

### PICKARD IS GIVEN MOTOR CLUB POST

Promotion of T. Ed Pickard, Jr., an official during the past eight years, to the position of General Manager of the Carolina Motor Club, Inc., with headquarters in Charlotte, was announced yesterday by Coleman W. Roberts, president, who is relinquishing the general management.

Mr. Pickard has been secretary of the club during the past eight years, and Assistant General Manager for more than a year. He will retain the duties of secretary.

Hereafter Mr. Roberts will devote his time to the steadily increasing duties of the presidency of this organization, the tenth largest A.A.A. Motor club in America, and the largest organization of car owners in the world for its age. Mr. Roberts will devote his time to special research work and new activities the club will undertake after the war, which will include a World Travel Service division, which means extending Carolina Motor club service all over the world.

Mr. Pickard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pickard, Sr., of Charlotte, and, with the exception of two years, has lived all his life in this city.

The newly appointed General Manager joined the Carolina Motor club in 1935. Later he received a leave of absence to join the staff of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce when Mr. Roberts was president of that association. When Mr. Roberts was a member of the State Department of Conservation and Development, and chairman of the State Parks committee of this board in the late 1930's, Mr. Pickard was given administrative responsibilities with this state department and was in charge of the preparation and presentation of the North Carolina exhibit at the New York World's fair. Later Mr. Pickard, during more than two years, served as Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Governor's Hospitality committee, under the direction of Senator Clyde Hoey, who then was governor of this State.

While serving Governor Hoey in that capacity, Mr. Pickard organized a County Hospitality committee in each of North Carolina's 100 counties, for the purpose of promoting the State's advertising program and the travel industry and facilities for recreation. His duties also included the promotion of general progress of this state through development of closer and friendlier relations with tourists and visitors from other states.

Mr. Pickard served for two years as Executive Secretary of the Governor's Committee on Roadside Control and Development during 1938 and 1939.

In Charlotte civic affairs, Mr. Pickard has been active in various organizations during a long period of years, and at present is an active member of the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Myers Park Country Club. He organized the Charlotte Young Civic society, a rigidly composed of young men newly graduated from high school and college, and is president emeritus.

### COAL PRODUCTION ORDER ACCEPTED

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ries higher pay rates than the old one, the higher rates shall apply to all the time from April 1 on.

Lewis and the operators have been negotiating for a month without any real agreement. The UMW submitted 18 demands covering wages and other matters—and the operators said they couldn't afford to meet them. Lewis' most striking demand was for the union to get 10 cents a ton royalty. He showed this week in approving a counter proposal by Secretary of Labor Perkins, that he is willing to drop this if he gets enough otherwise.

The seldom concealed bitterness of the miners toward the operators was demonstrated again today.

When operators told the WLB they were agreeable to a 30-day retroactive extension of the present contract, Lewis demanded they post \$15,000,000 as a guarantee payment. (This is the operators' estimate of how much the UMW demands in full would cost them each month.)

Lewis said the miners were forced to take less than they thought was due in the final settlement on retroactive pay, and he wanted a guarantee against a repetition.

Charles O'Neill, speaking for the operators, said they never had failed to "pay their bills." O'Neill pointed out that the 1943 settlement was engineered by Lewis and interior Secretary Ickes, who ran the coal mines for the government after their seizure that year.

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T. ED PICKARD, JR.

### Allies Clamp Trap On The Ruhr Basin

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Warburg, also was hammering on either in or beyond Kassel. Fulda river stronghold and provincial capital of Hesse-Nassau, and battled near Lautenhausen, both 170 miles southwest of Berlin.

Another juncture was effected at the southern hinge of the western front between armored elements of the U. S. Seventh Army and the French First Army which crossed the Rhine on a 10-mile front, possibly in the area of Karlsruhe, and was fighting eastward against stiff resistance.

The crossing of the French was made in the vicinity of Speyer.

Seventh Army armored and infantry forces which stormed down the highway toward Karlsruhe, passed Ketsch and reached Hockenheim in a 4-mile dash in which the French were contacted.

The U. S. 15th Army took its place in the battle lines at an undisclosed sector of the front, putting five American armies in action.

The U. S. Seventh Army struck a soft spot in German lines and surged 15 miles eastward, crossing the Tauber river at two points 15 miles west of Wuerzburg and was 130 miles west of the Nazi shrine city of Munich and only 67 miles from the Nazi Party's old rallying grounds at Nuernberg.

**May Block Nazi**  
This concerted assault by the Americans and the French threatened to block the Nazi leaders from their presumed intention of making a final stand in the mountain fastnesses of Bavaria.

The British Second Army, racing more than 50 miles beyond the Rhine with three armored divisions in the van, was under a news blackout but was believed either fighting in Muenster or mid-way between Muenster and the Ruhr's easternmost city of Hamm.

At the extreme northwestern end of the trans-Rhine front, the Canadian First Army was 10 miles beyond the river and driving into Holland with gathering speed, liberating a half dozen Dutch towns during the afternoon as it closed on Arnhem.

In the face of this mounting threat, the Germans were clearing out of all north Holland west of Arnhem and heading back for the Peich, Dutch civilians told their liberators.

For the Allies, it was the brightest Easter of the war, for the Germans the gloomiest.

The Germans were laying down their arms by the thousands. The First Army took 11,206 prisoners yesterday, the Third Army added at least 10,000 more, the Seventh took 1,800 and the British Second 1,500—a total of 85,000 prisoners in 72 hours.

The retreat from the Ruhr had begun—too late—and fleeing convoys were bombed and strafed from dawn to dusk.

Possibly the last great battle of the war west of the Ruhr valley boiled over the fields south of Dorsten, where the Eighth Armored Division slugged with the cut-off and doomed German 116th Panzer division.

The Second Armored Division covered 30 miles in 36 hours to make its tactical junction with the U. S. First Army, which was battling in Paderborn against the first real enemy resistance since its breakthrough from the Rhine six days ago.

It by-passed all the big munitions cities of the Ruhr, Essen, biggest of them all, Duesseldorf, Hamm, Dortmund, Duisburg, and cut across the fertile fields of the Westphalian plain at such a clip that one German headquarters was found deserted with a half-eaten meal on the table.

It rolled on through the moonlight of Friday night, turning the battle into an obstacle race with a determination to end the war and go home.

It had bulled through a troop-packed front and dashed ahead just as it did when it was Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's outfit in North Africa and Sicily, and in the way it struck across the plains of France and later across the Roer.

### ELKS TO ASSIST FREED INTERNEES

H. N. Hayden, Exalted Ruler of Wilmington Lodge No. 532 of the Elks, announced yesterday that a special committee, headed by Thomas J. Wolf, Past Grand Officer of the Manila Lodge of Elks, has been set up to bring assistance to newly liberated Elks internees, according to information received from James R. Nicholson, chairman of the Elks War Commission in New York City.

A \$100,000 appropriation was made available from the fraternal order's war chest, and has been set aside for the purpose. The money will be used to purchase medicine, food and clothing, and provide loans for members of Manila Lodge and other Elks who were held prisoners by the Japs until their liberation by American forces recently.

Mr. Wolff, whose appointment has just been announced by the Elks War Commission, is a prominent Manila business man and has substantial mining interests in the Philippines.

He was former Chairman of the Central Executive Committee of the American Red Cross serving under former Commissioner Francis B. Sayre and the late Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippines.

Prior to Japanese occupation, the Manila Lodge of Elks had 89 members. A large number of these men, together with other Elks in the islands at the time of the invasion, were interned.

In addition to the relief work being conducted in the Philippines under Mr. Wolff's direction, an Elks War Relief committee has been established in San Francisco, to meet and give assistance to Elks returning to this country after their liberation from Jap internment camps.

### Herbert Insists Hearing Be Held In Looney Case

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the Tuesday night meeting of the five-member board.

Meanwhile, city authorities were expecting the officer to be automatically returned to duty Tuesday "unless the civil service body acts Monday."

Outlining his opinion on the Looney case yesterday, the Rev. Mr. Herbert said, "I feel that the time has come to say that the decision of the Civil Service commission not to have a hearing on the Looney case last Monday night was a three-to-two decision.

"I, myself, made the motion before the commission that the hearing be held. The affidavits before us seemed to me, to justify beyond question that the hearing proceed. My motion was seconded by Dr. David Muchison, but was defeated by the other three members of the commission.

"We have a case before us in which it is clear that a police officer was intoxicated while on duty and that in this condition he arrested and misused a citizen. Frankly, just why the hearing was not held I do not understand. I still think and insist that the hearing be held. It must be held in justice to the officer.

"What mitigating circumstances are involved I do not know but they should certainly be presented. The commission would certainly approach the hearing with the proper consideration of the officer's record in the past.

"It should be held in justice to the Negro man who was arrested. A claim that this is no time to bestir racial excitement is clearly out of order. Every day is the time to do justice."

"Holy Week would have been an excellent time to see that justice be done to a relatively helpless member of the minority race. Let us have this hearing. There is no other proper thing to do."

### SENTENCED

LIVERPOOL, England, March 31 (U.P.)—Pvts. William H. Seagoe and Frederick K. Rymer were dishonorably discharged today and sentenced to 60 years at hard labor by an American Army court martial for larceny, housebreaking, desertion and escaping military detention at Glasgow.

### CLOTHING DRIVE PLANS OUTLINED

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tee, and Robert Dannenbaum is chairman of the reports committee. Cecil Lewis will direct the campaign at the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company.

"I know that every man woman and child will want to do his utmost to help relieve the terrible suffering in war-torn areas," Mr. Doshier stated. "I pledge that the traditional generosity of the American people will again express itself in this worthy campaign. Innocent victims are dying from exposure and disease growing out of a long and terrible war. The President has stated that as many war victims have died from exposure and lack of adequate clothing as from starvation.

Mr. Doshier pointed out that the success of the collection depends upon the individual efforts of the citizens in this community. "Our people," added the chairman, "are going to demonstrate their gratitude for being spared from the horrors which have descended on other lands. I wish to stress that the clothing given will be distributed free without discrimination of any kind to needy and destitute men, women and children in the war-devastated countries.

"The demands of the armed services and civilian requirements in this country are so great that only a small amount of new clothing can be secured for relief overseas. The only way that the war-stricken people can obtain sufficient clothing to satisfy part of their needs is through gifts of garments from the American people.

"We will meet this challenge. I have been pledged the support of the voluntary war relief agencies, service clubs, religious groups, youth organizations, women's clubs, educational groups, labor, agriculture, industry, and government agencies. The press, radio and motion picture groups, already overburdened with many tasks of wartime, are cooperating. This is another burden they are gladly assuming."

The appeal is for good serviceable used clothing which will enable the innocent sufferers in the war-ravaged areas to help themselves in reconstructing their broken homes and towns and join with the United States in shaping the peace which follows final victory over the Axis.

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