

North Carolina—Fair and continued...
Thursday night with slightly warmer...
Friday increasing cloudiness and warmer...

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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR AND BATAAN

Water Rates Increased By Wilmington Council

By action of the city council Wednesday morning, city water rates were advanced, effective April 1, to bring about an estimated 10 per cent increase in the total revenue of the Water and Sewer department.

DEMAND FOR FR'S FILES IS DROPPED

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WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—A Senate Agriculture Subcommittee declined today to back up its counsel's demand for access to White House files on efforts to oust Harry E. Slattery as Rural Electrification Administrator.

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The decision not to press for the White House records was announced after the committee had abandoned formally its plan to cite Jonathan Daniels, Presidential assistant, for contempt. The Daniels case was dropped after the White House aide, with President Roosevelt's approval, answered committee questions yesterday on his efforts to persuade Slattery to resign.

Before taking action to drop contempt proceedings, the subcommittee got into the record a statement from Daniels, that he saw "no effort on the part of this committee to embarrass the President." Daniels, on the stand again today, gave that answer to a question from Carroll Beedy, committee counsel.

Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) said after an executive meeting of the committee that the group had decided "that no effort will be made to subpoena those files," because members believe the records would show nothing pertinent to the inquiry into REA.

Free Button Service Is Offered At Davis By Red Cross Workers

CAMP DAVIS, March 8.—Chevrons, patches and buttons sewed on free while you wait will be a new series offered G.I.'s at this post on Saturday afternoons in the game room of Service Club One.

The first Camp Davis "sewing circle" will be four women from Wallace, N. C., and on following "Sewdays" other groups will be brought here through arrangements made by Mrs. John D. Robertson, chairman of the Red Cross Council for this area.

Britain Reported Ready To Agree To U. S. Domination Of The Pacific

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—A guarantee of United States post-war domination of the Pacific in the form of island bases—stepping stones to security against future Japanese aggression was reported today to be one of the topics likely to be discussed in the forthcoming British-American talks here.

GOP PARTY HAILS COLORADO WIN

Claim Election Shows Trend Of People Against The 'New Deal'

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—Republicans rejoiced today over another special Congressional election victory—this time in Colorado where a business man defeated a war hero-political neophyte.

Republicans have won eight of the ten special elections held since the general elections of 1942 and five more are coming up. They now have 210 House seats against 216 for the Democrats, with 218 a clear majority.

END OF YUGOSLAV QUARREL IS SEEN

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—The Yugoslav family quarrel between the cabinet of King Peter and the forces of Marshal Josip Broz neared today as the two sides appeared to be nearing a solution with the arrival in London of two of Peter's ministers.

There are indications that unless the Cairo regime agrees to back the Partisan forces of Tito and rid itself of its anti-Tito elements, it may forfeit Allied recognition.

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FIRE CHIEFS MEET

SALISBURY, March 8.—(AP)—The North Carolina Fire Chiefs Association opened its annual convention here today with approximately 100 chiefs, about one-half the departments in the state, attending.

AIR RAID WARNING

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—An air raid warning was sounded in London tonight.

U. S. Armada Of Over 1,600 Bombers And Fighters Raids Smoking Berlin; 'Vicious Battle' Raging In Ukraine

RAIL TO BE ABANDONED

Nazis Reported Abandoning Tanks, Guns And Trucks, Stuck In Mud

LONDON, Thursday, March 9.—(AP)—Moscow announced early today that a furious battle was raging in the town of Staro-Konstantinov, a "vital enemy base" in the southwestern Ukraine.

Vital Enemy Base

"Retreating under blows of the Soviet troops the Germans are abandoning tanks, guns and trucks in the mud," it said.

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Pacific Is Grave For Truk Attack Hero



The flag-draped body (arrow, right) of a naval machine-gunner killed by anti-aircraft fire over Truk in the Carolines is tilted at the edge of his carrier's flight deck at sea in the Pacific as riflemen stand poised to fire the farewell salute.

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Bismarck Sea Virtually Held By The Allies Now

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Thursday, March 9.—(AP)—The Bismarck Sea, strategic body of water that symbolizes control of the South-Southwest Pacific, now is virtually an Allied lake.

ENEMY ATTEMPTS LOS NEGROS PUSH

U. S. Marines Consolidate Positions On Northern New Britain

By LEONARD MILLIMAN Associated Press War Editor Ineffectual Japanese attempts to seize the offensive in the battle for Los Negros island in the Admiralty group were battered down by American troops who have killed at least 1,500 of the defending garrison.

HEROIC SCOUTING OF RANGERS TOLD

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK NAPLES, March 8.—(AP)—A grim secret kept locked in the hearts of Allied troops in Italy for over a month now has been placed in the record of heroic but hopeless "last stands."

Commentator On Paris Radio Says Wednesday Is Day For Invasion

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—Jean Paquis, commentator on the German-controlled Paris radio, said tonight: "This is the last week of three years of patient waiting. Next Wednesday, unless Churchill changes his plans, the Anglo-Americans will have landed in the west. The great Anglo-American offensive will have begun."

FINLAND REPLIES TO PEACE TERMS

Answer Believed To Have Requested Opportunity For Negotiation

STOCKHOLM, March 8.—(AP)—Finland has formally replied to Russia's peace terms, it was reliably reported tonight, and Swedish circles speculated that the answer probably asked for an opportunity to negotiate such ticklish points as the internment of German troops now within Finnish borders.

POISON GAS USE IS NOT EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—If the Nazis choose to use poison gas, American military men think it may be employed first against any Allied attempt to launch invasion forces in western Europe.

Fly Says FCC In Clear Regarding Dec. 7 Attack

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(AP)—part of the blame of the attack. Fly protested that his agency was in the clear, that it worked with the military authorities through 1941 and spread a radio detection network over the whole area without finding any clandestine operations.

GOOD RESULTS

83 Enemy Aircraft Are Knocked Down By Allied Aerial Fleet

LONDON, March 8.—(AP)—U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators with a tremendous fighter escort, which made up an armada estimated at between 1,600 and 2,000 planes, struck at Berlin today for the third time in five days with what a conservatively worded American communique called "good results."

Factory Is Disclosed

The communique named the Erkner ball-bearing factory in an eastern Berlin suburb as one of the primary targets for "a concentrated attack by divisions of B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Liberators of the Eighth Air Force" and said that other industrial and military targets in the capital area also were bombed.