

clared the Russians had opened the battle for Berlin, breaking into the northeastern defense of Kuestrin on the Oder 29 miles from the Reich capital and assaulting Zehden on the Oder's east bank 31 miles from Berlin.

Berlin said the Oder front was aflame along a 70-mile American mountain troops stretch from south of Kuestrin almost all the way north to Stettin.

Tanks of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's first white Russian army attacked Zehden, 28 miles northwest of Kuestrin on the winding Oder, the German radio said, and possibly front in weeks, Allied headwere trying to drive a wedge across to turn on Berlin or Stettin from the flank.

Attacking after a 24-hour artillery barrage, the Soviets punched into the northeastern defenses of Kuestrin, due east ited objective attack." of Berlin, another Nazi broadcast said.

Moscow dispatches made no men-

the 1943 assembly adjourned on the 55th day after the house had

At the current pace, he said, it vill take 11 more days to finish

the work now before the house.

work all possible and said he might have to appoint a calendar

committee. Calendar committees

usually are appointed in the house

Reps. Edwards of Greene and

Quinn of Duplin sent up a bill

to enable the State depart-

ment of agriculture to finance

and construct facilities and

improvements for the state

fair. The department would

be authorized to issue \$100,-000 in bonds, with the interest

rate approved by the council

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WITH THE 26TH DIVISION.

Feb. 10—(Delayed)—Lieut. Boyd E. Hicks' deliberate order of artil-

lery-unleasing a merciless bar-

dennes. For that outstanding act

ber One Hero to Capt. Angelo J.

Mantenuto, commander of Com-

pany B-says he would rather have

the combat infantryman's badge.

Company B, known as "Boston's Own", got the credit for repulsing

He dived into the nearest foxhole

R. F. Hicks, of Shelby.

considered 858 measures.

The German high command said Zhukov launched a major assault intended to overwhelm Kuestrin said Soviet troops were sweeping tion of the Berlin-Oder front, but and "establish further attacking across Wollin, the first of the stepbases" for a push on Berlin.

asses" for a push on Berlin. The Germans weeks ago said to the north, in a push aimed at the Russians had shoved bridge- cutting off Stettin from the sea. heads over the Oder, 30 to 40 miles below and above besieged Kuestrin. lin, 28 miles north of Stettin, on Kuestrin was reported under at- the coastal route leading to the tack from north and south. Mos- U-boat base of Swinemuende and cow was silent concerning this beyond to Germany's Mecklenburg province north of Berlin.

The new report of action on The Berlin radio said "a Rusthe Oder came as the western Al- sian artillery barrage is raining lies threatened Germany's Rhine See DEFENSES Page 2

PEAKS CAPTURED

ROME, March 7.-(AP)have gained five miles in the rugged Apennines southwest of Bologna in the strongest advance on the Fifth Army

quarters announced today. The action was officially described as "a most successful lim-

(The German high command said in a broadcast communique today that British troops had made a "local attempt" to land behind German lines on the Adriatic coast, but the attack was beaten off.)

Striking northeastward west of the Pistoia highway three days ago, the Americans have captured a number of dominating peaks and the town of Castel D'Alano, 20 miles from Bologna. More than 1,200 pris-onese page been taken. The attack began at 7 a. m March 3 under a 20-minute artillery barrage and with air assistance. Headquarters permitted disclosure of the assault only this morning.

Brazilian troops, advancing sim-

MEN CASUALTIES

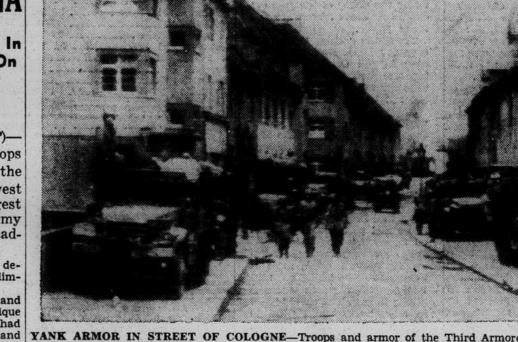
In casualty reports received to-day, two Cleveland, county soldiers were listed, T/4 Royal A. Hamby

was reported killed in action on Luzon and Pfc. J. L. Bridges is

department that her husband

Pfc. J. L. Bridges, is reported miss-ing in action since February 24 in Germany.

Lieut. Boyd E. Hicks Hero In



YANK ARMOR IN STREET OF COLOGNE-Troops and armor of the Third Armored Division of the U. S First Army wait in a side street in the German city of Cologne before driving for the heart of the city whose capture was announced March 6. This is one of the first photos taken in Cologne and was made by AP Photographer William C. Allen, on assignment with the still picture pool.



PARIS, March 7,-(AP)-The powerful American Third Army drive routed Germans to within 15 miles of the middle Rhine today while the First Army fought within three miles of Bonn, 15 miles south of fallen Cologne.

The dashing Third Army tanks were reported at supreme headquarters to be near Monreal, a crossroads town just short of Mayern. The report, far behind actual progress, placed the Fourth Armored division within 20 miles of Coblenz and 50 of the large Rhine cities of Mainz and Weisbaden. Frankfort on the Main was 61 miles away.

On this fateful anniversary of Hitler's militarization of the now overrun Rhineland, the prisoner toll for all Allied armies on the western front passed the million mark and rose above 100,000 for the current campaign which started Jan. 30 with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's plunge into the Siegfried line east of Luxembourg.

Soon after Cologne, fourth city of Germany fell late yesterday, the American First and Ninth armies cleared the whole west bank of the Rhine from Rheinberg south to Cologne save for a fractional pocket at Zons, just south of Duesseldorf. The distance was 45 airline miles but nearer 70 as the Rhine flows.

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whose chairman, J. W. Gardner, said he hopes to have a

A better than 50 per cent increase in employee donations

The last sizable German bridge-long the Rhine toward Bonn, a head of the lower Rhine opposite city of 101,000 and the birthplace Wesel was hammered down to a of Beethoven. The First army's strip eight miles long and up to Ninth division fought at dawn in five miles wide. On Monday, 50,- the village of Alften, only three 000 Germans were estimated to be miles from Bonn. in the pocket. Many have fled, but now the last two bridges at defenseless on the west bank of Wesel are virtually impassable.

Like Cologne, Bonn lies almost

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Nazi troopers who survived the

## **Speaker Wants All Bills In This Week**

## Richardson Says Business Of House Moving Too Slowly; 772 Bills Considered

RALEIGH, March 7.-(AP)-Speaker Oscar Richardson called upon representatives today to get in all their bills this week, next Monday at the latest, and said that business of the house was not being transacted fast enough. Through yesterday, the 55th day of the session, only 772 bills had been considered, he said, whereas



Vinson Confirmed As RFC He asked members to speed up the Administrator; Taylor **Follows Davis** 

and senate a short time before ad-WASHINGTON, March 7.-(AP)journment. All bills go to those President Roosevelt today reshufcommittees fled his top wage-labor policy makers.

Chairman William H. Davis of the war labor board was made economic stabilization director, succeeding Fred M. Vinson. Vinson become administrator of the \$40,-000,000,000 RFC and associated lending agencies which the ousted Jesse Jones formerly directed.

George W. Taylor, vice chairman of the war labor board since its formation in 1942 and author of the "Little Steel" wage formula, moves up into Davis' post as chairman.

The president thus cleared the way for an early settlement of the dispute over "fringe" wage adjustments, a dispute which had lock-ed Vinson and Davis in a tight policy snarl. RESIGNATIONS

Both Davis and Taylor had sub-

mitted their resignations last fall rage squarely upon himself — is but were persuaded by Mr. Roose- credited with repulsing a vicious velt to remain with the WLB German counterattack in the Arthrough the war emergency. Davis, who was 65 last August, of gallantry the Shelby, N. C., inpleaded he wanted rest, and Tay- fantryman has been recommendor urged the president to release ed for the Distinguished Service him so he could return to the Uni- medal. But the lanky, dark-hairversity of Pennsylvania, where he ed, Gary Cooperish type of boy, is on leave as professor of indus- forward artillery observer - num-

try. "I think perhaps it is jumping out of the frying pan into the fire," Davis smiled today when informed of his new job. "All I can say is Hicks is a son of Mr. and Mrs. that I will do the best I can."

As economic stabilization director, Davis will be responsible in a sense for some of the same sort of the attack, but it was Lieut. Hick's problems with which he has dealt gallantry that turned the trick exclusively as war labor board when he gave the co-ordinates of chairman-problems of trying to the spot he was standing on as the keep a balanced relationship be- target in directing artillery fire. tween wages and prices.

ultaneously with the U.S. 10th Mountaineer division, seized the town of Castelnuovo, three miles southeast of Castel D'Alano and a \_An all-out push against the 6,- feld, and railroad yards at Soest it took the Japanese more than mile west of highway 64, running between Pistoia and Bologna. Castel D'Aiano is the closest reported approach to Bologna by the Iwo Jima was under way today, with tremendous artillery support Fifth Army west of that highway. and army fighters operating off the To the east of it other Fifth Army southern airfield for the first time. forces reached the hamlet of Bis-Those fighters are gased within opra, 13 miles from Bologna, two

flying range of Tokyo. The ground drive, breaking a two-day comparative lull in this fiercest battle of the Pa-cific war, achieved small gains See YANKS Page 2 **TWO CLEVELAND** 

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WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

7:00 p. m.Workers council of First Baptist church meets at the church.

7:30 p. m.-Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church. 7:30 p. m.-Presbyterian pray-

Luzon and Pic. J. L. Bridges is missing in Germany. T/5 Royal A. Hanby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Hanby of route 3, Lawndale, was reported killed in action February 10 on Luzon, according to a telegram received by his wife, the former Miss Jocelyn Wiggins, daughter of C. A. Wiggins of near Casar Mrs. Hanby and er meeting at church. 7:45 p. m.-Mid-week prayer and praise service at First Bap-

tist church. THURSDAY

5:00 p. m. — Prospective nurses' aide enrollees meet in their two children are making their two children are making their home on route 3, Lawndale. Mrs. Velma K. Bridges of route 4, Shelby, was notified by the war young people's room at First **Baptist church for preliminaries** to organization.

7:00 p. m.-Regular meeting of Kiwanis club at Hotel Char-

7:30 p. m.-C. A. P. members meet at Hotel Charles.

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD- at oil plants in the Dortmund area, QUARTERS, Guam, March 7.-(AP) a large railway viaduct at Biele-000 or so Japanese still entrench- and Siegen after steady RAF night ed on the rocky northern end of assaults on German troops massed Douglas MacArthur said today. at Wesel on the Rhine. The Eighth air force bombers

were covered by 250 fighters in this 23rd straight day of aerial blows closely coordinated with the mitted to the operation from the ground attack.

Oil targets included three benzol plants and a large re-finery on Dortmund's outskirts. Bielefeld, Soest, and Siegen all are on main rail and highway routes from central and eastern Germany to the western front. Smashing of the Bielefeld viaduct would stop the main flow of traffic from the big inland base of Brunswick and Hannover to the Ruhr battlefield

WESEL ATTACKED British warplanes overnight made an eight-hour attack on Wesel, Nazi escape town on the east bank of the Rhine. It was the longest air attack ever carried out against a

German city. **Births Lead Deaths** A strong force of RAF heavy

bombers last night blasted Sass-nitz on the Baltic island of Ruegen, a terminal point for the supply and evacuation of East Prussia, the air ministry announced today. RAF Lancasters also struck

heavy early morning blow at Wesel on the east bank of the Rhine north of Duisburg, which was reported clogged with German troops retreating before the Canadian First

army. Mosquitos simultaneously made their 15th consecutive night attack on Berlin.



the dining room of a partially destroyed house in the poorer district

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MANILA, March 7 -(AP)- The 58-day-old campaign for Luzonfive months to conquer it-already is entering its "final phase," Gen.

With Manila liberated, Bataan Workers At Cleveland Cloth Mill Give \$2,100, Gifts and Corregidor retaken and the the mitted to the operation from the

U. S. Sixth and Eighth armies are regrouping to go after scattered to the Red Cross from workers at the Esther Mill and the Nipponese in the mountains. Cleveland Cloth Mill today spurred the industrial division

On rocky Corregidor, at the entrance of reopened Manila Bay, Yanks of the 503rd parachute regi-ment have sealed off 300 caves and tunnels, a spokesman disclosed today. In those underground places,

garrison are doomed to die because they refused to surrender. Brilliantly aided by Filipino guerrillas, the Yank divisions on Luzon are preparing death traps Initial Session Cleveland

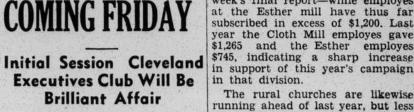
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**Brilliant Affair** 

**ARCHDUKE FELIX** 

101-91 In February One hundred and one births against 19 deaths were registered in Cleveland county during February according to reports made to the office of Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, off a program to be followed next off a program to be followed next present status of the drive in their month by Fulton Oursler, senior editor of Reader's Digest and for-

In the list of communicable dismerly editor of Liberty and a eases reported during the month, galaxy of internationally-famous venereal diseases led the list with speakers to follow later this year, 14 cases. Other diseases reported President Phil Elliott stated today were: spinal meningitis, 1; whooping cough, 3; diphtheria, 2; tu-berculosis, 1; scarlet fever, 1; ty-See ARCHDUKE Page 2 phus fever, 1; septic sore throat, 1,



complete report from the mills by March 15.

The rural churches are likewise running ahead of last year, but less percentagewise, than the industries The Archduke of Austria, son of thus far reported, and when comthe Empress Zita and the late Em- | pilations are completed later this peror Karl of Austria-Hungary, has week the tabulations will be pubaccepted the invitation of the lished. Meanwhile, Horace Easom, Cleveland Executives Club to be chairman of the rural church group, guest speaker at the initial ses- appealed to all of the individual sion of that group at the Hotel chairmen to press their campaigns

Employes of the cloth mill have

contributed a little more than

\$2,100-leaders there are hoping to

push the total past \$2,200 by next

week's final report-while employes

at the Esther mill have thus far

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## SHELBY MEN Reservations for the initial din-BADLY INJURED **IN CAR WRECK**

Robert A. (Buddy) Armour and Ward Arey, jr., both thrown from an automobile which was crowded off the highway and which turned over yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock west of Newport, CINCINNATI, March 7. -(P)- where continued rains had push- Tenn., are in a Newport hospital Armour is critically injured with a bad fracture of the this morning at 10 o'clock when a less rise today toward stages pass-tire blew out on the truck in which ed only twice in its 300 years of rec-be 18 feet over flood stage, but is less seriously injured. His nearly ten feet under the 1937 rec- hands were badly cut and he has

Armour and -Arey were thrown thousands of homeless among low-land refugees, and shutdowns of hundreds of warplants, both on from the car after it had turned crowded off the highway by a

jured men were brought to the Shelby hospital by a Mr. Boyles dictions of a crest. However, they Columbus, O., and the Coast Guard See OHIO Page 2 men.

speeding automobile. Members of their families left here yesterday afternoon for Newport. Tenn., to be with the injured

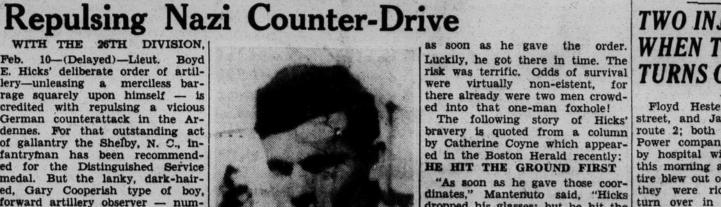
LIEUT. BOYD E. HICKS

Lt.-Col. Albert L. Graham of Worcester and Boston, former foreman at Chelsea Clock company, who was commanding the battalion from

His company commanders were

risk was terrific. Odds of survival were virtually non-eistent, for there already were two men crowded into that one-man foxhole! The following story of Hicks' bravery is quoted from a column by Catherine Coyne which appear-ed in the Boston Herald recently: HE HIT THE GROUND FIRST "As soon as he gave those coordinates," Mantenuto said, "Hicks dropped his glasses; but he hit the ground before they did!" We talked about that counterattack and Hicks' bravery tonight in the battalion headquarters of

of a Luxembourg town.



Hester is suffering from shock. other lacerations and bruises while Sepaugh is in a serious condition with a spinal injury.

The truck was being driven by Joe Helms, who was not injured in the accident. This was a small truck and was going out on a call when the tire blew out. The in-

wreck occurred.

Floyd Hester 516 East Marion Entire Course, Nearing Peak street, and Jack Sepaugh, Shelby route 2; both employees of Duke

they were riding, causing it to turn over in a creek near Fail-ston. turn over in a creek near Fail-be to the over the second highest stage pass the 70-foot mark here by mid-they were riding, causing it to turn over in a creek near Fail-ston.

who was passing by when the watched the progress of a new

Power company, are in the Shel-by hospital with injuries received miles, continued its slow but relent-above the 25-foot flood stage.

bulge coming down from Pittsburgh,

colder weather would halt the run-off from the saturated ground of

morning, the big river already had the third, 60.0 in 1913. produced a toll of eight dead, RELIEF BURDEN

**Ohio River In Flood Along** 

the main stream and tributaries. Official forecasters, hoping that their homes on both sides of the the Shelby men were riding was

off from the saturated ground of the Ohio valley's 202,000 square ed here from headquarters of the