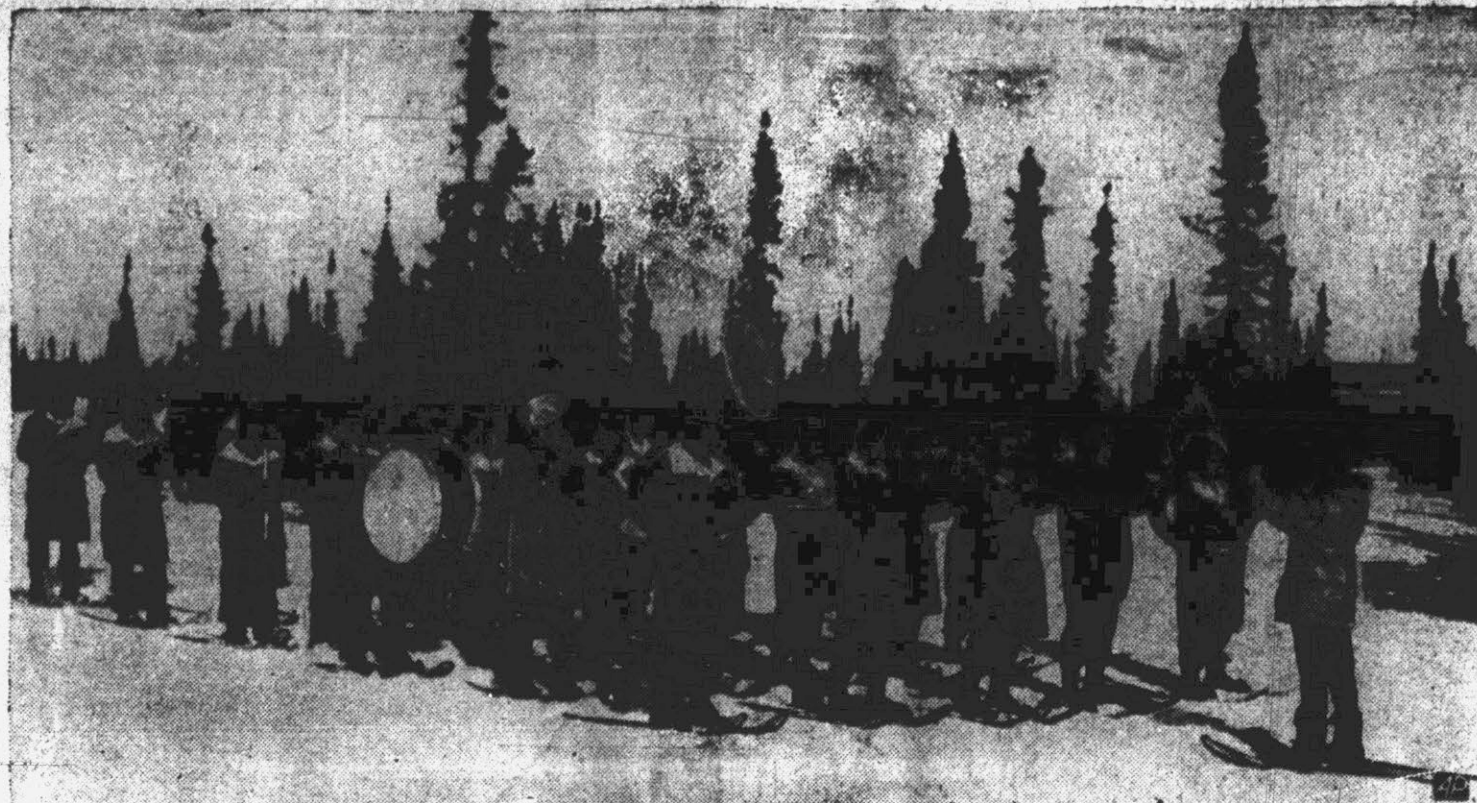
"Then, order a new one," she spoke lightly but it dawned upon her that Carey didn't seem to have much wardrobe of any sort. His bags had only bare essentials—an outfit that was well enough at a summer camp wasn't quite the thing now.

He looked at her. "I won't need a new one." The work I do doesn't call for dressing up and I wouldn't have the time if I wanted to wear them. What did this stuff cost?"

"She was so taken aback that she could not answer for a moment. He was questioning her just as Vera had done but for another reason.

"Why ask me that?"

"Because I want to pay for them."



THE BAND WEARS SNOWSHOES—On this sub-freezing terrain members of the 510th AAF band wear snowshoes as they rehearse for the Air Transport Command's International Easter Parade at Goose Bay, Labrador.

of course. She burst out laughing. "Pay for my clothes? I'd feel funny if you tried to do that. This is my 'trousseau,' as Vera called it. I've paid for my own clothes so long that I'd feel almost indecent if I let a man—even you—do it for me."

She went to him and put her arms around him as if he had been Peter. "Don't let's ever allow money to come into it," she begged. "No love can withstand that. I'm sorry I bought these things—I'll send them back tomorrow. And please—let's forget it now."

But you can't forget when you want to and it's the trivial things that stay in the subconscious mind. Cynthia never looked at her new clothes without feeling sick but she didn't send them back. One had to have clothes.

The house had taken on an empty feeling. Only Cynthia's own room when Carey was there, had the atmosphere of living happiness. The big radio downstairs no longer reported baseball games or the dreary dramas rehearsed by Aunt Maud. Children did not come and go and the ice box door hadn't even slammed.

Invitations arrived. Cynthia had had a social life among the wealthy, complacent, settled people of the town and now these, whether from duty or curiosity, include Carey when they sent bids for dinner. But Carey rebelled.

"Dinner? Good Lord, don't ask me to go through one of those things. Your banker? He's got your money, why should he want us with it?"

It was only fun, of course. He couldn't mean it. "I've gone to your Brando's," she said. "Beer and sandwiches."

"I was spiteful and she didn't want it to sound like that. Why did the wrong thing always come uppermost when they argued? But he didn't notice it."

"Brandy and I are in the same game. We've got things to talk about. Not masochistic or money. When she didn't smile he stopped smiling, too. "Cynthia, I can't do it. I've told you that before. Dressed up dinners, I mean. I'm too tired when my stretch is over and I've got to build up for the next one." He gave her one of the looks that he owned between them. "All I want is you, Cynthia, when I come back to you."

So she called Myra Conway and explained that Carey's work at the plant was so arduous that—Myra responded with one of her gibes. "So you really did marry a work-

ing man—

"Don't we all work?" Cynthia was bland.

There was one party though that couldn't be refused. Ned Almon gave it at the Miramar on a dance night. Ned and Cynthia had gone to these dinner dances together, season after season, meeting the same people and sometimes delightful new ones.

Carey capitulated. "All right, if someone's feelings must be saved—"

He had read poor Ned at a glance and was gloriously non-jealous—too much so. His white teeth gleamed in his dark young face and for a moment he was as he had been on the trip across country. "I'll scrub for the occasion."

But there was no occasion as it turned out. His return from the plant was always uncertain—it might be four or six and this was one of the late times. Cynthia dressed very early in one of the new frocks but at a quarter of seven there was no sign of the battered black car. Of course it was a long way to Burbank the traffic might be heavy. A dozen things might have happened. Only one had.

The belated telephone told her. "I couldn't make it, my girl. Something came up that can't be ditched. Brandy and I are up to the neck."

"Where are you now?"

"At Brandy's house." Innocent surprise. Joan picked us up some supper. I say, Cynthia, can't you run over there yourself or let Almon know? It's not important. Just a party—"

She couldn't say anything. Her throat felt as if the pearl necklace was strangling her.

Carey hung up blithely.

"I did it myself," she said aloud, as if someone had accused her. "Nobody is to blame—not even Carey."

To Be Continued

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having this day qualified as the Executor of the estate of J. H. Bullock, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said decedent to exhibit itemized and verified statements of account to the undersigned, on or before the 14th day of March, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the Executor.

This 14th day of March, 1945
HAZEL BULLOCK, Greenville,
Route 5, Executor of the estate of J. H. Bullock.
Mar. 15-14w-6wk

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executrix of the estate of R. W. Vainwright, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to file them with the undersigned within twelve months from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 8th day of March, 1945.
MRS. LULA VAINWRIGHT,
Executrix of the estate of R. W. Vainwright.
Mar. 8-14w-6wk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having this day qualified as executor of the estate of Emily Jane Hardee this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate to months from this date or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 12th day of Feb. 1945.
W. J. EDWARDS, executor of Emily Jane Hardee.
Chicod, N. C.
S. O. Worthington, Atty.
2-26-45 1 per wk. 6 wks.

NOTICE SERVING SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

North Carolina—Pitt County
In the Superior Court
Emma Peoples Wiggins

Ernest Wiggins
The defendant, Ernest Wiggins, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced

in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, for absolute divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the office of Clerk of Superior Court of said County in the court house in Greenville, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 28th day of March, 1945, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 28th day of Feb. 1945.
J. F. HARRINGTON Clerk of Superior Court Pitt County.
Dink James, Atty.
Mar. 1-14w-4wk

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of R. O. Congleton, late of Pitt County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Stokes, on or before the 13th day of March, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 14th day of March, 1945.
MRS. FLORENCE CONGLETON,
Administratrix of the estate of R. O. Congleton.
Mar. 14-14w-6wk

NOTICE OF SUMMONS IN SPECIAL PROCEEDING

North Carolina—Pitt County.

In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk

Mrs. Myra S. Picken and Mrs. Margaret S. Ferguson, Petitioners,
-vs.-

Mrs. Pattie S. Carr; Mrs. Ethel S. Phillips and husband, Hyman Phillips; Mrs. Daisy Skinner, Elizabeth S. Calhoun and husband, Charles Calhoun, Cotten S. Sheppard and husband, Vass Sheppard, Ed Skinner, Louis C. Skinner, Mary Skinner, Charles C. Skinner and wife, Margaret Skinner, James G. Skinner and wife, Colonel Skinner, Louis C. Skinner and wife, Corinne Skinner; Oron S. Skinner; Eunice Skinner and Antoinette Skinner.

The respondents, Mrs. Pattie S. Carr, Elizabeth S. Calhoun, Hyman Phillips, Cotten S. Sheppard, Vass Sheppard, Ed Skinner, Louis C. Skinner, Mary Skinner, Charles C. Skinner, Margaret Skinner, James G. Skinner, Colonel Skinner, Oron S. Skinner, Corinne Skinner, Oron Skinner, Eunice Skinner and Antoinette Skinner, and each of them, will hereby take notice that a Special Proceeding entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Pitt County for the purpose of selling for division among tenants in common a certain parcel of real estate located on the East side of Cotanche Street in Greenville, N. C., adjoining the prop-

erty of W. C. Dresbach and described in the petition herein filed. And said respondents will further take notice that they are required to appear and appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County at his office in the court house in Greenville, N. C., within twenty days after the 8th day of April, 1945, and either answer or demur to the said petition, or the respondents will apply to the Court for the relief there-in demanded.

Given under my hand this 8th day of March, 1945.

E. F. TUCKER, Assistant Clerk Superior Court.
Harding & Lee, Attys.
Mar. 9-14w-4wk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of Dr. Thomas M. Watson, deceased, late of Greenville, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Greenville, N. C., on or before the 16th day of March, 1946, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 16th day of March, 1945.

(Mrs.) MARY L. WATSON,
Executrix of the Estate of Dr. Thomas M. Watson.
Harding & Lee, Attys.

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By EARL L. DOUGLAS

SMALL BEGINNINGS OF GREAT EVILS

The gypsy moth has wrought immeasurable devastation among the trees of this country. Few people know the circumstances under which it came to our land.

Some years ago an American traveling in China conceived the idea that from the cocoons of the gypsy moth he might be able to spin artificial silk. He brought back some of these moths with which to experiment. Through carelessness a few moths escaped. They began to breed and multiply and in a short time were playing havoc with our trees.

The Old Testament warns against "the little foxes that spoil the vines." They might with equal cogency sound a warning against the little moths that spoil the trees. Certainly the Bible has a lot to say about the little sins which grow and multiply until they become a pest and a burden in life.

The little lie, for instance, never remains a little lie. Like the man who brought the gypsy moth into the country thinking that from it he could spin artificial silk, so we use little lies at times hoping that from them we can spin some advantage to ourselves. The little flirtation that begins with an arch look and a cherry word, the little speculation which begins when an employee "borrows" from the money left in his trust, the little words which uttered in anger end in a feud to the division of families—these are examples of how little pests grow into vast afflictions.

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AMERICA IN WARTIME

By JACK STINNETT

By MAX HALL
(Finch Hitting for Jack Stinnett, Last of Three Articles on the Forthcoming Seventh War Loan)

Washington—The broad-shouldered men swallowed their hotel check and turned their chairs expectantly toward the speakers' table. Busy men, no time to lose, they were "top management" in the flesh, presidents and executive managers of the biggest companies in the area, employers of many thousands of wage earners.

This meeting happened to be in Beaumont, Texas. More than a hundred such meetings are being held, always with "top management," no small fry.

It's part of the incredibly dynamic preparation for the Seventh War Loan Drive. Payroll savings will play a bigger part than ever before.

Payroll savings market is a compact market. There are 200,000 firms with payroll savings plans. But a small group, 2,100 of the largest firms, employ over 17,000,000 people—about two-thirds of the market. Nearly all of these 2,100 firms are represented by their top men at the pre-drive meetings and nearly all of the meetings are being addressed by Ted Gable, Bob Coyne or Ralph G. Engelsman, director of payroll savings.

It happened that Gable and Coyne were able to be in Texas at the same time. Their teamwork was admirable.

Gable, only 38 years old, left his string of theaters in Oregon to become director of war finance for the Treasury. He is the dynamo for the bond drives. But the men of Washington don't "boss" the state organizations—they serve them. War finance is as decentralized an enterprise as you will find.

Gable told why the Seventh War Loan must absorb more money from individuals than any previous drive. You couldn't outbid it when he got through.

Gable carries a big repertoire of billion dollar figures in his fabulous memory, about which a good deal has been written. When he sat down amid long and loud applause, Bob Coyne took the floor. When you hear Coyne speak, you don't forget it. As field director of the War Finance Division, he has been Gable's right hand man since the early months of the program.

"You went out to sell bonds," he

The Prodigal Returns



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...and you sold Unity and Faith, that's a sale that we want to stick. "You talked Thrift to little people and sold shares in the Future; shares not sold by demagogic promises of something for nothing, but by a true partnership earned by sharing the load. That's a sale we want to stick.

"You sold a bill of goods to the children of the nation. You sold them a contract. A contract with a warranty. A warranty that there are things worth fighting for; that 'God and Country' is not a trick phrase; that life is not a racket; and that there is a chance even for kids to help keep it on the square. That's a sale that we want to stick."

Many in the audience had tears in their eyes. It seemed to me their jaws stuck farther out. They went back to their plants.

Today On The...

(Continued from page one)

If it all comes down to this: If there is a league, and if the five big powers work together to maintain peace, they can do it. If one of them kicks over the traces, then the shooting starts again.

Meanwhile, until the various nations approve the work done at San Francisco, the league remains a dream.

The War Today...

(Continued From Page One)

...this is the most valuable island yet invaded.

What does that mean in specific strategic terms? For one thing it will give us virtual control of the east China sea, and that means access to southern China. It also means that Japan will have increasing difficulty in maintaining communications with her armies in southern China, and also in transporting raw materials from China to Nippon.

Naturally this control of the East China sea will facilitate allied amphibious invasion of the China coast, should that be deemed necessary.

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS
1. High mountain
2. Bad habits
3. Peculiar
4. Breeze
5. Water away
6. Lumber
7. Only
8. Mechanical
9. Monkey
10. Situation
11. Breeze
12. First post-union abbr.
13. Article
14. Genius of the maple tree
15. South American
16. Chief justice
17. Change with
18. Equality

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3. Pare
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11. S-shaped molding
12. Plains of
13. Father
14. Argentine
15. Singing bird
16. Spanish judge
17. Feminine name
18. Look
19. Pkurtative
20. Solid water
21. Beardless
22. Baseball team
23. Vanitation
24. Greek letter
25. Illustrious
26. Helped
27. Walk
28. Good-by
29. Roubida
30. Horstach
31. game
32. Came together
33. Oriental commander

Russian Army ...
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pounded gap fortifications from the south between captured Sopron on the Neusiedler See and Wiener Neustadt, and pushed into the Leitha Mountains farther north. The Russians drove within eight miles of Wiener Neustadt, and were only four miles from the vital railway linking Vienna with Northern Italy. East of Bratislava, troops of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army were moving down the Karpaty Mountains, west of Trnava and within 12 miles of the capital of the puppet state of Slovakia. Another Russian column fought for the railway junction of Lanschut, only eight and a half miles west of Sopron. More than 32,150 Nazi prisoners surrendered in the last 24 hours as Tobruk advanced 15 miles yesterday in one of the swiftest operations of the war on the Eastern Front. Tanks of Malinovsky's divisions

driving westward on the south side of the Danube, shoulder to shoulder with Tobruk, wedged far behind the Germans, disorganizing resistance and ranging very close to Bratislava, itself.

Vienna's outer fortress of Wiener Neustadt came under the fire of the city's artillery today.

Premier Stalin announced in one of these orders of the day yesterday that the long-encircled Oder River citadel of Glogau, 53 miles northwest of Breslau, had fallen with a toll of 8,000 German prisoners, after a seven-week siege.

(The German radio, meanwhile, said that 450,000 Russian troops had opened an all-out assault against Stettin, Baltic anchor of Berlin's defenses along the Oder River. Berlin said Third White Russian Army divisions had taken up positions opposite Berlin after marching from East Prussia.)

Find Jap ...

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the Kobayashi group, then inside the walled Intramuros, on Feb. 13. "All the people on the battlefield with the exception of Japanese military personnel, Japanese civilians and special construction units will be put to death."

The following is a paragraph from a Japanese battalion order dated Feb. 8, captured in the Intramuros by 14th Corps soldiers:

"When Filipinos are to be killed, they must be gathered into one place and be disposed of with the consideration that ammunition and manpower must not be used to excess. Because the disposal of dead bodies is a troublesome task, they should be gathered into houses which are scheduled to be burned or demolished. They should also be thrown into the river."

A diary, presumably belonging to a member of the Akatsuki Force in Manila and captured by 14th Corps troops, contained the following items:

"Feb. 3—150 guerrillas were disposed of tonight. I personally stabbed and killed 10.

"Feb. 8—Guarded 1,164 guerrillas newly brought in today.

"Feb. 9—Burned 1,000 guerrillas to death tonight."

The pattern of the atrocities as described in the affidavit reports is so similar as to indicate strongly they were by general order to all Japanese troops.

Some of the cases rival the most brutal of history's inquisitions and tortures. Perhaps the most horrible is contained in the report of atrocities at Port Santiago, inside the Intramuros, sworn to by Col. J. D. Frederick, commander of the 129th Infantry of the 37th Division.

Probing in the rubble of the destroyed fort, Frederick and his men found a dungeon-like room partly below the ground whose only exits were sealed by two seven-foot steel doors bolted from the outside.

Inside, they found the decomposing bodies of between 250 and 300 Oriental civilians. The only window in the five-foot thick walls was partially sealed.

Frederick thinks most of the victims starved to death, but that some of them suffocated. Thirty bodies were sprawled around the steel doors. They died trying to force the doors.

Throughout the Intramuros Frederick and his men found smaller piles of corpses, of both sexes, many with their hands bound and bearing bayonet wounds.

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court

By CHESTER WALSH
In City Recorder's Court today Judge Jimmy Roberts sentenced Sol Spencer, Negro, to six months on the roads, for holding up and robbing Jennes Belcher, Negro, of his clothing, shoes and hat and wallet at Spencer's home Saturday night, and forcing him to leave the house in "nature's raiment." Belcher walked a quarter of a mile to his home, donned trousers and reported the robbery to police. When officers arrested Spencer he said, "We were only having a little drinking party."

Willie Spencer and Mary Esau Negroes, fornication and adultery; Spencer was given six months on the roads. Judgment was continued in the woman's case to make arrangements for getting her into an asylum. Mandy Esau (Mary's mother) and Sol Spencer, Negroes, were found guilty of fornication and adultery. Judgment was continued in both cases. Spencer had already been sent up for six months for robbery.

Charles Cox, charged with drinking liquor in a public place, was called and failed to answer. A capias was issued.

Roy White, carrying a concealed weapon (blackjack) was fined \$50 and costs and the weapon was confiscated.

Neal Cherry, Jr., Negro, assault with a deadly weapon; 30 days or \$25, and to remain away from Greenville until August.

John H. Palmer and Tommy Simmons, Negroes' disorderly conduct and profane language, each \$10 on costs.

Otis Hawkins, Negro, drunk and disorderly, 30 days or \$20.

Jim Freeman, drunk, 30 days or \$15; C. R. Dail, drunk, costs.

Johnny Greene, Negro, disorderly conduct, 30 days in jail or \$20.

John (alias Skin John) Jones,

Strike Ended
Detroit, April 2—(AP)—A four-day strike protesting discharge of a union steward ended this morning as 23,000 employees restored production of airplane parts in plants of the Hudson Motor Car Co.

Farm Values Up
Raleigh, April 2—(AP)—North Carolina farm land values have advanced in the last 30 years from \$100 to \$224, per acre, based on averages compiled by the State Department of Agriculture.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE BANK OF WINTERVILLE

of Winterville in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on March 30, 1945.

ASSETS
Loans and discounts \$ 44,177.16
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed 118,136.25
Obligations of States and political subdivisions 29,865.00
Other bonds, notes, and debentures 5,112.50
Corporate stocks (including \$5,000 stock of Federal Reserve Bank) 5,000.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection 441,652.34
Bank premises owned \$2,724.50, furniture and fixtures \$6.84 2,731.34
Other assets 1,838.70

TOTAL ASSETS \$648,513.65
LIABILITIES
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations \$454,581.45
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations 103,299.81
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings) 6,394.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions 15,745.53
Deposits of banks 5,154.34
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.) 1,115.13
TOTAL DEPOSITS \$586,290.46
Other liabilities 3,294.45

TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below) \$589,584.91
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS
Capital \$ 33,500.00
Surplus 22,000.00
Undivided profits 3,426.64

TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$ 58,926.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS \$648,513.65
*This bank's capital consists of common stock with a total par value of \$33,500.00

MEMORANDA

Pledged assets and securities loaned (book value):
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities \$ 20,000.00
Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bill rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement) 12,270.00

TOTAL \$ 32,270.00
Secured and preferred liabilities:
Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law \$ 17,498.87
TOTAL \$ 17,498.87

On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was \$ 93,108.00
Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to \$441,652.00

I, J. L. Rollins, Cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. ROLLINS, Cashier.
Correct—Attest:
P. WEATHINGTON,
R. L. WORTHINGTON,
A. W. ANGE, Directors.

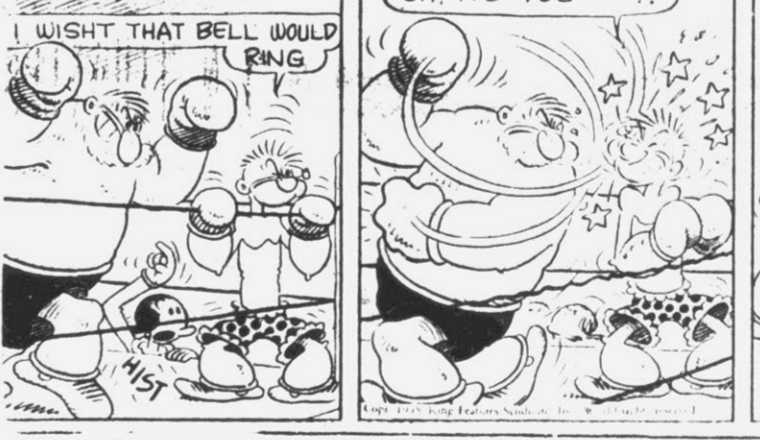
State of North Carolina, County of Pitt (ss):
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of March, 1945, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

G. I. ROUSE, Notary Public.
My Commission expires March 27, 1947.

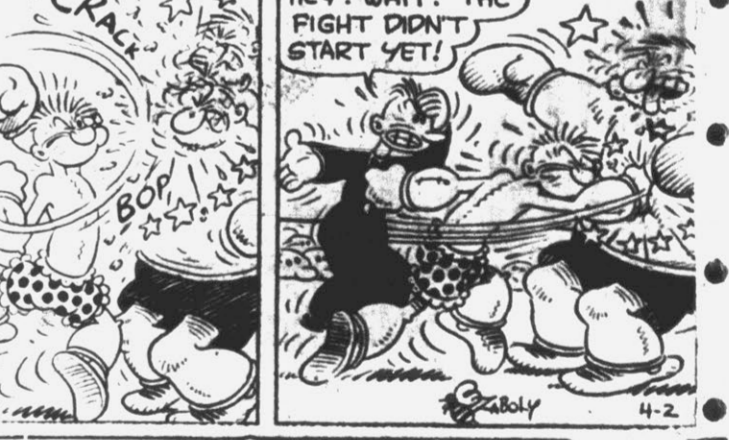
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FOR RENT — FURNISHED COT-tage at Shady Banks, near Washington. Lights, water, Kelvinator and gas range. James R. Worsley. 30-9t



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Nat Biscuit	24
Nat Cash Reg	32 1/2
Nat Dist	39
N Y Cent	23 1/2
No Am Aviat	10 1/2
Packard	6 1/2
Param Pic	28 1/2
Penney J C	109
Penn RR	35 1/2
Pepsi Cola	23 1/2
Phillips Pet	49 1/2
Pullman	50
Pure Oil	19 1/2
Radio	11
Rem Rand	23 1/2
Repub Sil	21 1/2
Reynolds B	33 1/2
Sear	10 1/2
Sou Ry	39 1/2
Std Brands	31
Std Oil N J	58 1/2
Stewart Warner	17 1/2
Swift	31 1/2
Tex Co	51
Un Carbide	85
Unit Aircraft	29 1/2
Unit Corp	17 1/2
Unit Drug	17 1/2
US Ind Chem	46 1/2
US Rubber	56 1/2
US Steel and Ref	59 1/2
US Steel	62 1/2
Vanadium	24 1/2
Warner Pic	13 1/2
Western Union A	45 1/2
West El and Mig	12 1/2
Woolworth	43 1/2

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New York Cotton
New York, April 2—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 5 to 45 cents a bale higher.
Noon prices were 25 to 45 cents a bale higher. May 22.08, July 21.81, and October 21.31.
Futures closed 25 to 85 cents a bale higher.

	Open	Last	Prv Cl
May	22.04	22.08	22.03
July	21.78	21.89	21.75
Oct.	21.29	21.39	21.23
Dec.	21.19	21.28	21.12
March	21.10	21.18	21.01

Middling spot 22.45, up 7.

Grain Market
Chicago, April 2—(AP)—May rye, establishing a new seasonal peak sold at \$1.22 1/2, up the five-cent limit from Saturday's close. Other grain futures markets were firm to strong.
At the finish wheat was 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 higher than Saturday's close. May \$1.72 1/2. Corn was up 1 1/2 to 2 1/2. May \$1.13 1/2. Oats were 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 higher. May 65 1/2. Rye was up 2 1/2 to 4 1/2. May \$1.22 1/2. Barley was unchanged to 2 1/2 higher. May \$1.09 1/2.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, April 2—(AP)—The stock market today started the new month at generally higher levels but with dealings so negligible that the recovery failed to impress the majority of analysts.
Modest advances were plentiful after the opening and plus marks of fractions to a point or more held the spotlight at the close. Transfers of about 600,000 shares were around the smallest for a full session since last October.

FINAL STOCKS

Allegheny	3
Al Chem and Dye	156
Allis Chat Mfg	43 1/2
Am Can	93
Am Car Fdy	43 1/2
Am Rol Mill	17 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	43 1/2
A T and T	162 1/2
Am Tob B	70
Anaconda	43 1/2
Arm Ill	71 1/2
A C L	67
Atl Ref	33 1/2
Aviat Corp	5 1/2
Baldwin	27 1/2
B and O	15 1/2
Barnesall	22
Bendix Aviat	49 1/2
Beth Stl	72 1/2
Boeing Airpl	20 1/2
Borden	35 1/2
Budd Mfg	10 1/2
Burl Millis	21 1/2
Bur Add Mach	14 1/2
Case J I	37 1/2
Caterpil Trac	30 1/2
Ches and O	49 1/2
Chrysler	97 1/2
Coca Cola	132 1/2
Coml Credit	41 1/2
Coml Solv	16 1/2
Consol Edis	26 1/2
Cont Can	62 1/2
Corn Prod	40 1/2
Curt Wright	5 1/2
Goodyear	69 1/2
Dow Chem	134 1/2
Dupont	159 1/2
Doug Airc	17 1/2
Eastman Kod	175
Pfizer	56 1/2
Gen Elec	40 1/2
Gen Foods	41 1/2
Gen Mot	64 1/2
Goodrich	57 1/2
Goodyear	52 1/2
Int Harvest	76 1/2
Int Tel and Tel	26 1/2
Johns Man	109
Kennecott	37 1/2
Ligg and Myers B	83
Loews	79
Mont Ward	54 1/2
Nash Kely	17

Two Boys Drowned
Payetteville, April 2—(AP)—Robert Quick, 11, and Herbert Yarkis, 12, drowned in a pond near their Spring Lake homes late yesterday. Their bodies were recovered two hours later.
Billy Duke, 13, told Coroner W. C. Davis he and the two other boys were out in a rowboat when it capsized in deep water. He escaped by swimming ashore but his companions were unable to swim, he said.

Postpone Eastern Star Meeting
Winston-Salem, April 2—(AP)—The annual meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star scheduled for Greenville June 12 and 13 has been postponed. Mrs. Blanche C. Twiford of Elizabeth City, worthy grandmatron of the North Carolina chapter has announced.
The action was taken to conform with ODT regulations.

Important Meeting Wednesday
An important meeting sponsored by the OPA will be held at the City Hall Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. All owners or managers of stores that sell apparel and apparel accessories, household textile commodities, etc., are invited to attend. A new regulation will be explained by OPA officials from Raleigh.

Flier Killed
Seymour Johnson Field, March 31—(AP)—Lt. Louis G. Young, 21, of Anderson, S. C., was killed near Newton Grove early today when he bailed out of a fighter plane at too low an altitude for his parachute to open. Post Commander Colonel D. B. Howard announced.

Court To Study Beef Ceilings
Washington, April 2—(AP)—The emergency court of appeals may decide today whether to take another look at the beef price ceilings it previously ruled invalid.
A request that the decision on ceilings of fresh beef only packers be set aside was filed by the OPA Saturday. The court, hearing a case in New York, agreed to consider the motion there.
The move was coupled with cancellation by the agency of a subsidy reduction to these slaughterers scheduled to go into effect yesterday. Elimination of the slated 50-cent cut—from 80 to 30 cents a hundred pounds—was a direct result of the court's finding that the non-processor packers were not breaking even financially under present ceilings and the higher subsidies.
Price Administrator Chester Bowles, in a week-end statement, said OPA nevertheless was convinced that the 80-cent subsidy is "more than sufficient."

Hitler Plans Mass Murder
Stockholm, April 2—(AP)—The free German press agency said today without confirmation from any source and without giving authority for its statement that Hitler plans the mass murder of Allied prisoners of war, hostages from occupied lands and the remaining Jews if his "last proposals for a humane peace" are rejected.
The Stockholm bureau of the AP transmitted this dispatch "for information." It says it can not vouch for the reliability of the free German press agency's reports.
Hitler's proposal, according to the story, calls for an immediate armistice with the western allies, and continued war against Russia followed by a "European peace conference" to which Russia would not be invited.
Hitler also was represented as willing to let the German people decide by a free election whether he should remain as leader of the Reich.
In another story attributed to a high officer in the German high command the agency asserted German war leaders acknowledge they no longer hold control over the situation and are convinced the Germans cannot hold out more than a week longer.

Strike Disorders
Hollywood, March 31—(AP)—Police reported that eight property men at Paramount Studio were injured, two of them seriously enough to be hospitalized, last night in the most serious disturbance of the 19-day-old motion picture strike.

NEW GAINS IN PHILIPPINES

Jap Dead In Campaign Placed At 307,000
By FRED HAMPSON
Manila, April 2—(AP)—American troops, clearing the Japanese out of the Philippines on a dozen fronts, counted 10,971 additional enemy dead in the last five days.
This brought Japanese dead for the entire Philippines campaign to some 307,000—against an announced American toll of dead, wounded and missing of around 30,000.
Gen Douglas MacArthur's Monday communique, reporting the five-day count, said 185 Japanese were captured. American losses for the period were given as 340 killed, 48 missing and 919 wounded.
American gains on all fronts were announced. Japanese counterattacked ele-

Chocowinity Seaman Was Killed At Sea
Washington, April 2—(AP)—Two North Carolinians were among 15 American merchant seamen who die shiping save 19 Norwegian refugees when German planes sank a "hefty" ship off Norway several weeks ago.
Robert J. Hunt, purser, lost his life when he stopped to give first aid to a wounded gunner. His mother, Mrs. Mary Scott, lives at 422 Arlington street, Greensboro, N. C.
Seaman Robert L. Cramer of Chocowinity, N. C., was among members of the crew not rescued.

ments of the 25th Division in Luzon but were beaten off. The 25th continued mopping up by clearing positions along the Villa Verde Trail.
Thirty-third Division troops, pushing towards the Philippine summer capital of Baguio in the Benguet Mountains, advanced two miles from Naguilian to the outskirts of Burgos. The 113th Infantry was led in this push by Lt. Col. Arthur Collins of Boston, Mass.
First Cavalry troops, tightening a vice on Japanese-held San Pablo, south of Laguna De Bay in Southern Luzon, used loudspeakers and scattered leaflets in efforts to get the trapped enemy to surrender.
On Negros Island, invaded Thursday, 40th Division Doughboys approached the outskirts of Talisay and the Talisay airstrip.
On Cebu, the American division advanced five miles on the coastal road from Lahog to Consolacion against moderate resistance. Other units reached the foothills of the central mountains, northeast of Pardo and Guadalupe. Japanese artillery fire from the hills was heavy.

COLORED NEWS
Miss Reno Clark of Plainfield, N. J., is visiting Mrs. Carrie Skipper and Mrs. George Forman in Greenville.
Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for parole of Wallace Barbour, now serving on the roads under a sentence for larceny received at the January Term, 1945, of the Pitt Superior Court.
Persons objecting to parole will notify the Commissioner of Paroles within two weeks of this date.
This 30th day of March, 1945.
C. A. BARBOUR.
Apr. 2-tlw-2wk.

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DEEP SOUTH IS HIT BY STORMS

Eight Reported Dead And Hundreds Homeless

(By The Associated Press)

Floods, tornadoes and tidal waves left a toll of at least eight dead, hundreds homeless and uncounted property damage in the Deep South today.

Week-end deluges, which accompanied the sporadic storms, increased the flood danger along the Mississippi's tributaries where engineers have battled to save levees for weeks.

A three-foot tidal wave from the Gulf of Mexico swept up Atchafalaya River into Morgan City, La.

flooding 30 blocks and driving 70 families from their homes.

At Mobile, Ala., high winds and tides capsized a boat in Mobile Bay and a man was drowned. In several waterfront areas residents had to be evacuated from their homes.

Three persons were killed, three others injured and several homes destroyed by a tornado which hit Caney, La. Another twister demolished 11 homes and damaged others in Many, La.

High winds at Birmingham, Ala., and Tuscaloosa, Ala., uprooted trees and blew down electric wires. A woman at Birmingham was struck by a glass pane blown from a down-town store window and was injured.

Tent camps for flood refugees were set up by the Red Cross in several Central Louisiana towns. Four young people were drowned near Erath, La., when an automobile plunged into a flooded canal.

Most of Jefferson, Tex., was partly inundated yesterday when three rivers in the Arkansas-Louisiana-Texas triangle rose to all-time



FAVORITE—Yanks in an amphibious force in Hawaii saw a picture of singer Monica Lewis (above), wrote that she was favorite pin-up girl of Hawaii so she sent them this photo.



BALL GAME ON GUAM—Naval officers and men crowd Geiger Stadium on Guam to see the all-stars of the 3rd Fleet play the 5th Fleet.

Flag Picture Basis For Bond Poster



The famous picture of Marines raising the American flag on Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima, taken by Associated Press Photographer Joe Rosenthal, an assignment with the wartime still picture pool, is the basis for this insignia being used by the Treasury Department for the 7th war bond drive. The original photo has been simplified by the artist in designing the insignia. (AP Wirephoto).

highs.

The U. S. Weather Bureau at Shreveport, La., said that the worst flood on record seemed to be developing in that area, drained by the Little, Red, Sulphur and Cypress Rivers.

The Red Cross called for evacuation of several hundred families living along the St. Francis River in Cross County, Arkansas, and asked Army engineers to provide for their removal.

Nazis Fight . . .
(Continued from page one)

Zutphen canal, Marshal Montgomery's British forces entered the Westphalian capital of Muenster and threatened Osnabrueck in a northeastern sweep.

The Ninth army has driven 100 miles east of the Rhine, well past the Ruhr and its vast steel and coal works.

The Third army, rambling swiftly and almost at will over central Germany, crashed into Kassel and Fulda and drove within 155 miles of Berlin and 198 of the Russian lines in the east in a mighty campaign to bisect Germany.

The British Second army, wheeling toward the north German ports, plunged to the outskirts of Lengerich, 2 miles northeast of the Westphalian capital of Muenster and 122 from Hamburg. Lengerich is 74 miles from Bremen and 217 from Berlin.

Field Marshal Montgomery lifted the long silence about the 25th army group advances in the Ruhr and on the Westphalian plains late today.

Among towns captured were Rheine and Enschede. Britons were in the outskirts of Gronau. The Zutphen-Enschede canal has been reached.

The entire German army group B commanded by Field Marshal Walther von Model was trapped in the Ruhr. In army group B are the Fifth German panzer army, last tank army the enemy has in the west, the 15th army and portions of the battered First parachute army.

In the 4,000 square mile Ruhr bag are five tank, ten infantry, two parachute and four other divisions of Volksturm and Volksgrenadier troops. Model was believed to have escaped before the Second and Third divisions slammed shut the tight steel trap on Easter Sunday.

The trapped Germans thrashed about looking for a weak spot they could not find.

Farther south, the 7th army threatened the great Nazi shrine city of Nuremberg from positions 45 miles away, as well as Stuttgart. The 3rd army in the center threw tanks within 95 miles of Leipzig and 92 of Czechoslovakia.

Enschede, captured by the British, is 98 miles from Bremen and 106 from the port of Wilhelmshaven. Rheine is on the Ems river 17 miles inside Germany from Holland, 80 miles from Bremen and 135 from Hamburg.

Gronau is close to Enschede and between that Dutch city of 90,289

and Rheine. Enschede was Field Marshal Johannes Blaskowitz's headquarters, which were bombed into ruins last week.

The U. S. Ninth Army was disclosed to be clearing up the difficult built up Ruhr area north of the Emscher Canal connecting Duisburg with the Dortmund-Ems Canal—perhaps the most important artificial waterway in Germany except for the Kiel Canal.

The latest estimate of the trapped Germans in the Ruhr came from headquarters of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth Army. Don Whitehead, AP Correspondent with the First Army on the south and east side of the trap, said there "may be upwards of 100,000 Nazis caught in the Ruhr industrial basin."

Supreme Headquarters early in the day estimated the bag at between 40,000 and 100,000. The lowest estimate of 20,000 to 30,000 came in a dispatch from Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th Army group headquarters, hours before the full extent of the Ruhr triumph was disclosed.

After five days of portentous silence, Field Marshal Montgomery disclosed that German resistance in the bulging middle of his 21st Army group had collapsed and that his infantry forces were following swiftly behind the rampaging tanks.

At spots, however, the British, Canadian and American troops were running into "wildcat resistance," Correspondent Pugh Moore reported from the Marshal's headquarters.

Sustained opposition, for instance, was reported between Enschede and Rheine from isolated bands.

"Most other Wehrmacht troops

were showing more disposition to give up when cornered," Moore wirelessed. The British have taken 20,000 captives since crossing the Rhine and now are well over 100 miles beyond that barrier river.

The Ninth army was streaming toward the Westphalian Ruhr, where the Germans' main make-up supreme stand. After the Weser, which flows through Bremen, the Ems is the only real river on the high road to Berlin.

Simpson's army struck out this morning from a point southeast of captured Paderborn.

"The Second Armored Division and Infantry were boasting they would be in the German capital in less than a week," a front dispatch reported.

The 83rd Infantry Division was working down German pockets bypassed around Lippstadt, where the First and Ninth armies joined, and around Hamm, eastern exit of the Ruhr.

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Tough fighting is expected, however, as the Japanese reorganize for defense. The enemy, surprised by invasion of Okinawa's western shore near Katsena after a 10-day bombing and bombardment of his eastern shore defenses, was expected to fight fanatically from prepared positions, probably in the low hills in the center of the island. Estimates of Japanese strength on Okinawa range from 60,000 to 100,000 troops.

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be conquered.

Capture of Okinawa will afford airfields for intensified aerial neutralization of the empire's home airfields and continued devastation of its war vital industrial centers.

"It is difficult to over-emphasize the importance of this operation," asserted Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., commander of the new 10th Army. His command comprises the 24th Army Corps and the Marine Third Amphibious Corps, made up of probably six divisions—all veterans of Pacific fighting.

Buckner watched the landings from the flagship of Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner, commander of the amphibious operation.

"From the standpoint of our offensive, this is the most valuable island yet invaded," he told Associated Press Correspondent Vern Haugland.

Okinawa is only 325 air miles southwest of Kyushu, southernmost of the Japanese home islands; 365

northeast of Formosa, 750 from Luzon and 400 from the China coast.

Nakagusuku Bay would afford the Pacific fleet a new advanced base. Virtual control of the East China Sea and a much tighter blockade around Japan's sea lanes to the southwest also are in prospect.

Two Jima, secured only 17 days ago in the Pacific War's bloodiest campaign, gave the United States air bases 750 miles from Tokyo. However, it is too small to mount raids in strength, and the Marianas are too far from Japan to permit B-29's to carry quite half their maximum, 10-ton loads.

Two also has no harbor.

Invasion of Okinawa was the greatest amphibious operation of the Pacific war. Nimitz placed 1,400 ships of all types at the disposal of Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, commander of the Fifth Fleet and tactical commander of the Okinawa operation, while Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, commander of the world's largest carrier task force, had 1,500 naval planes.

Nowhere did the Japanese offer strong opposition. Associated Press Correspondent Robbin Coons said the huge amphibious force traveled unopposed through hundreds of miles at sea. Only four Japanese planes attacked the force on D-Day itself. All four were destroyed.

Ashore with the Infantry, Coons

radioed:

"American invaders enjoyed the easiest invasion night in the whole Pacific war—mysteriously easy. In contrast to the usual enemy-made hell of mortar, artillery and counterassault, the night was marked by the slightest of action. Typically, one unit reported that only a single mortar burst was fired in its direction during the entire period of darkness."

A Japanese Imperial communique asserted "furious fighting is raging" and claimed 41 invasion vessels, ranging from a battleship to "landing transports," had been sunk or damaged.

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west coast at 8:30 a. m. yesterday 4:30 p. m. Saturday. Eastern War Time), quickly captured two airfields and a dozen virtually deserted villages and towns. By nightfall they had carved out a beachhead three miles deep at points on an isthmus eight miles wide. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

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