

## Fierce Battles Rage In France; Planes Bomb Jap Islands

### YANKS DRIVE OFF AN ATTACK IN FRANCE

Ferocious battles roared at both ends of the Allied lines in Normandy today, with the German pressing constantly heavy counterattacks against which the British-Canadian forces stood firm in the Tilly-Caen area but which cost the Americans their hold on Montebourg on the Cherbourg Peninsula.

In the center of the zig-zag 100-mile beachhead, the Americans repulsed a German attack on Carantan, and the Allies generally advanced southward, it was announced.

The Germans have thrown at least two fresh armored divisions—making a total of four—into five successive counterattacks in the 20 mile stretch from Troarn on the east through Caen and Tilly-Suresnes in what headquarters described in its midnight communique as "a furious attempt to stem our advance."

The Allies there, however, are "holding rims and vigorously searching out weak points" in the enemy attacks, headquarters stated.

Street fighting continues for Troarn, it was announced by a spokesman.

Farther west, the Germans attacked viciously at Carentan, key rail, highway and canal floodgate hub at the base of the Cherbourg Peninsula, but were met head-on and fought to a stand-still by the

### FLEET LASHES JAP FLANKS WITH BOMBS

Pacific Fleet action of an unprecedented "scope—which possibly still may be in progress—lashed at both the southern and northern flanks of the Japanese mainland Monday and Tuesday when U. S. Warships and aircraft rained shells and bombs on the Marianas and the Kuriles, it was announced Wednesday.

For four days since Saturday powerful U. S. task forces stood off the Southern Marianas attacking Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Rota and Pagan islands, while another task force prowled across the North Pacific to hit Matsuwa island, less than 500 miles from the Japanese mainland, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced at Pacific Fleet headquarters.

Where the long 2,000-mile front opened by the fleet in the far reaches of the Pacific will draw retaliation still was to be determined by the Japanese high command, but thus far the raiding forces apparently had accomplished their missions with ease and without damage.

Attacks on Saipan, Tinian and Pagan followed week-end carrier-based assaults against the Marianas. During the latest attacks, the surface fleet started fires at Tanatag Harbor on Saipan and in the towns of Garapan and Charan-Kano, also on Saipan.

### PALAU ISLE AIR FIELD IS ATTACKED

Liberator bombers dropped 23 tons of explosives on the air-drome on Palau island and shot down or probably destroyed 28 of 50 Japanese interceptors which battled the raiders in their fourth successive day of attacks against the enemy's important Carolines island base, it was announced today.

Gradually increasing the weight of their attacks against Palau, 1200 miles west of Truk and only 595 miles north of American positions on Biak Island, the far-ranging Southwest Pacific bombers destroyed "many additional" Japanese aircraft on the ground at Polihu air-drome, General Douglas MacArthur's communique said.

The raid apparently was a follow-up to an earlier Sunday attack reported in yesterday's communique and the sixth separate attack carried out since last Thursday.

Twenty of the Japanese planes challenging the Liberators were definitely shot down and eight others probably destroyed, MacArthur's communique said.

### NAZI FOOD SUPPLIES IN ITALY TAKEN

American forces driving up the Tyrrhenean coast of Italy have captured Orbetello, center of German resistance to the Fifth Army's offensive, and gained control of the enemy's immense food supply dumps on the nearby Orbetello peninsula (Mt. Argentario) field dispatches disclosed last night.

Sid Feder, Associate Press correspondent with the Fifth Army, said in a story filed from Orbetello that the whole mountainous peninsula with tremendous hidden stores of food had come under Allied control. His dispatch followed an announcement by Allied headquarters that the junction of highways one and 74, a short distance north of Orbetello along the coast of the mainland, had also been captured.

The Americans were pressing forward and engaging a strong force of Nazis in the hills north of the road junction, Feder said.

Thirty per cent more potato has been allocated for agricultural use for the ten months, June 1944 through March 1945, as compared with the same period last year.

### Combat Veteran



Cpl. Roger Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gregory, of Union Grove, is with a fighter-bomber group in Italy. In a recent letter home he said that fried eggs over there were 40c each and if he had a hen he could get rich. Cpl. Gregory entered service in the army air corps in 1941. He was sent to Fort Bragg, to Oklahoma, to Meridian, Miss., to Esler Field, La., and then to Savannah, Ga., where he received basic training. He went to North Africa in the invasion of December, 1942, later participated in the Sicilian invasion and went on into Italy in July. Cpl. Gregory has been overseas for 17 months. His unit saw action in North Africa, participated in the softening up attack on Sicilian beaches and was the first group to land planes in Italy during the Salerno invasion.

### Eller Is District Manager Of The Imperial Life Co.

H. H. Eller, who for the past 14 years has represented the Imperial Life Insurance company, has been promoted to the position of district manager for the company.

The home office of the company, which is located at Asheville, created a new district composed of the territories served by the Mount Airy, Elkin and North Wilkesboro offices and the district office is located in this city in the Perry building over Carlton Hardware company.

During the 18 years Mr. Eller has represented the company, business has greatly increased in this section and he has made an excellent record.

### Notice to Ministers

The Journal-Patriot always welcomes news of church events, announcements of revivals and other items which will help churches in their program of Christian work. Ministers and others are requested to cooperate with their newspaper and get the announcements in as early as possible for the issue in which the announcements are to appear. Your cooperation in this respect will enable your newspaper to render more effective assistance in giving publicity to church events.

### THE EDITOR

The base support price on green and yellow soybeans will be \$2.04 per net bushel as compared with \$1.80 in 1943. It has been announced by the State AAA Committee.

### In Marine Corps



Pvt. Ira G. Dancy, of the United States Marine Corps, has returned to Cherry Point where he is now stationed, after spending a ten-day leave with his wife and family of North Wilkesboro route one.

# Fifth War Loan Well Under Way; Sales Over \$100,000

### Dollars In Khaki Do Double Duty For 'Uncle' Sam

The Fifth War Loan drive does more than raise money. It gives every American, no matter how far removed from the battle-fronts, a sense of actual participation in the struggle for victory. It provides a channel for directing the flow of individual savings from every tiny rivulet into the main stream of Axis-destroying war effort.

The bond campaign does double duty in giving the people for successful achievement in the attack. Investment in government bonds not only provides the Treasury with funds urgently needed to buy guns, ammunition, tanks, planes and ships, but it also renders the additional service of making it possible for the civilian to stand aside in the marketplace for scarce manpower and materials and avoid competing with Uncle Sam for critical items essential to victory.

Most Americans, understanding the importance of mobilizing their spare dollars for victory, would gladly make a financial contribution to the winning of the war. But your Government does not ask you to give your funds. It asks you only to lend them. And in return your Government not only pledges itself to use such money to quicken victory, but also solemnly promises to return to you all that you lend plus interest.

Beginning next Tuesday police will mark cars on Main street, Tenth street, Ninth between Main and D streets and C street between Ninth and Tenth street.

### Now In Italy



Pvt. Roscoe Houck has been in Italy since February and is getting along fine, according to letters received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Houck, of Moravian Falls. Pvt. Houck entered the army two years ago, was in training in Colorado, and spent five months in the Aleutian Islands. After returning to the states he was later sent to Italy.

### Sales "E" Bonds In May Totalled Almost \$38,000

### Regular War Bond Organization Cooperating In Fifth War Loan

Sales of war bonds in Wilkes county for the month of May totaled \$37,947.25, a report received by J. R. Hix, war bond chairman, from the Federal Reserve system, stated.

Mr. Hix said today that his organization, which continually promotes sale of war bonds, is cooperating with the Fifth War Loan, of which W. D. Halfacre is chairman, and all efforts are coordinated toward reaching the quota of \$990,000 for the campaign.

Of the \$990,000 quota for the Fifth War Loan, \$237,000 is required in "E" bonds, the smaller bonds purchased by individuals. If the county exceeds the total by as much as ten per cent, and reaches the "E" bond quota, Wilkes will be given recognition by the county's name being placed on a plaque on a landing craft.

### I DIED TODAY . . .

#### What Did You Do?

Tonight when you go home to your family, think of the men who will never go home . . . who gave their lives that you might live. And think of the men who gave their eyes, arms, legs in the fight for freedom.

As you sit at home, knowing that in more than two years of war not a single enemy plane has threatened your life . . . think of the men who have made that security possible. And then, if you don't determine to do your full share in the 5th War Loan Drive, then maybe no appeal can reach your heart.

### Overtime Parking Ordinance To Be Enforced Again

#### Cars On Main, 10th, 9th and C Streets Will Be Checked Every Two Hours

Police Chief J. E. Walker said today that the overtime parking

will mark cars on Main street, Tenth street, Ninth between Main and D streets and C street between Ninth and Tenth street. The cars will be marked at two hour intervals, and those found two hours after being marked will be given tickets.

Police Chief Walker said that some motorists have been parking their cars all day in the business section, making it difficult for those coming in the city to do business to find a place to park. Cooperation on the part of the public will be appreciated.

### Lt. Claude Peters Accident Victim In San Francisco

#### Husband of Former Miss Helen Irvin Killed Sunday In California Accident

News has been received here of the death of Lt. Claude Peters in an accident Sunday in San Francisco, California.

Lt. Peters was the husband of the former Miss Helen Irvin, daughter of J. T. Irvin, of Wilkesboro.

At the time of the accident Mrs. Peters was on an extended visit at Lt. Peter's home at New Ulm, Minn., where funeral and burial services will be held. Mrs. Peters' sisters, Mrs. Robert Damschroder and Miss Catherine Irvin, left Tuesday for Minnesota, where they will remain for several days with Mrs. Peters.

### In New Guinea



Pto. Judge Caldwell has notified his mother, Mrs. Ethel McGuire, that he has landed safely in New Guinea and that he is well and getting along fine.

### Interest High As Campaign Begins In Wilkes County

#### All Parts of War Loan Campaign Organization Are Now Functioning Well

Sales of war bonds for the first three days of the Fifth War Loan in Wilkes county passed the \$100,000 mark, W. D. Halfacre, chairman, reported today. Although that amount is only a fraction of the quota of \$990,000 it is a good start, Mr. Halfacre said, and much interest is being shown, as evidenced by the number of inquiries relative to the different types of bonds offered in the campaign.

#### CANVASS BEGINS

In North Wilkesboro house-to-house canvassers have begun the task of calling at all the homes to sell bonds. The district organizations for the rural areas have begun their work to raise the district quotas, and retailers are also helping in a big way to put over the drive.

#### RETAILERS HELP

In the campaign the National Retailers association accepted as a quota for all retail establishments the selling of an amount of war bonds equal to \$300 for every member of the sales personnel. It was learned here today that several retailers already have their quotas of bonds in sight and are

#### PROGRESS INDICATOR

A large thermometer facsimile has been erected in front of the Bank of North Wilkesboro here to show progress in the Fifth War loan campaign. The thermometer has graduations of \$50,000 and as each figure is reached the red line will indicate the total. Miss Helen Phillips, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Phillips, and who is a member of the rising senior class at Salem college, made the thermometer indicator. Beside the thermometer stands a tall Uncle Sam, who says, "Let's Go To Work". This was drawn also by Miss Phillips.

#### "E" BOND QUOTA

Attention is called to the fact that the "E" bond quota for Wilkes is \$227,000, which is included in the overall quota of \$990,000. For Wilkes' name to be placed on a landing craft plaque, it is necessary to reach the "E" bond quota and exceed the total quota by ten per cent.

### North Wilkesboro Defeats Elkin In Softball By 2 to 1

#### Visitors Fail To Overcome Two-Run Lead In Fast Game Played Here

North Wilkesboro defeated Elkin 2 to 1 Wednesday in what was described as the fastest softball game ever played in North Wilkesboro.

North Wilkesboro team, composed of players selected from the teams in the churches' league, got two runs across in the first inning and the ball game was sewed up. Bush turned in a thrilling pitching performance for the home team, backed by superb fielding.

In the second inning Elkin started a rally which was nipped in the bud when McIver made a successful dash for a line drive in deep left field and threw to first for a double play. It was also McIver who scored the winning run after a smash through center field with one on.

Both teams played exceptionally well and every player covered his territory well on defense.

North Wilkesboro will return the game on Friday of next week.

### Girl Scouts Will Meet Thursday

Girls Scouts did not meet today because of the Bible schools in progress here but will meet on Thursday of next week, ten to one, at Smoot Park.

### Revised Ceiling Prices In Effect

The office of Price Administration has announced a new ceiling price list on goods, the new prices to be in effect June 19. Lists are now being mailed out from local rationing board offices to all retail merchants in Wilkes county.

Merchants are requested to remove the old price ceiling posters on June 19 and to replace them with the new ones. It is required that the ceiling price posters be placed in conspicuous places.

The Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services co-ordinates all federal activities concerned with the care of children of working mothers.