

Partly cloudy and slightly cooler tonight, showers on coast this evening, Wednesday partly cloudy and mild.

Russians Smash Toward Berlin

German Command Says Red Assaults Have Torn Great Holes In Nazi Lines 33 Miles East Of City; Soviets Within 75 Miles Of Junction With Americans

London, April 17—(AP)—The Russians have torn open sectors of the German front east of Berlin and Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian Army has launched another powerful offensive across the Neisse in a drive to link up with the U. S. Third Army, the German high command announced today.

Russian troops driving through Austria captured Zisterdorf, oil center 16 miles north of Vienna, Marshal Stalin announced tonight in an order of the day.

Earlier the Germans said Soviet airborne troops had landed less than 23 miles from the Reich capital.

Transocean said a clean breakthrough by the Russians toward Berlin had been prevented.

"At some points the front was torn open, but later these points were sealed off and some of them were narrowed," the propaganda agency added.

The German high command imposed a security silence on naming places or details on the Berlin front, the agency said, indicating the situation was considered critical.

The German communists said Konev was attacking on a 33-mile front from Forst to Rothenburg, near the Saxony border.

Saving sections of the Berlin front had been ripped open, the German command declared, they were "closed again in fierce counterattacks."

The Germans said Konev sent his forces across the Neisse at two points. At the southern end of his attack front, the enemy declared, Konev plunged to Niesky, 48 miles northeast of Dresden, and 75 miles from the U. S. Third Army vanguard attacking toward that great city.

On the northern end, Konev struck forward 2 1/2 miles from Muskau at the Neisse toward Spremberg, 15 miles farther west on the Spree River. Spremberg is 48 miles northeast of Dresden, and 76 miles from the U. S. First Army at Wurzen.

Niesky is eight miles from the (Continued on page five)

Does Not Plan To Lift Racing Ban

Washington, April 17—(AP)—President Truman declared today he had no plan to lift the ban against horse racing.

Truman was asked at his first news conference about reports that former War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes wanted prohibition against racing lifted on May 10.

Promoted

Washington, April 17—(AP)—President Truman today nominated George Smith Patton, Jr., and Courtney Hicks Hodge to be full generals.

Patton commands the Third Army and Hodge the First Army in the fighting in Nazi Germany. They are under the direction of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied commander in chief.

The President also sent to the senate the nominations of nine major generals to be lieutenant generals.

They are: Joseph L. Collins, Oscar W. Griswold, Lucius D. Clay, Geoffrey Keyes, Edmund B. Gregory, Walton Harris Walker, Levin H. Campbell, Wade H. Haislip, and Eugene Reybold.

The President's elevation of Patton and Hodge to four star rank was in line with suggestions made by members of the Senate Military Committee that the active field commanders be accorded recognition.

Mr. Truman was a member of this committee before he became vice president and apparently shared the views of his former colleagues.

Some members of congress had complained because Patton and Hodge were not included in recent promotion lists.

ROOSEVELT WILL FILED

Document Provides Trust Funds For Family

New York, April 17—(AP)—A 14-page will of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt provides trust funds for his family, several bequests to individuals and institutions, and a considerable legacy of personal possessions for the United States government.

The will, executed Nov. 12, 1941, was filed yesterday in Dutchess County Surrogate's Court at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and was made public in New York by John C. Farber of the law firm of O'Connor and Farber.

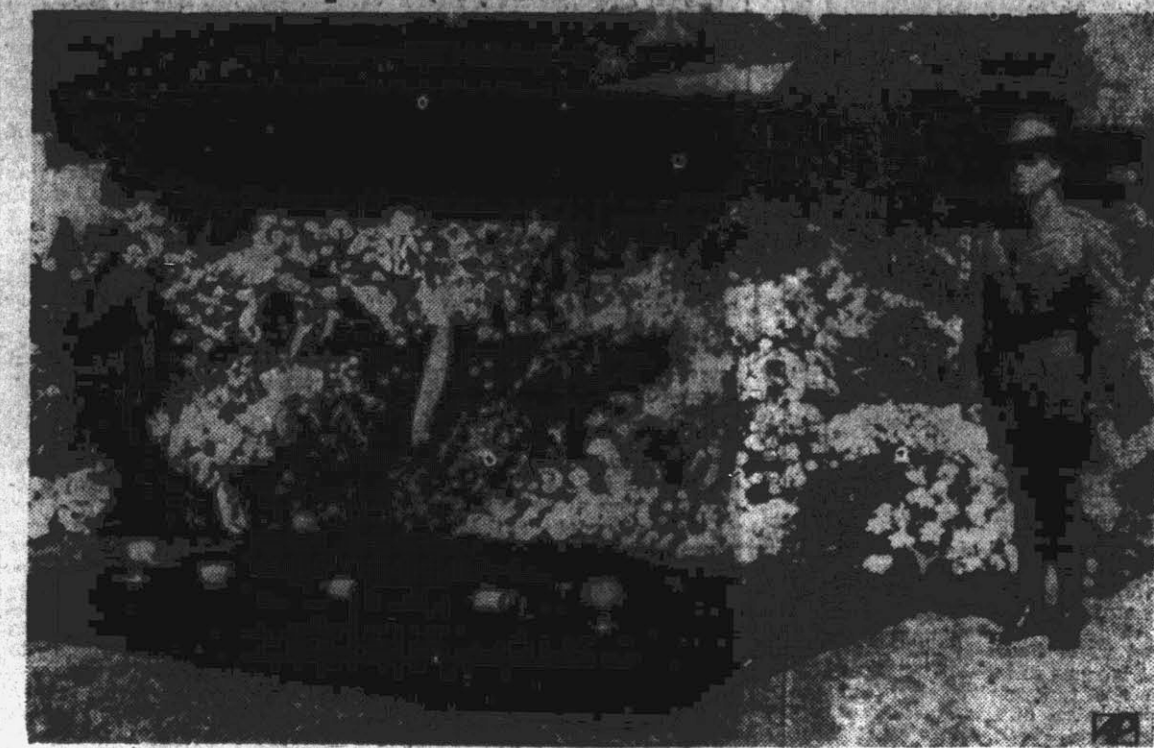
There was no valuation placed upon the assets of the estate, although Mr. Roosevelt inherited nine-tenths of a net estate of \$1,089,872 upon the death in September, 1941, of his mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt.

The late President bequeathed to his widow, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, all the income from a trust fund to be set up on his residuary estate. Upon her death, his children or their heirs will receive equally one-half of the remaining principal with any accumulations.

Separate trusts will be created from the other half and will be held for the benefit of the children and grandchildren.

The main house and grounds of Mr. Roosevelt's beloved Hyde Park (Continued on Page Six)

Troopers Guard Grave Of Roosevelt



New York state police stand guard over the flower bedecked grave of Franklin D. Roosevelt on his estate at Hyde Park, N. Y., after funeral rites there April 15. (AP Wirephoto).

LEND-LEASE IS EXTENDED

President Truman Signed Measure Today

Washington, April 17—(AP)—President Truman signed the lend-lease extension bill today.

In a statement the President declared the measure a "mighty instrument for victory" and one of the growing monuments to the boldness, imagination and effective statesmanship of Franklin Roosevelt.

"Lend-lease," he said, "will be carried on until the unconditional surrender or complete defeat of Germany and Japan."

The signing was witnessed by Secretary of State Stettinius, Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), Chairman Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Rep. Easton (R-N.J.).

The bill, extending lend-lease aid to the United Nations an additional 12 months from June 30, was signed after the President had conferred briefly with delegates to the forthcoming United Nations conference at San Francisco.

Stettinius and the congressional delegates remained over to watch Mr. Truman approve the lend-lease legislation.

The occasion was historic for several reasons. Among others it was the first time White House attaches could recall in which a president had signed a bill which he previously had signed as vice president and presiding officer of the senate.

It was the same measure on which Truman voted as vice president, after the senate had rejected by a 39-39 tie vote an amendment by Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) to place new restrictions on the postwar use of lend-lease materials. The vice president cast his vote with the opposition.

The occasion was not without its (Continued on Page Four)

Hitler Visits Berlin

Stockholm, April 17—(AP)—Two Swedish travelers who arrived in Malmö today from Germany said Hitler visited Berlin over the weekend and was still in the imperial capital on Monday.

The fuhrer was reported to have lunched secretly at Rangsdorf airfield outside Berlin.

Eisenhower For Single Command

By JULES GRAD (Stars and Stripes Correspondent) (Distributed By The Associated Press)

Superforts Seeking To Destroy Jap Airfields

Americans Press For Quick Conquest Of Field On Ie Island; Hard Fighting On Okinawa Continues

By ELMONT WAITE

Guam, April 17—(AP)—Six separate groups of Superforts blasted enemy airfields on Kyushu Island today with the avowed purpose of neutralizing Southern Japanese bases which have been hurling suicide planes against American naval and land forces around Okinawa for a week.

It was the third day of American air raids on Kyushu airdromes, 225 miles north of Okinawa. Carrier aircraft destroyed 109 Nipponese planes and damaged 63 in sorties over Kyushu Sunday and Monday, contributing a total of 1,674 Nipponese aircraft destroyed in a month around Kyushu and the Ryukyu Islands. Many of them were doomed in suicide attacks.

Mustang fighters from two Jma also raided Kyushu yesterday.

Today's blow was struck by a "large task force" of B-29's against six airfields, five of them on Southern Kyushu. It was the fourth Superfortress blow against Japan's southernmost home island in three weeks.

The Japanese Domei news agency said "some 80" Superforts raided airfields for an hour and a half in midafternoon in what "believed to be a tactical bombing attack aimed at destruction of our air strength."

Today's targets included airfields at Tachiarai, Kanoya, East Kanoya, Isumi, Kokubu, and Nittazabara. The last five are in the southern sector of Kyushu, around Kagoshima Bay.

Tachiarai was hit twice before by B-29's and East Kanoya three times. Others were Superfortress targets for the first time. Kanoya was attacked Sunday by carrier planes and

Monday by Mustangs which couldn't find an enemy to shoot. Previous Superfortress attacks on Tachiarai knocked out the machine works, about nine hangars and more than a score of buildings.

The new attack was made without escorting fighters. It was acknowledged that it was not a low-level attack, although the altitude was not specified.

Eleven B-29's were reported missing from yesterday's 400 plane incursion raid on Tokyo, which rekindled the enemy capital after fires last Saturday burned out 10 3-4 square miles of the industrial area.

By LEIF ERICKSON

Guam, April 17—(AP)—American Doughboys pressed today for quick conquest of Ie Island, only three miles west of Okinawa, so its three-runway airfield could be put into operation for stepped-up bombing of the Japanese homeland.

German Counterattack On Elbe Bridgehead Repulsed

Truman Outlines His Policies To Newsmen

Will Welcome Meeting With Heads Of Other Big Five Allied Powers; Curfew And Racing Ban To Continue

By JACK BELL

Washington, April 17—(AP)—President Truman told a news conference today he will be very happy to meet the heads of the other big five Allied powers as soon as possible.

In his first conference with newsmen since he succeeded Franklin D. Roosevelt, Mr. Truman said that he had not initiated any move toward a new meeting of the Allied leaders.

But in response to a question he said he would be very happy to meet Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and President Chiang Kai-Shek of China soon.

Mr. Truman added that he also would be glad to see General Charles De Gaulle, provisional president of France, if De Gaulle cared to arrange a conference with him. De Gaulle did not see President Roosevelt on the latter's return from the Yalta Big-Three conference.

Before a record breaking crowd of newsmen who jammed the Oval Room and overflowed on to a nearby patio the new President outlined briefly his major foreign and domestic policies.

"On the foreign front he said, 'He is backing to the hilt the American delegation to the San Francisco United Nations conference. He does not expect to attend the conference but will welcome delegates to the opening session by radio.'

"He expects to see Foreign Commissar Molotov of Russia before the latter goes on to the San Francisco meeting.

On the domestic front he said: 'He supports wholeheartedly President Roosevelt's program of international monetary agreements as included in the Bretton Woods pact. He has always been for the Reciprocal Trade Agreements program and backs it as it was submitted recently to Congress.

He intends to let the curfew and without stand, at least until V-E Day.

He does not plan to lift the ban on horse racing.

Mr. Truman made his announcements and answered questions while standing.

The President began by reading the rules under which his news conferences will operate. They were substantially the same as those under which Mr. Roosevelt worked.

(The basic rule is that the President will not be quoted directly without his expressed permission or when his statements are in writing.)

Then the President read a letter from Mrs. Roosevelt asking him to express for the Roosevelt family their appreciation for the "outpouring of affection" received after her husband's death.

Ninth Army Beats Off Assault Without Losing Ground; Commander at Chemnitz Declines Surrender Ultimatum; Ruhr Pocket Commander Reported Suicide

Third Army, April 17—(AP)—The German commander of Chemnitz rejected an ultimatum to surrender today.

The 90th and 26th Infantry Divisions advanced on a 15-mile front along the Czechoslovak border and the 90th Division reached a point only 4 1/2 miles from the frontier.

U. S. 9th Army on the Elbe, Germany, April 17—(AP)—Reports from the Ruhr pocket said tonight that Field Marshal Walther Von Model, commander of the annihilated German Fifth Panzer and 13th Army, had committed suicide.

His body has not been found. The Ninth and First Armies already have captured 200,000 Germans from the pocket.

By JAMES H. LONG

Paris, April 17—(AP)—The Germans launched a heavy attack today on the Ninth Army's Elbe bridgehead pointing toward Berlin, but the Americans beat off the attack without losing ground.

To the south, the Third Army captured the big Sauerbrunn rail yards of Plauen, in effect bisecting Germany, and beat down the last 50 miles to the Czechoslovak border.

More than half of Germany was conquered, 107,000 square miles under Allied and Russian banners, and 51,000 square miles remaining to the Germans.

The Germans attacked Lt. Gen. William H. Tunner's five-mile sector Elbe bridgehead in the Army sector 55 miles southwest of Berlin with 2,000 infantrymen and 30 tanks.

The Second Army and Third Army Divisions beat back the German thrust from Berlin and the Sauerbrunn. In the process, they killed and destroyed 15 in 20 of the tanks.

In the center of the Western Front, First Army troops crashed through a crumpled belt of 1,000 levelled anti-aircraft guns to within 100 yards of the ruined towers of Leipzig, Germany's fifth city. German military units, guns and uniforms (Continued on page five)

Snyder Appointed Loan Administrator

Washington, April 17—(AP)—President Truman today appointed John W. Snyder as loan administrator of the Federal Reserve Bank of the First National Bank of St. Louis. Snyder has been a major financial official of the Federal Reserve since 1933.

He succeeds Fred M. Vinson, who was director of war mobilization and reconversion after James F. Byrnes gave up that post.

Snyder has been in the banking business since service in the First World War.

SMALL GAIN ON ITALIAN FRONT

New Offensive Moves Ahead Yard By Yard

By MAURICE MORAN

Rome, April 17—(AP)—Fifth Army troops fought through bitter defenses and heavily mined areas south of Bologna today, measuring their advances by yards in the second day of the general Allied offensive to drive the Germans from Italy.

Toward the west coast, Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott's men gained 1,900 to 2,500 yards, but on his army's right flank advances were limited by interlocking enemy defenses and closely coordinated enemy small arms and mortar fire.

But Truscott, declaring "This army is fit and ready to fight," said such resistance had been expected because the Germans still are estimated to have 25 divisions in Italy.

"By attacking, we are preventing the Germans from pulling out at the last minute to other fronts," said Truscott.

The Eighth Army, which already was driving up the Po Valley in its drive of the offensive before the Fifth Army jumped to the attack yesterday, now has taken a total of 6,000 prisoners since beginning its (Continued on Page 5)

Today On The Home Front

By JAMES MARLOW

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

A socialist War Analyst

The madness of Hitler's last-ditch stand, in which he is deliberately sacrificing his fatherland in a despairing effort to save his own life, is one of the amazing pages of history.

Having become somewhat accustomed to the upheavals of his abnormal mind, one isn't surprised at the violence of the new—and perhaps final—order to his troops to hang on at all costs in face of the great new Russian offensive. He runs true to type in reviving his old role of Frankenstein and again bringing out what he often has described as the Bolshevist monster—a fearsome giant which he fabricated long ago to terrify the German public.

The Fuehrer declares that the "Jewish-Bolshevist arch enemy" is "trying to wipe out our people." He shouts that "while old men and children are being murdered, women and girls are being reduced to the status of prostitutes—and remainder led away to Siberia, x x x down the Bolshevist assault in a blood bath."

That would be a strange document to come from anyone but Hitler. This man, who has no more conscience than a coyote, raves of murder and prostitution when he himself has given orders for the slaughter of countless thousands of civilians and has made broad animals out of Germany's young girls by teaching them to have babies out of wedlock as a patriotic duty so that the Reich might have more men for cannon fodder.

Hitler's order of the day doesn't mention the Western Allies at all. It deals only with the "Bolshevists."

This Bolshevist theme has been one of the main planks in his platform ever since he started his climb to power, and he has hammered so consistently on it that many of the German people, undoubtedly are fearful of the Soviet Union.

It's safe to say that Hitler himself also is afraid of the Russians and—without good reason. He double-crossed them and broke his bond when he made war on them. He has carried out terrible atrocities on Russian territory. Certainly Moscow has no love for the Nazi dictator and, like the rest of the Allies, would like to put hands on him.

However, it's an interesting commentary on the situation that just prior to Hitler's order of the day, George Alexandroff, the Russian Communist Party's propaganda chief, made this striking declaration:

"The Red Army, fulfilling its great liberative mission, is waging war for the liquidation of Hitler's army. The Soviet government never has and does not have as its aim the extermination of the German people. This would be stupid and unthinkable. The Soviet people have never considered as one and the same the German population and the criminal Nazi clique ruling Germany."

Apart from this categorical statement, reports from the war theaters have indicated that the Red armies have been careful in their treatment of the people as German territory (Continued on page four)

Early Break In Polish Situation Is Anticipated

By FLORA LEWIS

Washington, April 17—(AP)—Conflicting reports on the status of attempts to establish a new Polish government heightened diplomatic expectations today of an early break in that two-year-old Allied log-jam.

Rumors already had begun to flood Washington that Marshal Stalin, following up his previous promise to send Russian Foreign Commissar Molotov to San Francisco—had agreed to a unified Polish regime as envisioned at Yalta.

These reports, which went without confirmation here, were followed shortly, however, by a Moscow broadcast reiterating a Soviet demand that the existing Kremlin-backed provisional government at Warsaw be admitted to the United Nations conference opening on April 25.

A similar demand met flat British and United States refusals some weeks ago.

It was not immediately clear whether the Moscow broadcast was intended to push aside a feeling that the gap in Allied diplomacy had been well healed or whether it was an official renewal of the Soviet demand on behalf of the Warsaw group.

Bombers Wreck Jap Shipping

By FRED HAMPSON

Manila, April 17—(AP)—Philippine-based bombers knocked 23 ships out of Japan's sorely-pressed merchant fleet Sunday and heavily pounded Formosa airdromes and port facilities at Davao, on southeastern Mindanao, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

The biggest bag was off the China coast between Shanghai and Saigon, where Yank fliers sank or damaged two large freight transports and 11 smaller vessels. Of Formosa they wrecked two large cargo ships and four other vessels, including a destroyer-escort.

Strong formations of Liberators bombed four airdromes on western Formosa. At least 16 planes—probably 21—were destroyed on the ground. Rail facilities were pounded. Davao is a key area of Mindanao, second largest island of the Philippines. Doughboys are cleaning out the Zamboanga peninsula on the southwest corner.

On northern Luzon, 33rd division infantrymen beat back several night counterattacks in their slow, three-way drive on Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines and Japanese stronghold.

The WAR TODAY

AN ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS

(While James Marlow is en route to the United Nations conference at San Francisco, his column will be written by other members of the Washington staff of the Associated Press.)

By STERLING F. GREEN

Washington, April 17—(AP)—Some of the worst shortages may come after victory in Europe.

Very obviously the government expects a German collapse before mid-year. Ultimately civilian goods will rise to pre-war level, even if Japan fights on for another 12 or 18 months.

But some of the really troublesome shortages—the day-to-day needs that worry housewives and cause hours of hunting in the stores—in shirts, shoes, house dresses, children's overalls and infants' underthings, are likely to be worse before they are better, come V-E day or not.

The War Production Board right now is wondering whether to start a big new campaign to patch, save and wear out. Some officials are even worried lest traditionally generous Americans give away for foreign relief garments they are going to need themselves.

Some of the goods that appear to be plentiful in the stores will disappear. Many are the tag-ends of supplies, the wind-up of the merchandizing pipeline from manufacturer to jobber to wholesaler to retailer.

The pipeline is emptying. When the stores sell out there may not be more coming up.

The very presence of well-filled dry goods counters has made it harder to win attention for looting civilian needs. When an army quartermaster officer sees a single June 21.

Social and Personal

Social Calendar

TUESDAY
8:00 p. m.—Chapter 149 of the Eastern Star meets.

8:00 p. m.—Mrs. Graham Miller and Mrs. Carey Joyner will be hostess at a kitchen shower in compliment to Miss Leah Mildred Ross, bride-elect.

8:00 p. m.—St. Mary's Auxiliary meets.

8:00 p. m.—The Fireside Club of the Christian Church meets with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Conley.

WEDNESDAY
2:30 p. m.—Girl Scout Camp Committee.

3:30 p. m.—West Greenville P. T. A. meets.

THURSDAY
10:00 a. m.—Council Training Day.

12:30 p. m.—Luncheon at Proctor Hotel.

FRIDAY
10:00 a. m.—Leaders' Training Day.

12:30 p. m.—Luncheon at Proctor Hotel.

8:00 p. m.—Miss Jane Tucker and Miss Annie Mae Cannon will entertain at a floating shower at the home of Miss Leah Mildred Ross, bride-elect.

Food Sale.
The Service League will sponsor a food sale on Thursday morning at 10:30 at Ellington's Book Store. Cakes, pies, salads, dough for rolls will be sold. The proceeds from this sale will go to the Laughing-house hospital bed fund.

High School News

Teachers' Meeting
There will be a meeting of all critical teachers and their supervisors in the high school library Thursday night.

Rationing
All students were asked not to go through the auditorium today, Wednesday or Thursday, because of the sugar rationing which is being handled there.

Concert
Miss Shindler and her musical groups are now working on concerts to be presented later in the year.

Scholarship Test
The Pepsi Cola companies all over the United States are giving 1,000 scholarships and 20 of these will go to North Carolinians. Three students, Robbie Dixon, Elizabeth Carter and Lindy Corey from the high school took this test yesterday.

NEWS ABOUT SERVICEMEN

Awarded Combat Badge
With the 83rd Division, Germany. Pfc. William W. Tucker of Route 1, Grimesland, N. C., has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge for displaying exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Tucker.

New Address
The new address of Bo Farley is: Cpl. Roland Farley, 8th S. C., O.C.S. Prep Course, 1882nd S. U. Camp Maxie, Texas.

Receives Commendation
Aboard an Aircraft Carrier in the Pacific. With 23 actions against the enemy to his credit in destroyers and carriers, William F. Vincent, water tender first class, of Greenville, N. C., has received a letter of commendation signed by Admiral C. W. Nimitz and a commendation ribbon. Engaged in farming before his military service, Vincent is now a veteran of both major services. He was in the army for two years and has now been in the navy for seven years.

Brothers Meet in Naples
With the Fifth Army, Italy. Pfc. George Harrington of Greenville, N. C., recently visited his brother, Edward Harrington, in Naples. George served in a firing battery of the 34th "Red Bull" Division, 151st Field Artillery Battalion on the Fifth Army front, and Edward is stationed in Naples with Allied Headquarters.

With B-29 Crew
Pvot Army Air Field, Texas. Cpl. Harold L. Nobles of Stokes, N. C., is now completing his final-stage training as a member of a B-29 crew at Pvot Army Air Field. Son of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Nobles, Jr., of Route 1, Stokes, he is a graduate of Stokes High School, class of 1941, and a former student at N. C. State College. He entered the service April 15, 1944, and is a gunner on the plane.

German War Trophies
Pvt. W. E. (Bill) Ennis, with Gen. Simpson's Ninth Army in France, sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ennis, Route 1, Greenville, a German airman's cap and a German infantryman's bayonet. The bayonet has two notches on the handle and shows signs of dried blood. Ennis has a brother in the service, Pvt. Walter G. Ennis, who is also with the Ninth Army.



RABBITS GO TO WAR—Merlin Sabel of New York examines a shipment of rabbits, now being sent in record numbers to laboratories for the war effort. Special railway express crates enable proper bedding and feeding en route.

Forty Years Ago Today

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There was a big frost this morning and the potatoes that had not been covered up and other tender plants were badly killed. Some potato fields look like they had been scalded.

Among the new books recently added to the public library under the auspices of the End of the Century Book Club were "The Cost," "The Clansman," "Beverly of Graustark," "The Eternal City," "If I Were King," and "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm."

Masons Pay Tribute To Late President

In a brief but impressive ceremony Greenville Lodge No. 284, A. F. and A. M., paid tribute to the memory of our late President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. After a period of silent prayer, Dr. R. S. Boyd of the Presbyterian Church led in prayer, asking Divine guidance for his successor in the great tasks that confront him. W. F. Owens, at the piano, rendered appropriate music. James W. Brewer, worshipful master of the lodge, spoke on the great loss the nation

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Dr. Frank Kiwanis Speaker Farmville

By CHESTER WALSH
At the Farmville Kiwanis Club's weekly supper meeting in Farmville last night Dr. A. D. Frank, head of the history department at East Carolina Teachers' College, was guest speaker. He discussed "World Affairs." He gave a panoramic word picture of events leading up to World War II, pointing out incidents of vital effect on world affairs and concluding with a comprehensive description of events now occurring. Vice-President Charley Eithkens, who presided for President "Red" Williams, introduced the speaker. Ed Rawl of Greenville provided the program. Elbert Holmes led the group singing of Kiwanis songs. The Wilson Kiwanis Club will present the program in Farmville next Monday night. Prof. "Rip" Hodges will be the speaker.

Invited guests were June H. Rose of Greenville, Dr. John B. Glenn, pastor of Duke Memorial Church, and Marvin Y. Self. It was announced that Farmville will send a delegation to the Kinston club's charter night exercises next Friday night; that Farmville Kiwanians attending Kinston meeting or the minstrel show in Greenville next Friday night will be credited with attendance; that pictures made at the Farmville club's recent charter night banquet may be obtained from Owen Lemmon, and that April is the month when Kiwanis clubs are expected to have 100 per cent attendance.

Marine Band Will Feature Minstrel

By CHESTER WALSH
The annual Kiwanis minstrel show will be presented at the Austin building at the college next Thursday and Friday nights at 8 o'clock under the direction of Eli Bloom. A Marine orchestra from Cherry Point, including some of the nation's top musicians, and Mrs. Ray Tyson will provide the music. The eight end-men, headed by Tige (Sweetpea) Gardner, have a "bagful of new jokes." The specialty and chorus numbers are better than last year and Marie Smith Crute's dancing girls and boys are a revelation in terpsichorean revelry, a preview of a rehearsal indicated.

Ed Rawl is general chairman of the Minstrel Committee; N. C. Brooks, program and publicity; J. Hicks Corey, tickets. Corey requested today that members turn in their unsold Thursday night performance

tickets and make returns promptly for those sold. Tickets are on sale at Corey's office, 515 Dickinson avenue. They also will be on sale at the door of the Austin building.

Farm Agent Urges More Grain Crops

By WEATT BROWN
Two years ago Pitt county was a major livestock producing county but now has dropped way behind due to a bad crop year in feed crops. Floyd F. Hendrix told the Rotarians last night in the course of his remarks on agriculture. The county farm agent's co-workers are planning a project which inspired Agent Hendrix to say, "I believe next time we start out with livestock, we will get somewhere."

In getting his remarks under way the speaker said farmers would have ten per cent less labor this year on the farms even though last year opinion was that labor was very short. He said that there was nothing that could be done except to think and plan. "We are approaching the necessity of producing things we did not think we could," Hendrix said. In passing, he related statistics on the achievement of the county agent's forces in securing the growing of wilt-resistant tobacco plants. Pitt county now has 5,000 acres so planted.

Since it is necessary to produce feed crops to raise livestock, the problem is to improve feed crops. Farm leaders are trying to encourage improvement of this crop in order to increase livestock raised in Pitt county to enable the county to have a balanced farm income.

Experiments in corn production in Iowa have revealed that there was a direct relation there in quantity of production of corn and amount of fertilizer used. Pitt now has average production of 20 bushels of corn per acre against 55 bushels in Iowa which section is a com-

petitor with Pitt county in stock raising. Cost of producing feed determines whether it can be fed to stock, he said.

To promote improved feed crop production the county agent's office is providing seed free, fertilizer companies are providing free fertilizer, and cultivation is being county supervised in 40 different places in the county. These sample acres are to be compared with usual production methods. From these plots records will be taken to formulate recommendations to enable Pitt county to compete with Middle West livestock breeders. Contests among growers will also be used to promote improved methods and consequent greater quantities, the farm agent said in conclusion.

The usual procedure of the Club

meeting was held from out of recognition of the recent death of the late President Roosevelt. One of President Roosevelt's favorite songs was sung by Johnnie Overtone, Rev. S. E. Baker made a few remarks emphasizing the international leadership of the President. A silent prayer followed. "Rotary Anne night" will be held on April 20, according to Program Chairman Steve Walker. It will be strictly informal. A country ham dinner will be served and the district governor will be guest speaker. Visiting Rotarian Cooper Taylor of Charlotte was a guest last night. Other guests were W. F. Hampton of Columbus, Ohio, F. C. Grove and Senator Arthur B. Gosay of Greenville.

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THE DUCHESS

Chapter 2

"No, you are not through with the story, Christopher." There was an unrelenting determination in her voice that he instinctively resented. "The time has come for you to take up your responsibilities here, just as your father and grandfather did before you."

"We'll not go into family history either," Christopher interrupted irritably. "I'm fed up with that. If you must know, I'll decide what my responsibilities are and what I shall do with them. I'm through letting other people run my life."

Two pairs of brown eyes stared at him across the length of the room. They were curiously averted from the shrewd old eyes and the resentful young eyes. Something about his sure and stubborn marked the path of a stinking family resemblance between these two. Genevieve humbly smiled and then deliberately ended one row of knitting and started another. Christopher knew she had something more to say. He'd have to hear it some time, he might as well stay and take it now—nothing stopped the Duchess once she got on the beam.

"I attended the stockholders meeting at the store this morning," the Duchess said firmly. "You should have been there. They sent out a call for you, but no one could find you. All the officers were re-elected and a new vice president and general merchandise manager named."

"They'd have to do that. While has gone into the Navy. They have to have a man to fill his place."

Suddenly the Duchess dropped her knitting and leaned forward, with a single eager gesture. When she spoke there was an overtone of excitement in her voice that vaguely bothered him.

"I want to be the first to congratulate you, Christopher. They elected you first vice president and general merchandise manager. I have hoped for this for a long, long time."

"Me—they elected me—general merchandise manager?" Christopher stared after in blank amazement. "Why that's incredible. Sheer incredulity crowded out every other consideration, as he looked at her in bewildered silence. The thing was unreal, fantastic. They never put young men in a position like that, and he was just 26. At last he said in a low voice, "I can't justify for a position like that."

"You qualified all right with the stockholders," the Duchess rejoined calmly.

For the first time that evening, Christopher smiled. His aunt was one of the store's largest stockholders. So her "hopes" had probably been a deciding factor in the surprising and unprecedented action taken that morning.

"But my dear Duchess, Christopher hesitated, "I am thinking of the hard-billed gentlemen on our board. They'd never vote a dollar for anything without a written guarantee of five coming back! No, it's all cock-eyed. It doesn't make sense. Besides," he added, more soberly, "as he saw the worried look on his aunt's face, "a position like that would lead me to the store for life, and I have other plans. I'm going away."

Hesitated her levelly for a moment, then she said quickly, "I think a store is the dullest place in the world. It doesn't interest me in the least. Nothing of any importance ever happens in a store. People just go on and on, mechanically, all the days of their life. Work, get old, and then take their pensions. Nothing ever happens in a store. I'll have none of it."

"They need you at the store, Christopher. They want your young ideas, and Humbert management again. You'll do all right. Boy." The old eyes misted suddenly.

"At the rate people try to chart my existence around this town because my name happens to be Humbert, they leave me only one choice—and that is to get away from it all." Christopher ran his hands impatiently through his thick brown hair, then tossed back his head defiantly with a quick gesture that made the Duchess catch her breath sharply. She had seen her father do exactly the same thing whenever he was puzzled or very intent on making one of his famous lightning-decisions. Then Christopher jammed his hands deep into his coat pockets, and leaning against the side of the doorway, glanced solemnly:

"Duty, obligation, success, perse-

the Army Air Force.

"Lieut. Gray has destroyed two Japanese aircraft in aerial combat and probably destroyed three and damaged five in the air. On the ground he has probably destroyed two enemy aircraft."

Much Interest In Cleaning Up City

An enthusiastic group of citizens met at the City Hall last night to lay plans for the coming "clean-up campaign" in the city. Godfrey P. Oakley was elected general chairman of the campaign. He will announce his sub-committees later. City officials were present as well as representatives from civic organizations.

Miss Ann Elliott, health educator, State Board of Health, emphasized the health reasons for a "clean-up campaign," specifically on the point of preventing typhus fever, spread by rats; malaria, spread by mosquitoes, and typhoid fever and other intestinal diseases, spread by flies.

The city has been zoned by H. L. Rivers, superintendent of the Street Department and H. A. Hendrix, city sanitarian. Each civic organization has been assigned a particular zone for the white area, the colored area being taken care of by Prof. W. H. Davenport and his committee.

It was brought out at the meeting that due to the inability of the city to get trucks the city would be unable to promptly move the trash, rubbish, etc., developed by the campaign. At this point it became evident that it would be necessary that the public-spirited citizens of Greenville who have suitable trucks offer them to the Street Department to be used during the week of the intensive campaign. Such citizens will please get in touch with Mr. Rivers, phone 3583.

The intensive "clean-up campaign" will run from Monday, April 23, to Monday, April 30. However, householders and business houses will be requested to make a monthly check of their premises throughout the year. The meeting developed great interest in the project, and the feeling prevailed among those present that the campaign may be an unqualified success.

Dr. N. Thomas Ennett of the Pitt County Health Department presided.

Police Of Nation War On Bad Brakes

Chicago, April 17.—On Sunday the police of the United States and Canada will begin their special program aimed at saving passenger cars and saving lives and limbs by means of a unique check to be given cars involved in moving traffic

violations and in accidents.

"Need for such an unprecedented program should be clear to all motorists—and to all pedestrians," asserted Brig. Gen. D. C. Draper, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, sponsors of the six-week program.

"Evidence indicates that 10 per cent of the passenger cars in the United States and Canada have brakes which range from unsafe to plain dangerous," General Draper said.

The keystone of the police program is a small wooden block one inch thick which police officers will use in checking brakes. Officers will place the block on the floorboard under the foot pedal. The pedal is gently depressed. If it strikes the block before the brakes begin to grip, the officer will know immediately that the brakes are probably unsafe.

Motorists will be warned or required to have inspections and repairs made in accordance with local enforcement procedures.

"This nationwide police program is a war emergency effort to conserve cars and to prevent traffic accidents which are hindering the war effort.

Some 5,000 police chiefs in the United States and the nine provinces of Canada, heading tens of thousands of officers, are conducting the program which will terminate June 1.

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"FIRESIDE CHAT"

Last night as I sat by my fireside, sad at heart over the happenings of the past week, I seemed to hear an invisible radio. Angelic voices singing, as I had never heard it sung before, "How Firm a Foundation." As the last notes faded from this Hallowed station somewhere in the great "unknown," a soft, rich voice said—"and now ladies and gentlemen, on the earth, the former President of the United States of America—Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

"MY FRIENDS!—I am speaking to you tonight from a distant station—It was with deep regret that I was forced, by sickness, to leave the ship of "Victory" just as it was entering the "Port" of "Success."— Yet it was with profound satisfaction that I could rest assured my capable "mate," Harry S. Truman, could take over the "wheel" of State, and, with the assistance of you fellow passengers, steer it safely into port.

It is true your first voyage is nearing its end.—Soon you will start west in the same ship "Victory."—The waves of stubborn resistance are going to beat fiercely upon the sides of your great vessel as you cautiously advance in western waters.

When I chose Harry S. Truman as my mate I knew if, in the future, I might have to turn the wheel over to him he could ably steer you safely over the troubled waters to ultimate success.

Harry is going to have a trying voyage.—Many sleepless nights.—Many a difficult watch. He is going to often need the assistance of each and everyone of you passengers, from those of you who are forced to travel "steerage," to those of you who are fortunate enough to be travelling "first-class." He is going to need your indulgence—your patience—your co-operation, not only during your voyage in the Pacific, but even after you transfer from the ship "Victory" to that huge super-liner "Peace."

I hope the chart I prepared, during my voyage, from experience—from faith—and from Divine Guidance will be of assistance to my successor.—There were many "reefs" in the sea I travelled.—Many times our trip was delayed until the damage caused by those "reefs" could be repaired.—Often it seemed an impossible task.—Often with bowed head, and heavy heart, I called upon the Divine Carpenter to come to my aid... Always I found Him ready, and eager, to help me repair the damage. I am glad to say that Harry S. Truman, too, knows that same Carpenter—Yes—He is the same friend of Harry's that He is of mine.

When your great ship of "Peace" strikes a "reef" be good, brave passengers.—Do not become panic-stricken. Do not make the damage worse by cutting words of criticism.—Instead offer your assistance—That same assistance you so often gave to me.

Any leader is only as great as his followers. Stand by your new "Captain"... and when the final victory comes, and the millions of souls march up the gang plank to board the ship of "Peace"—let the flag of harmony wave high above her stern, and when she needs repairs, as all ships do, call upon the Divine Carpenter for His advice—and your ship "Peace" will be a ship of lasting beauty—sailing majestically, forever, upon the "Seven Seas" of "Religion"—"Love Of Humanity"—"Humility"—"Harmony"—"Freedom"—"Justice" and "Liberty" with no fear of being shipwrecked."

Edw. W. Hearne

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 BY EARL L. DOUGLAS

REPUTATION IS IMPORTANT

We are all familiar with the parable of the tares in which an enemy sowed noxious weeds among the good wheat. Many stories have been told of how men who cherished a good name and certain neighbors have gone out in the night and sowed weeds over fields where good grain had been planted.

A modern author, however, has told the story of a man who was reconciled to a neighbor he had formerly hated. Finding that the neighbor's harvest gave little promise because he had had only the poorest kind of seed to plant, this erstwhile enemy went over his neighbor's field at night and sowed it thick with a quality of seed in which there was promise of abundant harvest.

Under the cover of night we can go out and sow our neighbors' fields, and we can fill the soil with good seed or evil. This is another way of saying that behind one's back or under the cover of secrecy we can either injure our neighbors or help them, and this we can do by scattering through the community words of praise or lying words of accusation and bitterness.

People who scatter seeds of bitterness and hatred are punished by having some of these seeds fall into their own hearts and spring up to an abundant harvest of unhappiness. Those who sow seeds of good will in their neighbor's behalf find themselves living in a world that is full of light and happiness.

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AMERICA IN WARTIME
 BY JACK STINNETT

(First of two articles on streamlining Congress)

Washington—The first report of the Fulbright-Monahan committee investigating the possibilities for streamlining of Congress now is on file. What some committee members think ought to be done makes fascinating reading.

Perhaps the most drastic proposal was made by Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), a freshman senator who also has done his stint in the House of Representatives.

Sen. Fulbright suggests an executive-legislative cabinet, composed of the members of the President's cabinet and the chairmen of the Senate and House standing committees. He considers, of course, that these latter would be far fewer than the 90 standing committees of the two chambers today.

Most frequently suggested is the streamlining of Congress but the one many observers think the least likely to be enacted, because of the reluctance of members to give up committee seniorities, is a reduction in the number of committees. The Senator from Arkansas agrees wholeheartedly.

The idea of cooperation of the executive and legislative branches isn't any great novelty in itself. Leaders at both ends of Pennsylvania avenue have been struggling for it many years.

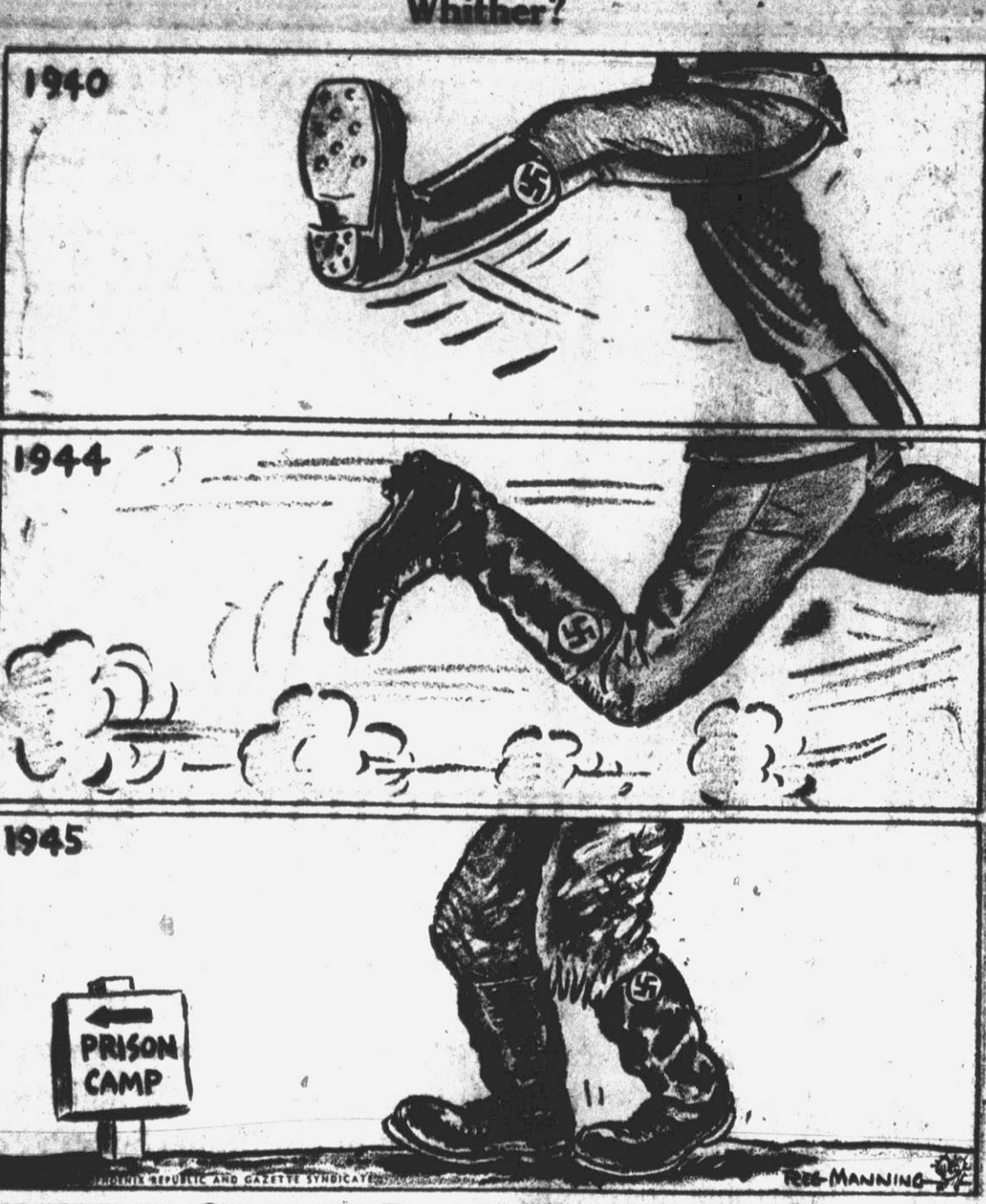
The novelty arises in the proposal of Sen. Fulbright that the executive-legislative cabinet have the power to dissolve Congress, the Presidency and Vice Presidency at any time there is a complete impasse.

This smacks of the British system and others on the continent, under which a new election is called whenever the existing government fails to receive a vote of confidence—but it wouldn't be the same.

In the first place, only twice in the last 30-odd years has an apparently complete impasse occurred between the executive and legislative branches.

Once was when President Wilson couldn't get the Senate to back him on the Versailles treaty and the League of Nations. The other was when President Hoover was stumped by an opposition Congress in putting over legislation to correct conditions growing out of the depression.

This doesn't mean that all other Presidents have had clear sailing



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with the Congress. About 40 percent of our Congresses have been at odds with the elected executives, but out-and-out rebellion has been rare. There always are vetoes and over-riding of vetoes, but generally these are matters of political expediency in which both branches feel their purposes well served and are willing to let go at that.

It is at those other times, rare though they may be, that Sen. Fulbright feels Senate, House and President should step down and take their arguments to the voters.

No Capitol Hill observers here think the Senator's proposal will get any serious consideration when it comes down to streamlining Congress, but the fact that it has been put forward at all is worth noting. Even more revolutionary measures eventually have found their way into the statutes.

(Tomorrow: More Congressional Reform Ideas.)

THE WAR TODAY
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has been occupied. Of course, few will be naive enough to think that either the Russians or the Western Allies are going to hang daisy-chains about the necks of the Germans and dance around the May Pole with them. However, the general German public appears to be faring better than all right.

This column explained last week, there are several reasons why Hitler has been holding the Russian front in much greater strength than that in the West. For one thing, he has created so much fear of the Russians in the public mind that a break-through along the Eastern Front might cause a collapse of morale in the Reich.

Then there is another point which George Alexandroff makes. He says the Nazis are baring their Western front to the Soviet's allies and concentrating forces on the Eastern Front as a gigantic political

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Chum
- Insect's feelers
- Deface
- Have obligations
- Order of frogs and toads
- Wood sorrel
- Statute
- Took the chief
- Hard-shelled fruit
- Dry
- Chart
- Spack of dust
- Mignonne's color
- Diminishes
- State whose capital is Denver
- Punctuation mark
- Rainy
- Recently acquired

DOWN

- Nautical hail
- Finish
- Air comb
- form
- Weight
- Hewing tool
- Item of property
- Trinket
- Partaining to the back
- bone
- Property
- American Indian
- Deal out sparingly
- Babylonian deity
- Chinese pagoda
- Guided
- English coins
- Answer; abbr.
- Dutch city
- American novelist
- Tablet
- Beat
- The moon
- Ready
- Pathetic
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- Sharp
- Fixed charges
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- Sum
- South American plain
- Leaven
- Chinese secret society
- Imitate
- Masculine nickname

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. Sharp 2. American novelist
 3. Fortune 4. Tablet
 5. Beat 6. The moon
 7. Ready 8. Pathetic
 9. Sounds of unvarying pitch
 10. Sharp
 11. Fixed charges
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BRITAIN PAYS LAST TRIBUTE
Services For Roosevelt Held This Morning
 By WILLIAM BONI

London, April 17.—(AP)—A somber King and Queen of Britain and a Prime Minister who wept for an old friend joined American service men and women today in a 40-minute tribute to President Roosevelt in battle-scarred St. Paul's Cathedral.

Princess Elizabeth, heir presumptive to the throne, accompanied King George and Queen Elizabeth. With Prime Minister Churchill, who proudly called himself "President Roosevelt's lieutenant," was his daughter, Sarah.

The high and the humble were in the gathering of 2,200 which filled the cathedral. Other thousands stood in the streets in the warm spring sunshine. They waited outside during the ceremony, and watched the dignitaries file from the church as St. Paul's bells tolled the requiem.

The dean of the cathedral said in his introduction that the ceremony was twofold in its nature:

A tribute to the services which President Roosevelt gave to the welfare and peace not only of his own people, but of all the peoples of the world, and a prayer that the great causes for which Franklin Delano Roosevelt labored may be brought to fruition for the lasting benefit of all the nations of the world.

With the exception of the introduction it was a regular Anglican service.

U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant read a lesson from the Book of Revelations of those who are "made white in the blood of the lamb."

At the conclusion of the ceremony Winant and Churchill walked down the aisle together—the Prime Minister pale and obviously affected.

The service included one of Mr. Roosevelt's favorite Psalms, the twenty-third, and the Battle Hymn of the Republic. After the blessing the clear notes of "Last Post," sounded by the buglers of the Royal Marines, echoed under the vaulted dome.

The singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the King" concluded the ceremony. The gathering stood quietly as the King and Queen and Princess Elizabeth and other members of the royal party filed out of the cathedral.

Early Break . . .
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ment of events," Churchill told Commons, adding:

"Serious changes in the world position have taken place since the order of business was planned. And now that the foreign secretaries of Russia, Britain and the United States will have an opportunity of a meeting, which had been greatly needed since we left Yalta, I should not like to plunge into discussions which may in any way impair the prospects of a definite improvement in regard to the various subjects which were discussed at Yalta and have not yet reached their full fruition."

Truman Outlines . . .
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Leahy, chief of staff to the President, Mr. Truman said he wished to make his position clear on some important subjects.

He plunged at once into a discussion of the Bretton Woods International Monetary agreements, which he said he would have supported if he had stayed in the Senate. The President said he would have helped all he could as Vice-President to get this legislation through the Senate.

He was for it all the way, Mr. Truman said with a smile. When a reporter asked whether his endorsement includes the International Bank Fund which is under fire by some Republicans in Congress, the President replied he was for the whole program.

Asked about legislation to extend the Reciprocal Agreement program, Mr. Truman said he had always been for that program. His votes in Congress, he added, would show that.

The President declined, however.

NOTICE
 North Carolina, Pitt County
 In the Superior Court
 John M. Wilkinson
 Vs.
 Louise Dell Wilkinson

The defendant Louise Dell Wilkinson as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, North Carolina, to obtain a divorce from the defendant on the grounds of two years separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County in the courthouse in Greenville, North Carolina, on the 24th day of April, 1945, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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 J. P. HARRINGTON, Clerk Superior Court Pitt County.
 Wm. J. Bundy, Attorney for Plaintiff.
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Lend-Lease . . .
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humorous aspects. After photographers and reporters had been called in for the signing it was discovered that the bill had not yet arrived at the President's office.

After waiting about five minutes, the President remarked with a wry smile:

"Somebody stole the bill."

An attaché rushed it in a short while later, however.

When the ceremony started, it was noted the President had only five pens to be distributed among the seven officials who witnessed the event. A search of nearby stenographers' offices yielded two more pens.

At one point during the wait, President Truman remarked:

"I've got so much work to do I don't know which way to turn."

"I thought it was a cinch after being a senator," Senator Vandenberg remarked.

Foreign Economic Administrator Leo Crowley and Oscar Cox, deputy foreign economic administrator, also witnessed the signing.

The text of Mr. Truman's statement:

"This is the third time that the lend-lease act has been extended by the congress—each time by overwhelming majorities.

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"On the western European front—the British, the French, the Dutch, the Belgians and other Allied forces have been equipped in part with lend-lease guns and other munitions; and shoulder to shoulder with our men, are fighting their way into the heart of Nazi Germany.

"In Italy—American, British, Polish, Brazilian and other Allied armed forces are joined in a common effort to speed final victory.

"On the eastern front—the Soviet forces, aided by lend-lease supplies, are striking blows which are breaking the back of Nazi military power.

"In the Far East—the Chinese, the British, the Australians, the New Zealanders, and other fighting allies, have joined with us in a combined attack which is now beating at the doors of Tokyo.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. Eastern War Time, April 28th, 1945, for furnishing all labor, equipment and materials for performing all work for clearing rights of way and excavating and cleaning out a drainage canal known as the Locker Swamp Canal, located in Pitt County Drainage District No. 5 in the County of Pitt, N. C., and near Greenville, N. C. That portion of the canal to be improved has an estimated total length of 15,400 feet and the work proposed will involve an estimated 7.0 acres of clearing and an estimated 35,500 cubic yards of earth excavation. All work to be performed in accordance with specifications which may be had at the office of E. M. Wooten, Jr., in Greenville, N. C., and must be performed within ninety calendar days after notice to proceed has been given.

This 10th day of April, 1945.
 E. M. WOOTEN, JR., Secretary
 Pitt County Drainage District No. 5.
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WE MIGHT AS WELL HARNESS YOUR ENERGY - THIS BEEF SHORTAGE CAN'T LAST FOREVER.

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THERE'S ONE FOR YOU AND ONE FOR YOU

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OH MY GOODNESS I'M ONE SHORT! THERE'S NONE LEFT FOR DAISY!

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Other than to business houses having regular accounts with us, no want ads will be charged. Send or bring cash with order. To prevent errors, want ads will not be taken over the telephone.

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LET US SHELL, HAND-PICK AND treat your seed peanuts. We have all varieties of select seed peanuts on hand. Avoid the rush. Place your orders now. We shell all day every day. Keel Peanut Co., Phone 2240. 26-1t

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FOR SALE—PLACE ORDERS FOR prompt shipment certified potato plants. For sale—5 hp. Johnson outboard motor, excellent condition. One 5-cylinder Burroughs adding machine. Geo. Kittrell, Winterville, N. C. 16-3t

FOR SALE—IMMEDIATE POSSESSION—a 5-room brick house, near Third Street School. Dial 3728. J. B. Oakley & Son. 16-3t

YOU'LL BE SORRY—BETTER HE said than sorry—right now is the time—high dollar today. We pay cash selling price. Service men and farmers are badly in need of the car you are not using. When new cars come out again prices will go down on your old car. We are both losing by your not acting now. Bring your car to us for appraisal. We buy and sell used cars. Brown-Wood, Phone 2882 day; 2803 night. Apr. 17-1mo.

WANTED—THE PUBLIC TO know I have opened a furniture and upholstery shop at 1023 S. Evans St. W. C. Barnard. 16-2t

DAIRYMAN WANTED—GOOD proposition for a good man. Must be honest and reliable. Home available. Apply Booker's Dairy Smithfield, N. C. 13-2t

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WILL PAY CASH FOR CLEAN Used Cars. Brown-Wood, Dial 2882. Mar. 17-1mo.

WE WILL GLADLY GIVE YOU the calling price, all cash, for clean used cars. We buy and sell used cars. New cars are coming soon. High prices won't last much longer. See or call us today. Brown-Wood, 636 Dickinson Ave., Day Phone 2882. Night Phone 2803. Apr. 17-1mo.

NOTICE MR. FARMER—YOU can still sell your poultry and eggs at the highest market prices—no prices have not gone down. When you get ready to sell bring them to us, we will pay the highest market prices at all times. Pitt Poultry Co., Falkland Highway, next to Radio Station. Lonnie Staton, Mgr. 22-1mo.

FOR SALE—SEE THE SILENT Flame Oil Burner demonstrated April 19 and 20. Installed in Lang's tobacco barn in Walsenburg. Heat controlled by thermostat. E. S. Newton & W. E. Lang, Agents for Greene, Pitt, Wilson, Lenoir & Edgecombe counties. Phone 2137. Walsenburg. 17-3t

ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF Planet, Jr. garden plows just arrived. Have Sudan grass seed for hay. Also plenty of all kinds of garden seed. J. A. Watson, Seed and Hardware. 8-1t

NOTICE—GREENVILLE RUG and Carpet Cleaning Company is now open and ready to give you high quality Carpet Cleaning. All new modern equipment. Nothing but the highest quality shampoo used. Each rug mothproofed, 24-hour service. Dial 4476. 14-2t

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FOR SALE—2 1/2 H.P. OUTBOARD motor and 16-foot boat, both in excellent condition. Hundreds of bicycle tires, tubes and repair parts. Also parts and service on any make of vacuum cleaner. W. E. Lang, Corner Woodland and Park Drive, Dial 3280. 14-3t

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FOR RENT—MODERN EQUIPPED service station. Good location, small capital and good references required. Reply "Station" Box 408, Greenville. 14-7t

BRING US YOUR HENS, WE are paying 23 cents a pound for them. Askew's Market, Dial 2125. 16-3t

WANTED—CLERKS, MALE OR female. Apply Askew's Market, Dial 2125. 16-3t

VACCINATE YOUR DOGS against rabies. I will be at the following places to vaccinate dogs on days specified: J. B. Worthington's Service Station Friday, April 20th, 12 to 7 p. m.; Herman Avery's Service Station Tuesday, April 24th, 12 to 7 p. m.; Haddock's Cross Roads, Thursday, April 26th, from 12 to 7 p. m.; rest of time, Hills Service Station, Winterville, N. C. L. B. Hill, Winterville, N. C. 14-5t.

GRAT COVERS—FIT MOST ANY car. Colors in maroon and plaids. Very pretty and serviceable. Phone 19, Washington Supply Co., Washington, N. C.

16 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN MAT- tress rebuilding, any old mattress made new. Write Washington Mattress Co., Washington, N. C. We call for and deliver. 3-cod-13t

ATTENTION FARMERS—WE ARE shelling peanuts for planting. Bring yours early and avoid the rush. Seed treated if desired. Our service will please you. Tyson Peanut Co., Stokes, N. C. 7-cod-6t

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FOR SALE: NICE HOMES, SMALL or large, city or suburban. Also some farms. Cash or terms. We buy or sell. If it's real estate see us. J. Hicks Corey Agency, Dial 2015, Greenville, N. C. Tue.-Fri.-1t

Hog Market
Raleigh, April 17—(AP)—(NCDA)—Hog markets steady with topds at 14.50 at Clinton and Rocky Mount and 14.85 at Richmond.

Poultry and Eggs
Raleigh, April 17—(AP)—(NCDA)—Egg and poultry markets steady to firm.
Raleigh—U. S. grade A large 36; hens, all weights, 27.
Washington—U. S. grade A large 40; broilers and fryers 33.9.

Grain Market
Chicago, April 17—(AP)—Rye rallied sharply toward the close today on the strength of the Winnipeg market, recovering most of the day's losses.
At the close wheat was 3/4 to 1 cent lower than yesterday's close. May \$1.74. Corn was 1/4 higher to 1 1/4 lower, May \$1.14. Oats were 1/4 higher to 1 cent lower, May \$1.33. Barley was 2/4 to 1/4 lower, May \$1.05.

New York Cotton
New York, April 17—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 40 cents a bale higher.
Futures closed, 10 to 95 cents a bale higher.
May Open Last Prv. Cl.
July 22.47 21.57 22.40
Oct. 22.38 22.39 22.31
Dec. 21.95 21.97 21.95
March 21.86 21.90 21.86
Midling spot 22.33, up 18.

N. Y. Stock Market
New York, April 17—(AP)—The stock market moved up to new highs since 1937 today, its sixth consecutive average advance, but profit cashing cut down many recent climbers.
While plus marks were well distributed near the close, declines were plentiful.
About 2,000,000 shares was the figure for the full stretch compared with a 10-month peak of 2,500,000 Monday.

FINAL STOCKS

Allegheny	3 3/4
Am Chem and Dye	161
Allegheny Mfg	47
Am Can	98
Am Car Pdy	45 1/4
Am Roll Mill	18 1/2
Am Smelt and Ref	47 1/4
A T and T	104 1/4
Am Tob B	73 1/4
Anaconda	33 1/4
Arm III	7 1/4
A O L	70 1/4
Atl Ref	34 1/4
Aviat Corp	6 1/4
Baldwin	30 1/4
B and O	18 1/4
Bartholomew	29 1/4
Bethel Aviat	59 1/4
Beth St	75 1/4
Boeing Airpl	18
Borden	36
Burl Mfg	11 1/4
Burl Mills	22 1/4
Sur Add Mach	14 1/4
Cannon Mills	49 1/4
Cash J. I.	49 1/4
Caterpillar Trac	54
Chas and O	50 1/4
Coca Cola	104 1/4
Coca Cola	136 1/4
Coml Credit	44

Dies in Fire

Film Actress Gloria Dickson (above) died of suffocation in a fire which swept her hillside home overlooking Hollywood. The position of her seared body indicated she died while trying to reach a window. (AP Wirephoto).

Coml Solv	77 1/4
Consol Edis	28 1/4
Corn Prod	64 1/4
Curt Wright	6
Doug Aire	70 1/4
Dow Chem	137
Dupont	167
Eastman Kod	129
Firestone	60 1/4
Gen Elec	43
Gen Foods	42 1/4
Gen Mot	68 1/4
Goodrich	63 1/4
Goodyear	47 1/4
Int Harvest	84 1/4
Int Tel and Tel	27 1/4
Johns Man	117
Kennecott	39 1/4
Ligg and Myers B	66
Loews	78
Lorillard	23 1/4
Mont Ward	69 1/4
Nash Keiy	113 1/4
Nat Eis	24 1/4
Nat Cash Reg	33 1/4
Nat Dist	30 1/4
N Y Cent	24 1/4
No Am Aviat	10 1/4
Packard	6 1/4
Param Pic	30
Penn J C	110 1/4
Penn RR	37 1/4
Pepsi Cola	24 1/4
Phillips Pet	53
Pullman	54 1/4
Pure Oil	20
Radio	11 1/4
Rem Rand	26 1/4
Republic Steel	23
Reynolds B	34 1/4
Sears	106 1/4
Gen By	42 1/4
Sid Brands	32 1/4
Std Oil N J	60 1/4
Stewart Warner	18 1/4
Swift	32 1/4
Tex Co	54
Un Carbide	88 1/4
Unit Air	26 1/4
Unit Corp	4 1/4
Unit Drug	14 1/4
US Ind Chem	46
US Rubber	56 1/4
US Smelt and Ref	61
US Steel	68 1/4
Vanadium	25 1/4
Warner Pic	14 1/4
West Union A	14 1/4
West El and Mfg	135
Woolworth	45 1/4

German ...
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ed Nazi women auxiliaries were among the captured gunners. The First Army knocked out 324 flak guns, bringing the total for four days to 732.
The Indian Head (2nd) Division cleared Ranstad, a suburb less than five miles west of Leipzig proper. The Ninth Armored Division wheeled in a giant circle around the city into Borsdorf, less than four miles to the east. The 69th Division completed a three-way clamp on the city, moving to within heavy mortar range of its southern limits. Some 4,437 prisoners were seized from the Leipzig garrison yesterday.
The Nazis had turned the center of art, medicine and publishing into one of their main military supply depots. First Army officers said some of the defending troops were "fizzing imbeciles and screaming maniacs." Some wore uniforms, some civilian clothes. Some of the sullen girls at the defense guns were killed as they fired on American troops.
After cracking the chief Leipzig defense belt, the First Army Infantry was reported meeting "only negligible small arms fire." The Doughboys moved slowly in to envelop the bomb-shattered city where a million civilians are reported in cellars, hungry and frightened.
Two Nazi divisions have been destroyed on the outer perimeter. The Seventh Army's Thunderbird (45th) Division fought in the second largest Bavarian city of Nuernberg and other troops captured pictures of Rothenburg, more than a third destroyed by bombs the day before Easter.
On the Ninth Army sector, one armored and one infantry division fought into the streets of Magdeburg in an all-out attack on the Elbe city of 334,358, first entered April 11.
Resistance to the Hell on Wheels (2nd Armored) and Old Hickory (30th) divisions was light and both made excellent progress.
The prisoner bag on the Western Front for April ballooned past 750,000 when 144,000 more Germans were captured yesterday.
The Ruhr pocket was all but erased and 200,000 of its troops were captives.
Cities captured included Merse-

Small Gain On ...
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day's losses.
A Gurka brigade of the Eighth Army consolidated a bridgehead over the Silaro River southwest of Massa and drove forward rapidly 2,000 yards, entering Curtura, about 12 miles east of Bologna.
Polish troops advanced northwest and west against opposition after capturing Castel Guelfo in bitter fighting.
Eighth army forces also pressed beyond Argenta. A new crossing of the Silaro was made three miles southwest of Bastia.
Although Eighth army troops, fanning out west of the Silaro, were advancing relatively fast, the Fifth army was meeting dogged resistance everywhere.
The veteran U. S. 34th division marked its 500th day of combat by capturing a church in Gorogogno after a fierce hand-to-hand fight.

Russians Smash ...
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Saxony border, and 12 northwest of Goerlitz, where Transocean said the Russians had a bridgehead over the Neisse River.
The Neisse River offensive, said Transocean, set the front inside Germany ablaze for more than 150 miles from the Bohemian border to Schwedt, south of Stettin.
The same agency declared the Russians were attacking incessantly with six armies in the Oder Bend triangle of Frankfurt, Kuestrin and Zelin, and that the "attacks are being intensified hourly."
The Germans also admitted new retreats in Austria and Moravia.
Hard on the heels of the order of the day in which Adolf Hitler

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ought to rally his Eastern armies for a death stand, the military command on the Oder called upon "every single German soldier" to make his watchword "They shall not pass."
Repeating the military appeal, the German Transocean agency quoted the army command as telling the troops in the field:
"To gain time means to gain everything. To lose our nerve means to lose everything."
By German account, Red Army parachute troops dropped somewhere within Berlin's inner defense ring, were encircled and wiped out. One enemy commentator announced Russian capture of important heights 23 miles from the capital near Seelow, nine miles west of the Oder at Kuestrin.
The Russians still maintained silence about the long-awaited Oder River offensive which the Germans said burst forth at 3:50 a. m. yesterday on a front of 120 miles. Berlin conceded a Russian linkup with American forces, was likely in the near future.

COLORED NEWS

A Clothes Line Rally
The Ladies Auxiliary met with Mrs. Doty Barnhill and completed plans for a rally which took place at the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church Sunday night.
After a short program, which consisted of a solo by the president Mrs. Catherine Gorham, remarks by the pastor Rev. J. A. Nimmo, and Mrs. Rosa Langley; a duet by Mrs. Lillian Donaldson and Mrs. Annie Leggett Woodard, and a poem by Miss S. I. Souther. Money totaling over sixty dollars was attached to the clothes line.
Different businesses and individuals which contributed a dol-

lar each were Blackwell's Shoe Shop, Phillips Brothers Funeral Home, Bartlett's Grocery, Atkinson's Market and Grocery, Midway's Beauty Salon, The Roy Charles Beauty Salon, Bakers Barber Shop, Corey's Barber Shop, Turner and Gore's Garage, Mr. Will Langley, Mr. Lewis Johnson, and Mr. Eddie Wooten.
Memorial Services for the late

President Franklin D. Roosevelt were held Sunday at York Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church with Rev. Solon E. League presiding. The service was largely attended as a mark of the high esteem and true devotion which the President had won in the hearts of everyone. Ministers of the city, principal and teachers of our public schools were in attendance, together with people from every walk of life. Music was furnished by the senior choir.

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Weather Forecast
 Extended forecast from 7:30 p. m. tonight to 7:30 p. m. April 21:
 Temperatures will average several degrees above normal during period, with partly cloudy weather prevailing, showers near end of week, and over coastal sections tonight.

Prisoners Liberated
 Fallingsdoel, Germany, April 17

— (AP) — British tanks broke through a barbed wire barricade yesterday and liberated 20,643 Allied prisoners, including 2,844 Americans, from two prisoner-of-war camps located just across the road from a huge SS training school.
 Freed from Stalag 11B were 13,720 men including 2,472 Americans. At adjacent Stalag 357 the British liberated 6,923 prisoners, including 372 Americans.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF STATE BANK & TRUST COMPANY
 of Greenville, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on March 20, 1945.

ASSETS	
Loans and discounts	\$ 380,038.76
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,836,800.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	35,000.00
Corporate stocks	10,000.00
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	1,969,527.43
Bank premises owned \$21,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$1,000.00	21,001.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,252,367.19
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,554,897.22
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	433,085.82
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	436,458.71
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	369,289.95
Deposits of banks	126,551.22
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	26,354.59
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,946,637.51
Other liabilities	31,522.97
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$3,978,160.48
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	150,000.00
Undivided profits	24,206.71
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 274,206.71
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$4,252,367.19

*This bank's capital consists of common stock with total par value of \$100,000.00.

MEMORANDA
 (book value):
 U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities \$1,087,000.00
 Other assets pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities (including notes and bills rediscounted and securities sold under repurchase agreement) 28,000.00
TOTAL \$1,115,000.00
 Secured and preferred liabilities:
 Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law \$ 805,748.66
 Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets 26,354.59
TOTAL \$ 832,103.25
 On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was \$ 548,686.90
 Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to \$1,969,527.43
 I, John Mitchell, 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.

JOHN MITCHELL, Cashier.
 Correct—Attest:
 J. KEY BROWN,
 B. B. SUGG,
 K. B. PACE, 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.
 V. M. FORREST, Notary Public.
 My commission expires January 13, 1947.

PHANTOMS TO PLAY TARBORO

Locals Will Travel To Edgecombe City Tomorrow

By DAVE CLARK
 After being beaten decisively in their first baseball contest of the season, the Greenville High Phantoms travel to Tarboro to attempt to gain reconciliation by downing the Tarboro boys by a good score.
 In the absence of Coach Clark, no practice session was held yesterday, but the Greenies expect to get in a good day's work today.
 The Greenies showed improvement Friday when they played the Greenville Marine team in a practice game of five innings. They lost five to two, but might have been able to come from behind and win had the contest gone nine innings, as solid hits were ringing off the Phantom bats.
 After the Kingston game, Coach Clark indicated that there would probably be some changes made in his first string line-up. Exactly what they will be is unknown, but against the Marines, Coach Clark had his boys this way: Joe Lupton, right field; Julian White, center field; Billy Harrington, left field; Jimmy Ward, third base; Dave Perkins, shortstop; Will "Stump" Garrett, second base; Bobby Clark, first base; Amos Leggett behind the plate and Earl "Spooky" Morgan or Dick Flye on the mound.

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Negro Convicted Of Attempted Rape

Hourly Dupree, 29-year-old Negro, went on trial in Superior court yesterday afternoon on a charge of attempting to criminally assault Mrs. Will Hathaway, 60-year-old white woman, at her home in Fountain last January 31. The case was given to the jury this morning about 10:30. Dupree did not go on the witness stand.

The jury deliberated a very short time and returned a verdict of guilty against Dupree as charged in the indictment. Judge Walter Bone of Nashville will pronounce sentence later.
 According to Mrs. Hathaway's testimony, Dupree knocked on her door late at night and asked for a match. When she turned to get matches he came inside and threw her on a bed and attempted to criminally assault her. Her semi-invalid husband was in an adjoining bed, but was helpless to aid her, she said. In her scuffle with her attacker she was scratched and bruised about the face. Her cries frightened the man away, she said. In the scuffle Mrs. Hathaway jerked a button from her assailant's shirt and a zipper from his jacket. Sheriff Ruel Tyson, Fountain Police Chief J. O. Brvant and other officers used bloodhounds. The dogs led them to Dupree and they arrested him.
 Late yesterday a jury returned a verdict of guilty of simple assault against Paul Langley. Judge Bone imposed a \$25 fine and costs. Cases called yesterday:
 John (Skin John) Jones, Negro charged with breaking and entering J. B. Kittrell's office and safe and the larceny of several hundred dollars, was called and failed. A capias was issued for him.
 Nol prosses were entered in the following cases: Bruce Newton breaking and entering, and Alice May Evans, assault with a deadly weapon, and F. G. Laughinghouse.
 Louis Ellis, Negro, liquor for sale, 12 months, assigned to work at the County Home.
 Officers from the Cherry Point Marine base were here late this afternoon in connection with the case of Marine Pvt. Harcourt Lees, who yesterday pleaded guilty to the larceny of Larry James' automobile. The car was recovered. It was understood that Judge Bone would turn Lees over to military authorities for punishment. The court declined to turn the prisoner over to military authorities because their papers were not in order.

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V-E DAY MAY BE DELAYED

Eisenhower To Wait Until Nazis Wiped Out

By LEWIS HAWKINS
 London, April 17—(AP)—A statement by Gen. Eisenhower that there will be no announcement of V-E day "until all important enemy pockets on the western front have been wiped out" indicated today that the formal end of the war in Europe may be weeks, if not months away.
 The Allied supreme commander told a group of American radio correspondents who visited an advanced command post yesterday that the war in Europe probably will not end until Allied troops have occupied the Reich completely.
 Reiterating his belief that there would not be a formal German surrender, Eisenhower added:
 "Nazi units, including divisions, corps, armies and finally army groups will give up separately as they exhaust their ammunition and gasoline, or find themselves hopelessly trapped by Allied encirclement."
 Eisenhower's statement might mean that no V-E day proclamation will be issued until Adolf Hitler and his fanatical Nazi cohorts are rooted from their mountain redoubt in Bavaria into which they are reportedly streaming for a death stand.
 Military men have estimated that it may take months to reduce Hitler's cragged fortress.
 It must be remembered that there are millions of men in Germany under arms—how many no one knows.
 In addition, there are more than a half million Nazi troops outside the Reich. Anywhere from 300,000 to 350,000 remain in Italy, 80,000 to 120,000 in Holland, 20,000 in the Bordeaux area and perhaps another 60,000 in other French Atlantic

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well as the Okinawa invasion forces. Mitscher's carrier pilots raided the Northern Ryukyus Thursday through Saturday and struck Kyushu airfields and installations Sunday and Monday, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said in today's communique, confirming earlier Tokyo radio reports.
 The Japanese Domei news agency today made the unconfirmed claim that Okinawa-based fighters and bombers struck Japanese air bases on Osumi Peninsula on the southern extremity of Kyushu, Monday.
 Mitscher's pilots and carrier force gunners destroyed 186 Japanese planes in their Ryukyus-Kyushu forays. Carrier pilots, ships' gunners and combat air patrols destroyed another 122 enemy aircraft in defending Vice Adm. Richmond Kelly Turner's amphibious force off Okinawa. These aerial actions extended from Thursday through yesterday—five days.
 Nimitz said nothing regarding possible damage to either Mitscher's or Turner's forces.
 The communique did report, however, that:
 Two Jima-based Army Mustang fighters made their first raid on Kyushu yesterday, attacking Kanoya and other airfields.
 Yanks on Okinawa killed 9,108 Japanese troops and took 391 prisoners through midnight Friday. The last report on American casualties there was 2,895—432 killed,

The Movies Today

Pitt—"Island You Went Away," with Calhoun, Temple, Woolley. STATE—"Flaming Lead," Ken Maynard. All star comedy. Sport reel.

New Brunswick, Canada, was left to Mrs. Roosevelt.
 Executors and trustees were Col. James Roosevelt, the President's eldest son, Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and Henry Hackett, Poughkeepsie attorney.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that I have this day qualified as executrix of the estate of W. A. Venters. All persons having claims against the estate will file them with me at Greenville, N. C., Route No. 2, within twelve months from this date of this notice will be paid in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate settlement.
 This the 3rd day of March, 1945.
 SARAH A. VENTERS, executrix of W. A. Venters.
 Mar. 5-17w-8w.

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