

ing woman was ended yesterday when Epes, whom Fort authorities said attempted suicide Monday by slashing his wrists and throat with a razor blade, was taken in an ambulance to lead officers to the scene

Epes in a signed statement given to the Richland sheriff said: "Mary Lee was ill and upset She had in her possession sodium

seconal that had been given her for relief purposes by an army medical officer. "We came home Saturday night (Jan. 27) at 10:30. We had a cou-

ple of drinks, but were not intoxicated. Mary Lee took a couple of capsules and later in the evening she took about 10 more.

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**Fiscal Control Of School Funds Asked** 

man capital from the southeast.

Other spearheads, Moscow Fresh formations of Allied bombdispatches said, had raced 22 ers were reported flying in over Holland and also from the south miles in the offensive west of over Austria. Breslau and reached Goerlitz on the Neisse only 53 miles east of Dresden and were now battling for bridgeheads in

southern Germany. A Tass breadcast from Moscow later said the Russians had reached a point only 45 miles from Dresden.

Marshal Ivan Konev's reinforced blows fell with a speed and

man resistance had been almost paralyzed. Allied bombers continued one of

their greatest offensives just ahead of the Soviet columns. The Berlin military spokesman said Konev's free-wheeling col-

umns had reached the Autobahns, or military highways, both north- Enemy Determined To Make Capture Costly To Amwest and southwest of Forst, 65 miles from Berlin.

Pravda first announced Ko-

nev's thrust to the Neisse, the last

major water barrier before Dres-

den. Its correspondent said whole

groups of German towns had been

in a spectacular 22-mile advance.

captured, by-passed or sealed off

The speed of the drive indicated

The Russians were reported

battling for a bridgehead a-

cross the Neisse, last major

Konev's northern wing spreading

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TODAY

of Kiwanis club at Hotel Charl-

7:30 p.m.-Special communi-

cation of Cleveland Lodge 202

A. F. & A. M., for work in

FRIDAY

The breakdown on Army losses

135,510 and 130,266;

in this week's report and corres-ponding figures for last week fol-

wounded 408,553 and 396,176; pris-

meet at Hotel Charles.

12:30 p.m.—Rotary meets at Hotel Charles.

third degree.

last week's report.

ANALYSIS

Killed

7:00 p.m.-Regular meeting

7:30 p.m.-C.A.P: members

make the artistic capital

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**Casualties On Western** 

Front 394,874 Since D-Day

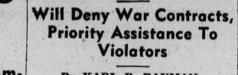
came after overnight blows by 1,-300 RAF planes which struck at German radio sounded new alarms. the east front rail center of Che-EDITOR FIRED - Miss Marilyn mnitz, as well as at other targets.

Twenty-two bomber command air- Mich., editor of the student newscraft were lost, but some may have paper, the Flat Hat, at the College landed on the continent. of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., has been dismissed from American losses from yesterday's 2,250 plane strike had not the staff as a result of her editorial in which she suggested negroes been announced because a number of "missing" planes were believ-

should be admitted to the college at some future date, and would ed to have landed safely in France, join the same clubs, pin the same air headquarters said. classmates, and marry among us." Germany was undergoing scourging such as she never be-

WLB HAS NEW fore experienced. Chemnitz, main target of the

Cottbus is a big rail and high-See ALTERNATE Page 2 SECRET WEAPON **Yanks Tighten Noose On Japs In Manila** 



the official report said: By KARL R. BAUMAN "Between Strettoia and Seravezza our outposts moved back a short di-hours, much of their might loosed WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. -(AP)-The government brought out today our outposts moved back a short dia new drastic weapon for use stance after enemy forces infiltrat- upon the area between the Rhine and Gen. Eisenhower's seven ed our lines and also launched a armies. One group wrecked the raid about 500 yards east of Stret- Rhine bridge at the Ruhr city of Its first use cancelled the war contracts of, and denied priority toia. Wesel, 18 miles ahead of British desperate they cold-bloodedly shot and bayoneted civilians asisstance to, E. A. Laboratories, Raiding Nazis forced American troops. Gen. Henry Crerar's Cana-Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y. The first manufactures ship landing lights troops back a few hundred yards dian First army appeared definitely east of Lama Di Sotto but the posiheaded south toward the Cologne and other electrical equipment. tions were regained later, the complain. On the west edge of that Denial of priority assistance in munique said. plain, the British Second and the these days of scarce materials is a **BRAZILIANS** American Ninth and First Armies penalty of extreme seriousness. Con-Brazilian troops repulsed an ene-my patrol a mile and a half north-floods, flowing from opened dams ceivably it could put a manufacturer out of business east of Affrico, a village 27 miles at the headwaters. On the ground that the company southwest of Bologna. **INSIDE GERMANY** had "persistently refused" to com-The Canadians, Britons, Scots and Fifth army forces suffered some ply with WLB orders, Fred M. casualties when Germans laid Welsh commanded by Crerar cap-Vinson, director of economic stabidown heavy fire on Allied patrols tured Hommersum. Heijen and Club was completed today as re- lization, last night directed the from strongly entrenched positions Warbeyen. Opposite Emmerich the Army and Navy to cancel "all consouth of Bologna Canadians were 13 1-2 miles inside Action on the Eighth army front Germany and 49 from the great tracts with this employer as rapidly as possible.' Rhine city of Dusseldorf. was limited to sharp patrol clashes. He also directed the War Pro-ARTILLERY German resistance stiffened on duction board to deny all applica-British coastal craft torpedoed the eastern and southern flanks of and sank a large enemy merchant the oozing battleground between tions of the firm for priority assistance or for the allocation of ship and destroyed three heavily the Rhine and Meuse. Two bridgematerials, and to cancel all outarmed coastal vessels off the Istrian heads were widened and strengthstanding priorities and allocations. peninsula at the end of the Adriaened across the Niers river along Vinson acted under executive tic Sea, the Allied naval command which the Germans had hoped order No. 93700 which empowers announced today. to shield Goch. Typifying the heavy use of artilhim to issue "such directives as he The small Kleve state forest lery on the static Fifth army front three miles north of Goch was may deem necessary" in connection with the enforcement of WLB is the instance of the 348th field cleared. Empire troops were withartillery battalion of the 91st in three miles of Calcar, road cen-This he described as the "other weapon in our arsenal," the other (Powder River) division which ter close to the Rhine. fired 73,000 rounds from its how-Bitter, see-saw fighting continbeing government seizure. itzers in 157 days of combat. The ued at the edge of Kessel, on the Fifth army command credited the Indicating the government may battalion with destroying twice its

ammunition dumps.

Two Killed In

North Tarrytown, N. Y.

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acted terrible casualties.

**ALLIES DRIVEN** Kaemmerle (above) from Jackson, **BACK IN ITALY** 

nounced today.

At low points north of Kleve and west of Emmerich, the Rhine was Ground Given Up In Ser- as wide as the English channel between Calais and Dover and flood chio Valley Is Later waters were eight feet deep, leav-Regained ing only islands of sunken villages. The Canadians used amphibious

## tanks to advance. BEHIND WEST WALL By NOLAND NORGAARD ROME, Feb. 15. -(AP)- German The Canadian First army, alinfiltration tactics drove back Am-

ready behind the Siegfried line and erican outposts on the Tyrrhenian up to the Rhine, was in a position coastal sector of the Italian front to push south and confine or kill the enemy on either side of his and a Nazi raid in the Serchio valwest wall fortifications. ley forced another slight withdraw-Three of Gen. Eisenhower's al but the ground later was rearmies to the south watched with satisfaction a gradual recession of gained, Allied headquarters anfloods on the Roer river barring Describing the Tyrrhenian action, their path to the Cologne plain.

The British empire troops crept forward in the wake of blows struck

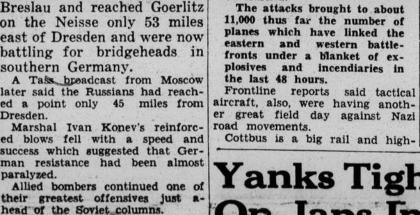
The Rhine was reached at Hur-

endeich. There the river is normally

3,270 feet wide but breaches in

dykes in the desolate lowlands have

made the Rhine even more impos-



## **Bill Proposes Closer Supervision Of State's Public** School Funds

RALEIGH, Feb. 15 .- (P)-Rep. Stone of Rockingham introduced today, with Governor Cherry's endorsement, a bill to provide fiscal control of the state's public school funds, the appointment of a controller, and to outline the duties of the state board of education and other school officials.

## Japan's Home **Island Industry** Hit From Air

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.--(AP)-B-29 Superfortresses hit again today at Japan's home island war industries.

An enemy communique broadcast after a War Department here said the important manufacturing city of Nagoya as well as areas in Mie Prefecture across Atsuta Bay suffered "some damage" from high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The mission was flown by a force of B-29s from Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay's 21st bomber command in the Marianas. A brief war bulletin from Gen.

H. H. Arnold, commanding general ditional details.

Earlier, the Tokyo radio reported that lone Superfortresses bombed the Tokyo-Yokohama metropoliturned later in reconnaissance flights.

Today's strike was the fourth by **L-29s** since Saturday. An aircraft factory at Ota, 40 miles northwest teaching program and be secretary of Tokyo, was hit Saturday, the Rangoon area Sunday and Iwo Jima Monday.

Return On Gripsholm

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. -(AP)-

war in Germany being returned front lost 394,874 men from D-Day

Pfc. Carl J. Benge, son of Earl of War Stimson said that 63,410 R. Benge of Statesville; S/Sgt. John were killed, 273,997 wounded and

E. Guy, son of Mrs. Myrtle M. Pa-kers of Reese; Cpl. James R. Sisk, husband of Mrs. Pauline Sisk of western front of 61,962 in January,

Pyt. Thomas P. Edwards, husband of Mrs. Katherine D. Edwards of Gresham; Pfc. Sam K. Jeffords, son of Samuel K. Jeffords, Sr., of the wr now are 693,342 on the

The following Carolinians are

**Carolinians** To

home on the Gripsholm:

North Carolina:

South Carolina:

Gastonia

Elliott

A recently adopted constitutional amendment made no provision for last natural barrier before Dresthe controller, but Cherry in his den. inaugural message suggested that RAIL CENTER the matter be corrected. The state is to be divided by the legislature into eight educational districts and the bill would provide for the staggering of terms

MRS. EPES

of the members, other than those of the lieutenant governor, the state superintendent of public instruction and the state treasurer.

The board would have control of the library fund and would divide the state into school districts, regulate the salaries, grades and qualifications of teachers. It would apportion and equalize public school funds, select textbooks and generally supervise the school program. The board would appoint the

controller and fix his salary. He would have control of the fiscal affairs of the school system, control the nine months term appropriation, the textbook appropria of the 20th Air Force, gave no ad- tion, the state literary and building fund, state and federal funds for loans to schools for building programs, federal funds for voca-

tional education, funds for vocatan area and the Nagano district tional rehabilitation, funds for the last night and early today and re- maintenance of the board, and other miscellaneous funds. SUPERVISION

The superintendent of public instruction would supervise the to the board.

last June to February 1.

ed and 11,789 missing.

In reporting this today Secretary

including 8,848 killed, 41,325 wound-

basis of names compiled in Wash-

A similar bill was introduced in See FISCAL Page 2

The Germans said Koney in this area had established a "loose connection" with Marshal Gregory Zhukov's forces fighting east of Berlin, where they have established bridgeheads over the Oder in South Manila. south of Guerstenberg. Yanks of three divisions closed

To the south Konev apparently in on the enemy, fighting for each had bypassed the important railway junction and stronghold of street intersection, amid a flood Kohlfurt in his 22-mile jump from of front line reports of Japanese atrocities matching the rape of Bunzlau to Goerlitz on the Neisse, Nanking.

of

club

The Americans had to move carefully so as not to kill civilians Kohlfurt, 11 miles northeast of within the Japanese lines. Goerlitz, is a five-point trunk

**Explosions** and flames swept the old Intramuros, the Ermita and Malate districts along the Manila Bay shore south of the Pasig river mouth. The devastation, wrought by demolition charges, threatened to equal that which ravaged the Escolta business district north of the river.

Nazi resistance, in that sector was The doomed Japanese, holed up primarily in the Intramuros, where ome walls are 40 feet thick at the base, were weakened but still fighting. obstacle before Dresden, the city of 630,000 which Adolf Hitler once had planned to

Troops of Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler's 37th division, bearing the brunt of the house-by-house onslaught, yesterday reached the University of the Philippines campus, a half mile from the high commissioner's residence on the

bay front. HOLD HOSPITAL WHAT'S DOING

The Japanese still held the General hospital nearby, however, and the American position was untenable. The hospital has been converted into one of the enemy's strongest positions. Associated Press Correspondent

Fred Hampson said the enemy was confined to an area about 5,000 yards by 2,000 yards. Gen. Douglas MacArthur said

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Chinese Take Kutrai On Old Burma Road

KANDY, CEYLON, Feb. 15-(AP -Chinese First Army troops, driv-ing southward along the old Burma road, occupied Kutkai, 48 miles among the army officers and en-listed men who were prisoners of Army ground forces on the western flecting combat action in the early north of Lashio without opposition yesterday, the southeast Asia

part of January. Linked with the Navy's latest command announced today. The advance elements continureport of losses of 88,838, this puts total American combat losses at 782,180, an increase of 17,596 since engaged a small Japanese armor-

and Hsenwi, 32 miles from Lashio. 19 enemy aircraft Three of the enemy tanks were dogfights over the Reich.

knocked out and machine guns and other weapons captured. junction of the Lido and Burma of Shelby, N. C., and Lt. Eugene ported by the Marseille press "to

See CASUALTIES Page 2 roads and Lashio.

ericans; Civilians Wantonly Slain MANILA, Feb. 15.-(P)-Under skies black from new against defiers of War Labor board enemy demolition destruction, American troops cautiously orders.

tightened an inevitable death noose today on Japanese so

**15 DIRECTORS** NAMED BY CLUB

Election of a board of 15 members for the new Cleveland Executive sults of the ballotting were announced along with plans for an early meeting of the group to arrange the initial dinner lecture meeting of the group which is nearing its membership comple-

ment. The directors are Herman A. Beam, Fallston; B. G. Beason, Boiling Springs; Glee A. Bridges, Kings Mountain; Ma-son L. Carroll, Shelby; J. R. Dover, jr., Shelby; Phil Elliott, Boiling Springer; J. W. Goding, Shelby; J. Byron Keeter, Kings Mountain; R. T. LeGrand, sr., Shelby; W. K. Mauney, Kings Mountain; Holt McPherson, dale; J. L. Suttle, jr., Shelby, CHARLOTTE MEETING

be guests of his at the Charlotte Executives club meeting next Tues-

their plans to go. At the organization meeting next week the directors will elect officers, arrange the initial session and in general establish the local government of the club

orders.

SEIZURE use the seizure procedure less sparingly in the future than in the Montgomery Ward and other cases,

Vinson called government possession and operation not always the answer." He said: "The government is reluctant to

seize . . . The government can not Crash Of Bomber day night and several are making run numerous plants. In some cases the seizure methods is easy; it (P)-A light bomber from the Florcan be quick; it can bypass pain- ence air field crashed, 90 miles staking work in trying to figure north of Atlanta, killing two men

out some other means of securing Tuesday night, the air base ancompliance, but so far it has not nounced last night. They were 2nd and it must not become an opiate Lt. Harold Gilbert of Philadelphia, Elmer E. Schlotz, of Denver, exefor all of our non-compliance trou- and Cpl. Anthony J. Simnowski of bles."

**CONFERENCE ECHOES: Relaxation Of Italian** 

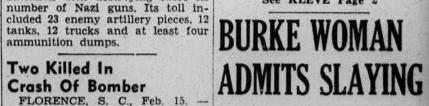
**Planes Over Reich** 

in scattered

nd other weapons captured. The capture of Kutkai placed the J.; Lt. Melvin Baylor, Rochardson, President, on his way back from of the war's greatest scandals may Chinese over halfway between the Sask., Canada; Lt. James Bowers the Crimean conference, was re- come out" in connection with

have made a short stay" at Mar-

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## Held On Charge Of Murder, Mother Of Nine Children

MORGANTON, Feb. 15-(AP)-Mrs. Alice Mull, 44, mother of nine children is in jail here today awaiting a preliminary hearing on a charge of murder in connection with the rifle slaying of her husband, Carza Alexander Mull.

Members of the sheriff's department found Mull's body in a field near the couple's home in the Laurel Hill section five miles seille, French Mediterranean port. southeast of Morganton, after the President Roosevelt was expect- woman gave herself up and rerelaxation of Italian armistice ed to visit Italy on his return trip ported the shooting,

Mrs. Mull told officers that she passed by Allied censorship from to the house. She said he was in-

toxicated. Rural Officer C. A. Fox said he found evidence of slight fire dam-This dispatch, by (AP) Bureau age at the house.

Officers said two bullets entered Mull's chest over the heart, and there was another bullet hole in the back of the body.

By The Associated Press LONDON, Feb. 15-(AP)-Some terms and a possible inquiry by and arrangements to receive him ed their push south and later tanks shot down three German planes President Roosevelt into arrange- also have been made both by the shot her husband three times manned by Americans and Chinese yesterday for the best individual ments for the relief of French French government and by Allied while he pursued her with a shotscore among Eighth air force civilians were indicated today by headquarters, said a news story gun after attempting to set fire ed force midway between Kutkai fighter pilots, who got a total of continental dispatches.

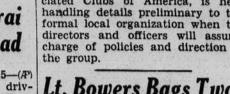
The best available information Paris last night. in Paris was that Mr. Roosevelt "SCANDAL" Two kills each were credited to had not yet reached France, al-

**Armistice Terms Expected** LONDON, Feb. 15 -(AP)-Capt. Robin Olds of Beverly Hills, Calif.,

Wendt Horicon, Wis.

cutive field director for the Asso-

ciated Clubs of America, is here handling details preliminary to the formal local organization when the directors and officers will assume charge of policies and direction of the group. Lt. Bowers Bags Two



Boiling Springs; J. W. Gardner,

Shelby; C. R. Neisler, jr., Kings Mountain; D. W. Royster, Shelby; John F. Schenck, sr., Lawn-

The directors have been invited by George M. Ivey, of Charlotte, to