TWO

PRE-EASTER TRADE SETS NEW RECORD

By The Associated Press Pre-Easter retail business in North Carolina appeared to have established a new record for volume, in spite of the scarcity of many items of merchandise, as the greatest buying sprees in years.

Retail sales were particularly large in areas where war indus-tries augmented already large payrolls of normally operated domestic industries.

This was especially true in the Charlotte area, where merchants reported that the heavy buying has extended over a 30-day period. The past week, however, saw the peak of the buying rush.

Merchants at Durham reported the largest volume of retail East-er business in history, but due to war-time scarcity of some commodities, demands could not be met in some instances.

Raleigh's Merchants' Association reported a good pre-Easter volume the largest being done by florists who stopped taking orders early during the week.

Soviet Tanks Cut

Deep Into Austria

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Bavarian mountain retreat at Ber-schtesgaden. They were 11 miles RATION REVISION from the main railroad linking Vi-

enna with Italy. Tolbukhin's troops were sweep-ing toward Vienna from the south on an 18-mile front from Wiesmath west to the southwestern shores of the Neusiedled Se (lake). This great defense barrier, outflanked, was being by-passed by the massive Soviet surge. One mile from the lake shore,

the first of each month. the Russians seized in Hungary the village of Kophaza, only three miles southeast of Sopron, the last big Hungarian fortress guarding Vienna's southeastern approaches.

Threaten Sopron Sopron also was threatened from the south and southwest where Toibukhin's advancing troops won Nec- T2, U2, V2, W2 and X2 become valid. kenmarky and Ritzing, five and

six miles from the fortress city. The swift slash through enemy defenses below the Neusieldler See carried the Russians within 33 Thus the two new blocks will be Germany's collapse. This will good until July 31. miles south of Vienna when they

OPA noted that the new system captured Kophaza. While these troops in southern will mean a reduction of six per now available for such purposes. Europe threatened the German cent in the actual number of red spending for war to a rate of Reich's second greatest city, the points civilians will get each \$60,000,000,000 a year. The rate in First White Russian army of Mar- month. This cat, however, will be the present fiscal year is about shal Gregory K. Zhukov on the reflected in point values, it said. \$90,000,000,000.

capital.

emy troops in the old citadel area each month. of Kuestrin in the narrow neck of land between the Oder and Warthe

rivers, Moscow said. A 12-mile Russian advance toward Bratislava was carved out

by Marshal Rodion Y. Molinovsky's Second Ukranian Army which captured Galanta, 27 miles

east of the city and 53 miles east nearer Baguio along the Naguilian of Vienna, in an offensive north of the Danube river. These troops Baguio road. Bacolod repr



The S. S. Velma Lykes, 206th vessel to near completion at the yard of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, was launched yesterdey afternoon under the sponsorship of Miss Sandra Ingalls, of Washington, D. C. Shown are the members of the christening party. They are, left to right, Herbert Satterlee, of Washington, former assistant secretary of the Navy; Miss Evelyn Rogers; P. F. Halsey, vice president and general manager of the company; Miss Margaret McMahon, maid of honor; Mrs. Abbott Ingalls, mother of the sponsor; Miss Frances Chandler; Miss Ingalls; Captain Roger Williams, president of the company; Miss Cynthia Dunn, maid of honor, and Francis Randolph.

Slated After VE-Day PLANNED BY OPA (Continued from Page One)

ly report to President Roosevelt, WASHINGTON, March 31. -(U.P.) the Senate and House on opera-tion in Luxembourg, December 20, by precision instruments. Good results were obtained in -The Office of Price Administration tonight announced a revision tions of the Office of War Mibili- 1944, is a prisoner of war in Gerof its ration point system whereby zation and reconversion.

blocks of five red and five blue He emphasized, however, that point stamps will become valid on there still must be "Full steam ed a letter from her husband from was intense. The B-29s shot down ahead on war production." Defeat OPA described the step as a of Japan he said, will be costly move to make it easier for house-wives and storekeepers to remem-Even so, he declared. Even so, he declared, it has sonboro Sound. ber what stamps are good. The been possible to set up and test new system becomes effective to- the machinery for VE-Day reconmorrow, when red stamps K2, L2, version. This, in part, is what it

More Civilian Goods

M2, N2 and P2 and blue stamps will do: 1. Release about \$13,000,000,000

worth of "hard goods" or metals All stamps henceforth will be for production of such things as the Purple Heart for wounds re- at Tachiarai were destroyed or good during the fourth months fol-nails, cars, railroad and farm ceived in action in November, damaged. Numerous buildings in lowing their validation, OPA said. equipment within nine months of 1944.

double the amount of materials . Reduce total government

front before Berlin cleaned out the Under the old system, blocks of 3. Free within three months 20 last enemy troops in the Kuestrin five red point stamps were validat-per cent of the resources now usarea, 38 miles east of the German ed every four or five weeks. Blue ed for war production, 5 per cent

stamps always have been validat- in the next three months, and an-They killed or captured 6,170 en- ed in blocks of five on the first of other 5 per cent in the following quarter.

4. Retain the economic stabiliza-AMERICANS SEIZE **NEGROS' CAPITAL**

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fighting in the Bacolod sector.

JAPANESE FACING

BIG BURMA TRAP

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ted a 14-mile ad-

Pfc. Carl A. Hewlett Superforts Blast **Prisoner** Of Germans Pfc. Carl A. Hewlett, husband

(Continued from Page One) engine plant. This raid also was

the raid, the 20th Air Force said. ceived by Mrs. Hewlett recently Japanese fighter opposition rang-on a postal card. She also receivmany, according to a message rewas intense. The B-29s shot down two enemy planes, probably de

THE SUNDAY STAR-NEWS, WILMINGTON, N. C.

a German camp. Pfc. Hewlett is the son of Mr. stroyed three, and damaged eight and Mrs. C. H. Hewlett of Ma-Superfort headquarters here reported that reconnaissance photober, 1943 he received his basic graphs of the March 28 attack

training at Camp Croft, S. C., and fields and the Omura aircraft facwent overseas in September, 1944, tory showed that the American flihe has served in France, Belgium ers left widespread ruin in tarand Germany, being awarded get areas. Eight or nine hangars

U. S. And Britain

of Mrs. Lillie Pepper Hewlett,

who was reported missing in ac-

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1-Tass, Russian news agency,

and advocated the demand of the on the west coast. Warsaw Polish government for an earner against rising living costs, ton and London some time ago or destroyed 42 others aground. and to maintain the postwar mar-ket for goods and services." that if the proposed new Polish government of national unity could

PUBLIC URGED TO VISIT GREENFIELD

Carl Rehder, who for more than 13 years conducted the annual garden contest of the Wilmington Star-News, and who encouraged the city to purchase Greenfield Lake for the purpose of a park more than 20 years ago, yesterday viewed the park for the first time this year. He urged every-one to visit it today.

Mr. Rehder has been ill for more than a year, and on visiting the park, declared that it was more beautiful than ever. He described the fine results of the city's efforts in laying out the thousands of azaleas and other colorful flowers which now are in full bloom at the lake.

HITLER REPORTED **READY TO RESIGN**

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Zurich, referring to the same meeting, said Hitler had faced the fact that the German army could no longer resist. These reports said there were rumors that Goering had committed suicide, that Kes-

selring had been deprived of his rank and that high Nazis were flee ing with their families to fortresses being prepared in the Bavarian Alps.

Swedish reports said the high command told Hitler German Japanese Homeland troops in the west no longer obeyed

their officers; that volkssturm units were capitulating without a fight; that gasoline stocks were exhaust ed and there was not enough food

for troops. American Armada

Moving On Okinawa

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thick black cloud of smoke cover-ed the island. Pilots saw no hu-man activity and concluded that the Japanese had taken to the rug-ged northern hills to escape the ged northern hills to escape the out, heralding the eternal city's cellation order hellish bombardment.

most joyous Easter in years and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz an- the first since the Germans were BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS nounced that fast carrier task driven out. forces battered Kyushu and the

Ryukyu islands Wednesday and Thursday. They ran up the following score: Sunk: Two destroyer escorts, one medium cargo ship, ten small cargo ships, four luggers, one mo-Ryukyu islands Wednesday and will attend St. Peter's tomorrow with Stomach Ulcer Pains?

ships-total 14.

Hundreds Of Cities **Plan Easter Rites**

(Continued from Page One) nesday - Thursday attacks, shot tion program's controls — "they invitation to the San Francisco down 29 Japanese planes and one Easter sky only in Texas and lowill be needed to protect war pro-duction, to safeguard the wage that it had suggested to Washing-planes on the ground and damaged the safe to the suggested Texas to the Atlantic coast. Ris-In addition they damaged air- ing temperatures also were pre-

5. Continue and strenthen man-power controls. To this end he urged enactment of legislation asked to send a delegation. miles northeast of Okinawa, on ham was scarce in most parts of Kyushu, and in the southern Kyu- none too plentiful but there was shu cities of Kanoya, Kushira, Cri- an abundance of meat and vege ran, Tojimbara and Ibsuki. Ameri- tables and, a War Food Adminislosses were 12 planes and six pilots. tration spokesman said, "nobody 5-A short time later in Wash-On Friday fleet battleships, in-cluding new 45,000 tonners, steam-ways for the holiday, nevertheless ed up to Okinawa and shellcd found plane seats for Miami readshore installations at close range. ily available for the first time They breached sea walls and ham-mered gun positions, airfields and There were few parts of the unity government the United world in which American soldiers Nimitz said the Okinawa attacks and sailors did not recess the grim to the present provisional govern by both planes and surface ships regiment of war to honor the continued through Saturday, the Prince of Peace. The American position, it was said by this official, was taken in Ninth successive day of a terrific From as far as Italy the Persian view of the current consultations in Moscow respecting formation of which preceded invasions of other traveled to Jerusalem's holy sepulin Moscow respecting formation of Pacific islands, only more intense. cher. Many had marched in the Tokyo radio said the gigantic traditional via Dolorosa on Good It seemed possible that one Russian counter-move would be to find fleet had been reinforced and war- Friday. ships alone numbered 150 including Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R-III) some excuse for calling off these consultations in order to eliminate 17 battleships. The enemy said part on a tour for the house appropriaof the fleet had been reinforced and tions committee, was among the that reason for the American rewarships alone numbered 150, in- visitors to the Holy city. jection of the Russian demand. This is the second time that cluding 17 battleships. The enemy In sun-drenched Rome, St. Peters

Look In Your Clothes Closets!

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1945



Fienry J. Kaiser, shipyard magnate, who heads the United Nation-al Clothing Collection, exhibits an official poster which heralds open-ing of the organization's drive, April 1, for 150,000,000 pounds of clothes to be sent to needy and destitute civilians of war-devastated nations nations.

than 400 other churches pealed a white cloth slippers which he will joyous welcome to Easter through- wear throughout the next week in accordance with an ancient rite out Holy Saturday morning. More than 100 chapels, with a connected with the old liturgical

variety of roofing that ranged from ceremony. woven paim fronds to open sky, will house services in which Amer- CANCELLED RALEIGH, March 31-(AP)-The

ROME, Mar. 31.-(P)-Thousands of United Nations fighting men of the Raleigh district office of

tor torpedo boat—total 18. Probably sunk: Nine medium cargo ships, five small cargo ships—total 14. Jy. Unseasonably warm spring sunt shine bathed the city as the bells began pealing early in the day and continued until noon in the tradi-tradia to the continued until tradia to the continued to the continued to the continued to the tradia to the continued to the tradia to the tradia

tional Holy Saturday custom. When the bells began ringing after the conclusion of the Holy Saturday Saunders Drug Store and drug stores mass, the Pope donned a pair of everywhere.



the machineshop area were hit. Forty-one grounded planes were wrecked and five damaged. Damaged: One destroyer escort Refuse Reds' Plea 13 small cargo ships, one medium cargo ship-total 15.

Attack Okinawa In addition carrier planes attack-

ing numerous targets on Okinawa on Friday, destroyed four submarine pens and two torpedo boats in announced that Russia accepted the submarine base at Unten Bay

The carrier planes, in the Wed

ican servicemen join natives of Guam. Special services were ar-ranged in fleet hospital wards for day ordered all tire certificates lwo Jima casualties.

and replenishment portions of certificates dated prior to December POPE RECEIVES THOUSANDS 1, 1944, be cancelled April 1.

Theodore S. Johnson, director

Great numbers of Allied soldiers Could Cleopatra Drink a Pearl

captured more than 80 other towns vance by the Yanks, who landed now pending in the Senate. and villages including Nitra, 46 that distance south of the Negros 6. Cut back construction of miles northeast of the Slovak cap- capital city and pushed both north and merchant ships. and south along the coast. ital.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, an-basic gasoline ration - A-card In southwestern Hungary, Moscow said that Marshal Tolbukhin's nouncing the capture today said holders may get an extra gallon troops had captured nearly 9,000 Brush's division crossed two rivers for each coupon-and in the alenemy troops, including the com- the Magsungay and Lupit-saving lotment for trucks. mander of the Third Hungarian all bridges in so doing-as they While Byrnes asserted that "our

made a sweeping envelopment to Tolbukhin's fast-driving spear- made a swee seize Bacolod. heads streaked across the plains The city was prepared by the and rolling hills of southwestern Japanese for destruction, he said, Hungard and reached the Austrian "but speed of the attack saved it way to produce for war while defrontier at captured Szentgotthard in their closest approach to the exploded."

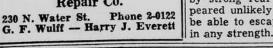
mountain city of Graz. Three enemy fighter planes were clared, "can surely find a way to These forces were only 34 miles captured intact. from the vital trunk railroad link-ing Vienna with the Italian port of Fast mechanized units now are even higher standard of living at a gain of 20 miles from the beach-

slavia south of Graz. Tolbushin's troops carved out their gain of almost a mile-an-hour along the south bank of the curving Raba river. Fifteen miles behind Szentgotthard, they crossed the river to win the fortified town of Kormend, and also won Vasvar, another nine miles to the east.

Simultaneously, Marshal Stalin's order of the day announcing the MacArthur added. victory, said Bulgarian troops south of Lake Balaton had captured the Hungarian town of Csurgo, 14 miles anese pockets north of Lahog airsoutheast of the oil center of Nagyfield. kanizsa, in an eight-mile advance along the Drava river frontier of Yank positions at Pardo was re-Yugoslavia. pulsed.

IT'S NOT ALONE There are approximately 57,000,-000 star systems similar to the Milky Way within the range of modern telescopes. according to an estimate of a prominent astronomer.

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-In London a British foreign office spokesman said that the 6. Cut back construction of war Russian proposition is "out of the question. 7. Make "some increase" in the

ington a state department official otherwise unidentifiable, said that because of the agreements reached at Yalta to set up the national economy is stretched to its lim-

States government does not agree its," he felt "no real apprehento the extension of an invitation bridges.

"A nation which has found the ment of Poland.

produce for peace to establish an the new unity government.

ranging six miles to the north to- home and to aid in the establish-Trieste at a point where the line crosses from Austria into Yugo-a gain of 20 miles from the beachthroughout the world.

head at the mouth of Bago river. "In this way we will find the A small enemy group inland near jobs for our returned soldiers and Murcia was being reduced, Mac- for released war workers. In this Arthur said in his only mention of way we will gain the only benefit to be derived from war, the retogether, as a people there is al- of Polish representation at San Okinawa. aerial units destroyed many eneways a promising future ahead." Francisco. Previously it was raismy trucks and vehicles and large quantities of fuel and supplies,

war in Europe is in sight, Byrnes On Cebu, the Americal Division was engaged in cleaning out Japed. He indicated that the recon-

sion for the future."

version machinery will be set in motion whenever General Dwight of the United Nations.

ceased.

D. Eisenhower says that Germany has surrendered unconditionally or that organized resistance has



To Be Conducted Here attacks on the Meiktila airstrips and there were signs that the main A traini g institute for minisbody was withdrawing northeastters, deacons, Sunday school, B. T. U., and missionary workers ward in the direction of the railway. Another withdrawal southeast from Kyaukse was being covered 9-20 under the auspices of the Exby strong rear guards but it appeared unlikely either force would be able to escape the Allied noose versity, of Raleigh.

Moscow all along has been the Under the Baptist Ministers most outspoken of the United Naconference of Wilmington, classes tions on the pro-Axis charges will be held at the Williston In- made against the Argentine govdustrial school, room 8, first floor, ernment and it has been expected from 10:45 to 12:45 a.m. and from here that the Soviets would probably want to veto any suggestion In addition to the regular coursthat Argentina be included in the

also conduct inspirational serv-It seems certain that this situa ices three nights, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, rotating the Polish issue, assuming that among the several Baptist chur- they both reach the stage of neches of the city. The opening night will be at the Central Baptist ments. church, Seventh and Red Cross

A subterranean restaurant is located in the Carlsbad caverns of medical examiner, said late today that the death of Max Hoffman, Jr., New Mexico, 750 feet below the earth's surface.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS ing, was due to natural causes.

Britain and the United States have said part of the fleet had approach- great bell and the bells of more Supporting the ground operation alization that as long as we work been confronted with the question ed Kume island, 50 miles west of

The enemy said the start of land-Although he said the end of the ed with respect to the Polish exilings on Okinawa could be only a ed government at London when matter of time and the radio quotdeclined to tell reporters the date that regime protested against the ed one Japanese newspaper that that is being assumed and on treatment it was receiving. The "the time for the decisive battle which reconversion plans are bas- exile government at London is between Japan and America finrecognized by both Britain and the ally has come upon us.'

(The London radio said Ameri-United States and is a member can planes had laid mines in Ja-Today's developments brought pan's inland sea and off southern this one immediate question to the Kyushh.)

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Japanese communiques claimed tip of many tongues: Japanese forces had sunk 30 Ameri-

What effect will this have on the move to accept Argentina into can ships, including two carriers and a battleship, and damaged 20 the United Nations?" It has been expected that the others.

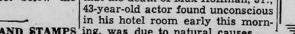
Nimitz announced that surface present government of Argentina soon will be recognized by the forces had attacked barracks, ware-American repbulics and that Rus- houses, the radio station, ammunisia along with the other leading tion dumps and the airdrome on the united nations will be asked to island of Minami Daito, 200 miles will be held in Wilmington, April 9-20 under the auspices of the Ex-

sented in some form at San Fran-

Announcement^{*} es of instruction, the institute will California meetins.

> tion would become entangled with gotiation among the Allied govern-

NATURAL DEATH NEW YORK, March 31.--(P)-Dr B. Morgan Vance, chief assistant



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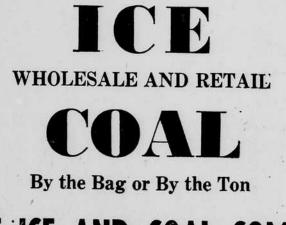
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