

NIKOPOL CAPTURED BY SOVIET TROOPS

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Supplies and 20 stores of ammunition and provisions. The Soviet communiqué which announced this booty and the killing and capturing of the thousands of Germans left the implication that many thousands of Nazis had succeeded in escaping westward down the Dnieper in the direction of Kherson and Odessa. The bulletin as recorded by the Soviet monitor failed to follow up the previous day's report that five German divisions cut off in the Nikopol trap were being wiped out. No such escape appeared possible for ten German divisions being steadily ground to pieces in the Smela trap to the northwest, where, tonight's communiqué said, the Russians continued fighting for the "liquidation" of the encircled force and tightened the trapping ring.

The Germans rolled into Nikopol in August, 1941, in the first weeks of their invasion of Russia and had quickly turned its resources to their own ends and for the past two years are estimated to have been getting more than half of all their manganese from the Nikopol mines, or about 280,000 of the 375,000 tons which they are believed to use each year.

Presumably the Germans' loss will be the Russians' gain. The value the Germans had put on Nikopol was clearly indicated by the stubborn fight they waged to hold it. The Russians had battled to within a few miles of Nikopol last November and reached the Dnieper along a wide front, but they were unable to reach the river opposite the town. The Russians made a 10-mile advance in the last 24 hours to strike to within 17 miles northeast of Lugva on the engrad-Pskov-Warsaw railway, the Moscow daily communiqué said, and captured several more populated places in the Novosokolmiki area where the Russians were nearest to the Latvian border.

The communiqué was silent on the Russian drive into Estonia along the coast of the Gulf of Finland. In further compressing the Germans in the Smela trap in the Ukraine, the Russians reported that they repulsed German counterattacks of tanks and infantry trying to relieve the encircled forces.

U. S. POWER PINS DOWN JAP FLEET

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ern equipment and ability to deliver fire power efficiently it is probably more than twice as great.

Thus the Japanese cannot deploy sufficient sea strength to defend all possible points of attack. They must save their fleet until the time when it alone will stand between the main islands of Japan and invasion.

Such a time might come, if American troops actually landed in Paramushiro and began working down the Kurile chain. Or it might come when our invasion forces strike northward along the strategic Guam-Bonin Island line in the west Central Pacific.

Authorities here are confident the Japanese fleet will not be risked before some such close approach is made to the heart of the enemy's interests.

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Progress In Fourth War Loan Continues To Lag

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an excellent orchestra and floor show will be provided by Camp Davis.

Bonds may be purchased outright with tickets available at the Carolina Building and Loan Association, the Peoples Building and Loan, Cooperative Building and Loan, the Morris Plan Bank, Treasurer's office, the Atlantic Coast Line, and the Credit Union, Atlantic Coast Line.

By calling the Armory, telephone 9344, reservations may be made by those who have previously secured tickets or who desire to purchase through the various companies mentioned above. Such calls should be made after 2 p.m.

With the exception of fifteen minutes of intermission at the dance, the entire evening will be devoted to entertainment.

Fred Willets, Cooperative Building and Loan Association Secretary has been named 1944 chairman in North Carolina for the United States Savings and Loan League's government bond purchase campaign. It has been announced by John F. Scott, of St. Paul, Minn., president of the league.

As of February 1, when the Fourth War Loan emphasis began to concentrate on purchase of bonds by corporations and large institutions, the savings and loan associations for the country expected to buy at least half of their year's self-imposed bond quota of \$400,000,000 during the present drive, Willets said.

The quota for North Carolina associations in the drive is \$3,100,000. Through Monday, \$4,200,000 had been purchased and the quota is expected to be attained this week, Mr. Willets said.

J. G. Thornton, chairman of the bond drive for New Hanover County, stated Tuesday afternoon that a cartoon comedy show will be put on at the Bailey Theatre Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. for the benefit of the drive. School children who have done the most effective work in the Treasure Hunt, a house-to-house canvass requesting individuals to convert war stamp albums into bond purchases will be rewarded Wednesday by

Obituaries

MRS. THELMA INEZ INGRAM
Mrs. Thelma Inez Ingram, 34, of 504 B Vance, Moffitt Village, died Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the James Walker Memorial hospital after a short illness.
Mrs. Ingram is survived by her husband, J. W. Ingram; five daughters, Martha, Betty Fay, Elizabeth, Judy Kay, and Infant Ingram; two sons, James Clifford and Robert Steven Ingram; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Blair, of Anderson, S. C.
Funeral services will be held Thursday in Charlotte.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH STRICKLAND
WHITEVILLE, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Strickland, 70, who died at her home in the Cherry Grove section Thursday after a short illness, were held Friday at the Cherry Grove Baptist church by the Rev. M. R. Horne. Interment followed in the church cemetery.
Mrs. Strickland is survived by four daughters, Misses Lura, Daisy, Ila, and Tessie Strickland, all of Cerro Gordo; one son, Bob Strickland, of Cerro Gordo; two brothers, Charles and G. W. Edwards; three sisters, Mrs. F. E. Hammonds, of Caryville, Fla., Mrs. Minnie Strickland, and Miss Ido Edwards, both of Cerro Gordo.

MRS. BETTY HAMMONDS
WHITEVILLE, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Funeral services for Mrs. Betty Hammonds, 88, who died at the home of her son, Jesse Hammonds, near Cerro Gordo Saturday following a long illness, were conducted Sunday from her son's home at 3 p.m. Burial followed in the family plot near Hinsons Crossroads. The Rev. Mr. Early officiated.
Survivors include one brother,

being given tickets to the show. Excellent results have already been obtained by the children. Mr. Thornton stated.

The High School band will play for fifteen minutes in front of the Bailey Theatre before the show starts, Saturday morning.

It might be suggested that school children are outdoing some of the adults in this bond drive, by sacrificing their small allowances, ice cream cones, and movies, to this excellent cause, with surprisingly effective results.

E. R. Blakeslee, principal of Washington Cattlet school, reported Tuesday afternoon that the total bond and stamp purchases and sales by the young students in schools throughout the county now amount to \$71,593.05. Mr. Blakeslee singled out students of the Chestnut Hill school, who have purchased \$41,618, for particular mention.

The schools, the principal adding, will continue to sell bonds and stamps for the rest of the year. Rotary club members have sold \$34,000 in series E bonds.

Rabbi M. M. Thurman has individually sold \$11,000 in bonds. Could your name be added to this list of patriotic citizens who are proving their devotion to the war effort of the county?

If the country falls short of its quota, you may feel a little ashamed if you haven't done your part in the drive.

If you learn that your son or nephew overseas has been injured or is missing in action, that his outfit fought with inadequate equipment—and you haven't done your part in the bond drive—how are you going to feel?

Addell Hewlett, chairman of the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners, reported Tuesday that the transaction for the purchase of \$50,000 worth of War Bonds by the county had been completed.

Contrary to previous reports, the board of directors purchased the total of \$90,000 in bonds last September, bringing bond purchase by the county to a total of \$140,000 since July, 1942. Mr. Hewlett reported. The previous report of the September purchase was \$85,000.

E. A. Barnes, of Fairbluff, two sisters, Mrs. Martie Suttin, Boardman and Mrs. Attie Lamb of Lumberton; five daughters, Miss Johnnie Hammond, Cerro Gordo; Mrs. Addie Coleman, Fairbluff; Mrs. Lula Connor, Whiteville; Mrs. Martha Hammonds, Cerro Gordo; Mrs. Missouri Waters, Orrum; and two sons, Jessie and Charles Hammonds of Cerro Gordo.

ANDREW SHEARER
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Andrew Shearer, 80, father of Actress Norma Shearer and Douglas Shearer, film recorder, died yesterday after a long illness. Private funeral services will be held at Glendale.

ANDREW J. HARDISON
Andrew J. Hardison, 60, died Friday, February 4, in Hampton, Va.
Survivors include his father; E. J. Hardison, his stepmother, Mrs. Annie Hardison, two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Wendt of Greenville Sound, Mrs. L. C. Godfrey of Oracoque, and one brother, Elmer Hardison.

Local Air Base Men To Use YMCA Pool For Training Purposes

Members of a fighter group, at the Wilmington Air Base, have taken over the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool this week for training purposes. A scaffold has been erected over the pool to which the harness of a parachute has been fastened and the young pilots, whether they can swim or not, practice cutting themselves loose from the contraption, landing in the cold water and with the aid of a life jacket, known as a "Mae West," they make for the regulation rubber life raft floating in the pool.

This may sound easy, but when pilot is fully clothed, he meets complications when he tries to cut himself loose from the "chute, and climb aboard the bouncing raft, especially when he can't swim.

TAR HEEL CLAIMS JAPS IMPROVING

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It was while serving with the Fifth Air Force in New Guinea that Col. Rogers' group won the name of "Jolly Rogers" for exploits against the Japs in the skies north of Australia. Their skill and courage became family crossbones insigne became familiar but unwelcome sight to the Japanese, as the Colonel and his group downed 309 Japanese planes and sunk approximately 165,000 tons of enemy cargo and war vessels (as of December)—many other ships have been destroyed by the first of the year, Col. Rogers said.

The colonel came back to the State in the same Liberator bomber in which he crossed the Pacific more than 16 months ago. The plane, "The Connell Special," was named in honor of air forces Brigadier General Carl Connell, and completed 63 combat missions, including raids on Rabaul.
Col. Rogers himself holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with clusters and a Presidential citation.

THREE ARE FREED IN ASSAULT CASE

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, W. M. Hinson, I. M. Hinson, and O. L. Hinson were found not guilty by Recorder H. Winfield Smith in recorder's court Tuesday morning and released from custody.

James Jackson, Negro, pleaded guilty to the charge of trespassing and was given a suspended sentence of 60 days.

A total of 23 persons were fined \$1 and costs for violating the city's parking meter ordinance.

Other cases heard Tuesday were: Madison Cook, fined \$50 and costs for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and his license was revoked for one year. However, he was allowed a 10 day's stay of judgment an abond was set at \$100.

Marie Estes, charged with prostitution, Nancy Ruth Williams, occupying a room in a hotel for immoral purposes, and Francis Lapier, false registration at a hotel and using a room for immoral purposes, were each called and failed capias. Bond was set at \$300 in each case. Capias was set at five o'clock Monday night by New Hanover County Recorder's court.

Nancy Horton, charged with occupying a room for immoral purposes, was continued until February 10.

Roy Bell, alias H. C. Bell, aiding and abetting in prostitution, was also continued until February 10 by Recorder Smith.

Addell Watkins, assault with a deadly weapon with serious injury, pleaded not guilty. However probable cause was found by the lower court and the case was sent to superior court. Bond was set at \$250.

David Crews, assault on a female, was found not guilty.

Isah Spivey, Negro, larceny and receiving, was given 90 days in jail to be assigned to the county farm. Ten day's stay of judgment was granted and bond was set at \$500.

E. J. Robinson, reckless operation of an automobile, was fined \$50 and costs.

Frederick Wade Thompson, Negro, driving under the influence of alcohol, was fined \$50 and costs, and the defendants license was revoked for one year.

O. E. Stewart, violation of the City Electrical ordinance, was given a 30-day suspended sentence.

FRANKFORT TORN BY AIR ASSAULT

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bined operations, the communiqué said was 12 heavy American bombers, one medium and one light bomber, two fighter-bombers and nine fighters.

While the joint communiqué described the attackers as "strong formations" it gave no other indication of the number involved in the Frankfurt assault, which was the third in the last 11 days on the industrial and communications city of 500,000.

The loss in heavy bombers today was decidedly lower than on the last two American raids on Frankfurt. Twenty-nine were lost on Jan. 29 and 21 on Feb. 4.

WEATHER

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:40 p.m., yesterday.

Temperature
1:30 a.m., 50; 7:30 a.m., 44; 1:30 p.m., 52; 7:30 p.m., 51.
Maximum, 53; minimum, 43; mean, 46; normal, 47.

Humidity
1:30 a.m., 77; 1:30 p.m., 88; 1:30 p.m., 65; 7:30 p.m., 69.

Precipitation
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m., 0.00 inches.

Total since the first of the month, 0.16 inches.

Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
Wilmington High 10:07 A. 4:58 P.
Low 10:23 P. 5:50 A.
Masonboro Inlet High 10:58 A. 5:58 P.
Low 11:14 P. 6:00 A.

Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.; sunset, 5:50 p.m.; moonrise, 6:22 p.m.; moonset, 7:23 a.m.

Station High Low E'fall
Alpena 28 8 0.00
Asheville 53 44 0.10
Atlanta 35 51 0.52
Atlantic City 38 25 0.00
Birmingham 63 55 0.02
Boston 22 12 0.00
Buffalo 24 2 0.00
Burlington 2 6 0.00
Charlotte 54 44 0.00
Chicago 38 23 0.00
Cincinnati 39 23 0.00
Cleveland 30 11 0.00
Denver 35 29 0.00
Detroit 22 8 0.03
El Paso 50 43 0.48
Fort Worth 64 52 0.19
Galveston 70 64 0.02
Jacksonville 76 48 0.00
Kansas City 51 35 0.00
Los Angeles 58 51 0.02
Louisville 42 32 0.00
Memphis 59 56 1.49
Miami 69 69 0.12
Miami 75 65 0.00
Minneapolis 32 18 0.00
New Orleans 76 36 0.00
New York 30 20 0.00
Norfolk 40 36 0.00
Philadelphia 26 11 0.00
Richmond 43 35 0.00
St. Louis 40 33 0.00
San Francisco 64 46 0.72
Seattle 52 32 0.00
Washington 40 31 0.00

VOTE BILL FINALLY PASSED BY SENATE

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States to fix qualifications for voters. During two weeks of debate, Senate backers of the Green-Lucas proposal gave in to amendment

after amendment until the proposal finally passed beats only a slight resemblance to the original.

It now provides that Federal ballots go to military voters within the United States only if their home States fail to provide an adequate absentee voting system by Aug. 1.

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