

# WEATHER

North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness, especially in eastern section, and mild temperature today followed by fair and cool tonight. Saturday fair and warmer.

# The Shelby Daily Star

CLEVELAND COUNTY'S NEWSPAPER SINCE 1894

TELEPHONES 1100

- State Theatre Today -  
"HER LUCKY NIGHT"  
With  
THE ANDREWS SISTERS  
NEWS — COMEDY

VOL. XLIII-59

ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS

SHELBY, N. C.

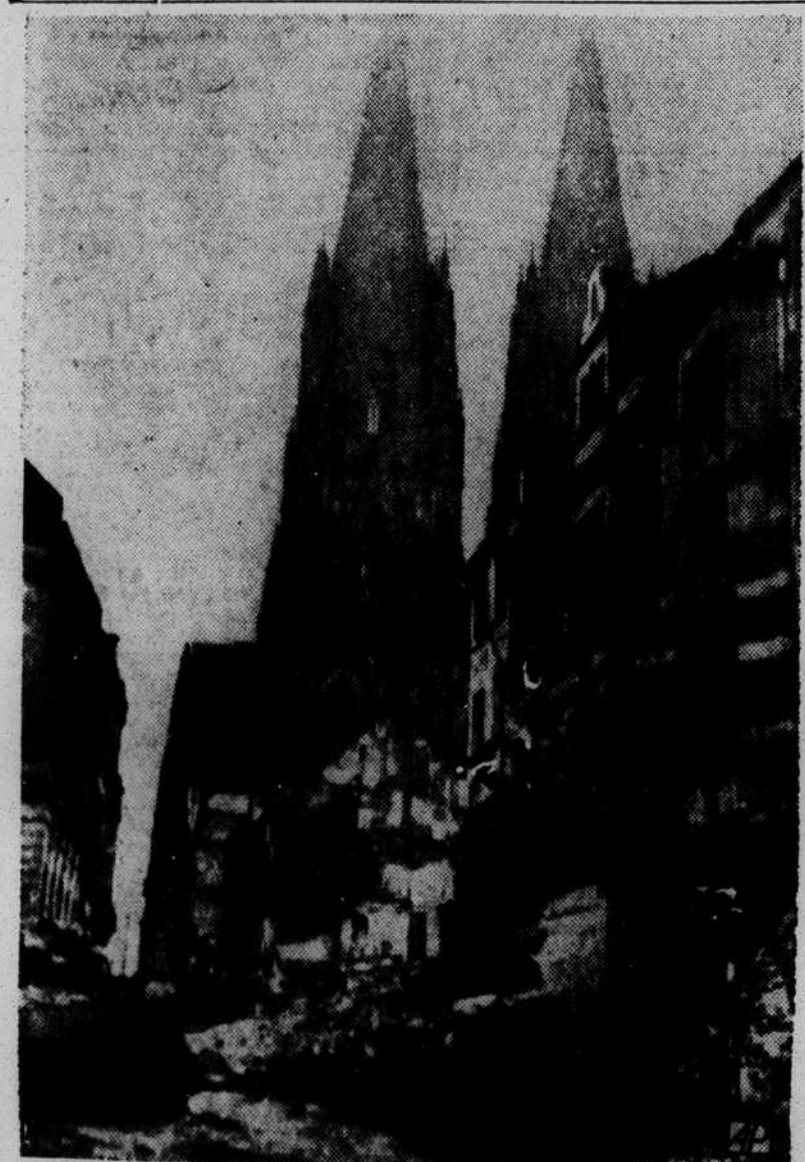
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1945

TELEMAT PICTURES

SINGLE COPIES—5c

# AMERICANS EXPAND FOOTHOLD

## Retreating Germans Attacked From Air



GREAT CATHEDRAL STANDS AMONG RUINS—As if some higher hand had protected it, the great Cologne cathedral (background) escaped destruction during the heavy fight for the German Rhineland city of Cologne, while buildings for miles about were battered to bits or heavily damaged. This photo was radioed to America by the Army Signal Corps after U. S. troops took the city.

## Kassel Cringes Under Double Bombing Raid

RAF Lays Heavy Rain Of Bombs On City In Night, U. S. Fleet Follows Up Today

LONDON, March 9.—(P)—The German industrial city of Kassel, heavily bombed by the RAF last night, was attacked again today by the main force of a 1,000-bomber fleet sent out by the U. S. eighth air force.

## SRO SIGN FOR DINNER TONIGHT

Executives Club Brings Archduke Felix For Opening Address

More than 200 reservations for tonight's dinner of the Cleveland Executives Club, which will be addressed by his Imperial Highness The Archduke Felix of Austria, caused the standing room only sign to have to be put out for others this afternoon.

The Archduke Felix, one of the best-informed men on European politics, will talk on "Is A United States of Europe Possible?" Federation of European states into a union along the lines of this country is considered highly probable by this pro-democratic member of Europe's oldest royal family. In his mid-thirties, this six-foot son of the late Emperor Karl of Austria-Hungary has created a sensation wherever he has spoken in this country because of his platform ability, clarity of presentation and his authentic, first hand information of the politics, traditions and peoples entering into the prospect for a consolidated democratic Europe.

Abreast of the most recent developments.

## F. D. R. WON'T RUN AGAIN

Washington columnist Jack Stinnett reports that the conclusion political students are drawing from the President's recent reference to his paralysis.

The Stinnett column on this subject is printed on the editorial page today.

## VITAL BRIDGE, GATEWAY TO STETTIN, HIT

Reds Under Constant Artillery Fire In Area Around City

### KUESTRIN BLACKOUT

MOSCOW, March 9.—(P)—Red army bombers loosed a heavy attack today on Germans retreating into Stettin, destroying a vital bridge near Altdamm, eastern gateway of the big port for Berlin at the mouth of the Oder river.

A large enemy column moving across the bridge was thrown into confusion and the Soviet bombers and Stormoviks strafed the Germans mercilessly.

While the air force stepped up its attacks, Russian ground troops were reported to have assembled boats and landing craft along the banks of the Damscher See, farther north, where a crossing to the west shore may already have started in an outflanking maneuver on Stettin.

The Red army troops were reported working swiftly under constant artillery fire in the amphibious thrust toward the area between Stettin and Poelitz, on the west bank of the Oder Estuary nine miles to the north.

At the northern tip of the Damscher See Soviet units have pushed into the region where the Ihna river flows into the isthmus and were engaged in hand-to-hand

See VITAL Page 2

## YANKS CLOSING IN ON BAGUIO

Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge Severely Wounded February 28

MANILA, March 9.—(P)—American forces on Luzon were closing in on Baguio, summer capital of the commonwealth, and widening their holdings on the south coast. The severe wounding of Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge, commander of the First Cavalry division, was made known today. He was wounded on the battlefield north of Baguio by a grenade thrown by a Japanese soldier who had been left for dead.

Fragments hit the veteran cavalryman in the abdomen, but the medical staff said his recovery was certain.

BOMBARDMENT Tokyo radio said warships had been bombarding Zamboanga since early Thursday. Zamboanga has good air bases.

Mindanao has been bombed heavily by American planes for months. Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique today told of a 129-ton bombing of Zamboanga barracks and supply areas by bombers of all sizes.

MacArthur reported that 33rd division Yanks on Luzon advanced 12 miles up the west coast to capture Aringay, due west of Baguio. This gave the Americans control of a line reaching within 10 miles of the summer capital.

An American force was last reported.

See YANKS Page 2

## Allies Learn About Aerial Warfare From Bombed Cities

By WES GALLAGHER

COLOGNE, March 9.—(P)—The American dash to the Rhine has lifted the lid of German secrecy on the effects of Allied air raids, permitting ground observers to assess for the first time the full extent of the damage inflicted.

A check of Cologne, Rhine industrial capital; Krefeld, textile and silk center; Muenchen-Gladbach, one of the smaller Rhine industrial cities, and the Rhine river port of Neuss, opposite Dusseldorf, shows:

1. That American and British

strategic air force claims gleaned from photographs—such as the estimate that Cologne was 60 to 80 per cent destroyed—are conservative.

2. That bombings of cities will not break German civilian morale but will so disrupt life in a city and discourage workers that factories cannot operate with even a fraction of efficiency.

3. That big incendiary raids cause considerably more vital

See ALLIES Page 3

## U. S. 15th Army Into Action On West Front

NEW YORK, March 9.—(P)—A new U. S. army—the 15th—has gone into action on the western front as a part of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's 12th army group, an NBC broadcast from the front said today.

Lt. Gen. Leonard P. Gerow is the commander. He formerly commanded the Fifth corps of the U. S. First Army. He is 56 and a graduate of Virginia Military Institute.

This makes nine armies that have been announced as under Gen. Eisenhower's command.

Bradley's group also includes the U. S. First, which won the cross-Rhine bridgehead, and the U. S. Third. The U. S. Ninth is ordinarily part of his group but for the present is under Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery.

Other armies assigned to Eisenhower are the U. S. Seventh, Allied First Airborne, British Second, Canadian First and French First.

Announcement of the new army was made in connection with a ceremony at Bradley's command post at which high officers received French military awards for the liberation of France. Those receiving awards were Bradley, Gerow, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle and Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton.

## Japs On Iwo Pushed Back Yard-By-Yard

Nimitz Says Battle Will Not Be Over "Until Last Jap Is Killed, Wounded, Or Captured"

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Mar. 9.—(P)—The fierce battle for Iwo Jima is assuming the pattern of the final phases of American conquests of other Pacific islands—but it may be several days before correspondents can flash "Iwo secured."

Today's communique disclosed small gains which at one point saw the Third Marine division gaining a cliff top only 300 yards from the northeast coast.

The Japanese, compressed into a rough crescent-shaped area measuring 300 to 1,500 yards wide along the north and east coasts, have adopted desperation tactics such as preceded collapse of their organized resistance on Guam and elsewhere.

Frontline dispatches tell of small banzai charges; of suicidal attacks against American tanks by Japanese armed only with poles to which were attached explosive charges; of enemy troops confined to a great extent in dugouts and caves honeycombing precipitous coastal cliffs; of the discovery of Japanese bodies floating in the surf.

In Washington, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the Pacific, told correspondents he expected Japanese resistance on Iwo would continue "until the last Jap is killed, wounded or captured."

CASUALTIES Radio Tokyo claimed American casualties on Iwo already were 25,000. Nipponese troops "are carrying on bayonet charges and night attacks and are succeeding in inflicting heavy damages on the enemy," said a Japanese-language broadcast beamed to the United States and recorded by the FOC.

Tokyo claimed 730 Americans were killed or wounded Tuesday and 420 more Wednesday.

Nimitz's last report on American casualties, made Feb. 23 for only the first three days of fighting.

## U. S. VESSEL SINKS TWO OF HER OWN BOATS

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(P)—Two United States motor torpedo boats have been sunk in the Philippines by another United States vessel as a result of mistaken identity, the navy announced today.

Skippers of the two vessels, the PT-77 and PT-79, both were saved. Other casualties were light, the navy said. Normal complement of a PT boat is from 11 to 15 men. Next of kin of all casualties have been notified.

Loss of the small salvage vessel Extractor in a similar accident was announced March 1 by the navy.

The announcement raised to 218 the number of naval vessels sunk since the start of the war and to 272 the total loss from all causes, including those listed as overdue and presumed lost or destroyed to prevent capture.



PFC. JAMES R. DAVIS

## PFC. J. R. DAVIS WAR PRISONER

Pfc. Davis Is Heard Over Short Wave Broadcast, Parents Notified

Pfc. James R. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Davis of 925 Church St., who has been reported missing in action in Germany since January 4, is said to be a prisoner of war according to a short wave broadcast from Berlin heard by Mrs. Newton White of route 5, Bloomsburg, Pa., who notified his parents. A telegram received today from the war department confirmed the broadcast, but there has been no other official confirmation that he is a prisoner.

Mrs. White heard the news on March 7 and immediately wrote Pfc. Davis' family the contents of the broadcast concerning their son. The message stated, "Pfc. James R. Davis, soldier, has been captured recently on the Western Front, and is a prisoner of war in Germany." Mrs. White said that she had been listening to short wave broadcasts since May, 1943, and so far has sent 5,575 messages to the families of American soldiers all over the United States. She wrote, "I have a son serving in the Army overseas and I'm just trying to be a good neighbor. I sincerely hope that your loved one returns safely."

44 MONTHS Pfc. Davis entered the Army in October, 1939 and served 44 months in Panama where he helped organize the airborne and glider infantry.

See PFC. DAVIS Page 2

## \$2,200 DONATED BY SHELBY MILL

A contribution of \$2,200 from the Shelby Cotton Mill, employees and plant was received by the Red Cross war fund today to swell the industrial group's total as cleanup efforts were being pressed in the business, residential and rural church divisions.

J. W. Gardner, chairman of the industrial group, in announcing the Shelby Mill group subscription said that he hopes the various industrial teams will complete their reports by the last of next week.

Meanwhile, Horace Eason, chairman of the rural church division, called upon his individual chairmen to press their appeals this Sunday and render reports Monday for publication of the list.

## WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Initial meeting of Executives club at Hotel Charles.

## Fifth Army Tightens Attack On Vergato

ROME, March 9.—(P)—U. S. Fifth army troops closing in on the German highway stronghold of Vergato, 17 1/2 miles southwest of Bologna, have occupied Cariano, about a mile east of their objective, Allied headquarters announced today.

The push, although slowed somewhat by the enemy in the last 24 hours, warned the closest approach yet to Vergato, which has held out against Allied attacks for four months.

The Nazis, meanwhile, stepped up their artillery fire against the U. S. 10th mountain division's newly won positions bordering the Bologna-Pistoia highway, as well as Allied positions farther west in the Serghio valley.

## Streams Of Men, Supplies Pour Across Bridge

PARIS, March 9.—(P)—The American First Army steadily enlarged its Remagen bridgehead in inner Germany today to an east bank wedge at least five miles deep and ten wide with streams of men and supplies which the Germans said were crossing the intact Ludendorff bridge at Remagen, 30 miles southeast of Cologne.

The extent to which the bridgehead had been enlarged was not disclosed. But since it was officially called a bridgehead at all, the Americans obviously had won a foothold at least five miles deep and ten—possibly more—in width.

A breakout, indeed, might already be underway. By German account, the American First Army had been halted before the castled east bank town of Linz, three miles east of Remagen and 276 miles southwest of Berlin.

The buildup in the rolling green Rhineland hills was swift and under a protective cover of fighter bombers against resistance which the surprised enemy still had been unable to stiffen.

Other than that, no details whatever were released at supreme headquarters of the ground developments in the crossing won more than 48 hours ago. Nor would censors at the front pass details of the great military coup which had staggered the wehrmacht critically off balance.

The Germans said the Americans had captured a bridge intact at Remagen. The Ludendorff span there is a double track railroad bridge capable of bearing tanks, trucks and foot troops. A Berlin military spokesman said the First Army troops found the bridge which "by chance" was not destroyed.

Remagen is about midway between invested Bonn and threatened Coblenz. Of the crossing, the Berlin radio said: "At Remagen, the Americans succeeded in crossing to the eastern bank of the Rhine. These relatively weak U. S. A. forces could penetrate on the eastern bank of the Rhine. Their advance guards were, however, halted by German bolt positions before the town of Linz."

Linz is three miles east of Remagen, where the Ludendorff rail bridge was reported intact only two days ago.

Supreme headquarters continued strict secrecy. This much was known, however, through the more than 45 shrouded hours since the infantry crossed at 3:50 p.m. Wednesday in one of the greatest military strokes since the invasion of Normandy.

Lt. Gen. Hodges was pouring troops by the thousands (17 words censored) into the east bank bridgehead, which presumably was a good five miles deep and wider than that.

Up to latest reports at Supreme headquarters—covering action well into Thursday evening—the Germans neither had been able to rally enough strength for a fighting stand nor to get enough troops

See STREAMS Page 2

## 15th Air Force Planes Hit Komarom

ROME, March 9.—(P)—Heavy bombers of the U. S. 15th Air Force attacked German communications yesterday in the Hungarian city of Komarom within 20 miles of the Russian lines, Allied headquarters announced today.

American aircraft from Italy have flown over the Russian front before in recent weeks as the western bombing program was meshed with the Red army assault, but the Komarom attack was the first so close to the scene of battle. Komarom lies 40 miles northwest of Budapest.

Only a small force of Liberators hit the Komarom rail yards, but air force headquarters said reconnaissance showed all tracks were out or blocked and 40 units of rolling stock were destroyed or damaged.

## Folk Along Ohio Put Trust In Sand Bag Flood Wall

PORTSMOUTH, O., March 9.—(P)—This city of 40,000 inhabitants crossed its fingers today and put its trust in a thin line of sandbags as the Ohio river approached a crest of 65 feet, 15 above flood stage.

The barricade, hastily erected by townfolk and Ohio State Guardsmen, stretched 2,800 feet across the Norfolk and Western Railway yards in the eastern section of the city.

An earthen and concrete wall and the Scioto county hills protected the industrial community on the other side, lapped by waters of both the Ohio and the Scioto rivers.

One man highway, State Route 139, was open into the city.

The rise of the Ohio had slowed to two-hundredths of a foot an hour. (The stage at Portsmouth was 64.85 feet at 2 a.m. CWT). The river was stationary at Ashland, Ky., 30 miles upstream, encouraging the citizens in their fight to whip the flood.

### OHIO RECEIVING

Up the Ohio river, the swollen waters were receding at Steubenville and East Liverpool, while Marietta and Ironton—the latter

See FOLK Page 2

## Cherry Sponsors Bills To Control Sale Of Wines

RALEIGH, March 9.—(P)—Bills to control the sale of all wines in North Carolina, to allow handling only by reputable dealers and grade "A" hotels, restaurants and cafes were introduced today in the legislature under the sponsorship of Governor Cherry.

Indiscriminate selling of wines, Cherry said in a statement, had caused boisterous conduct, immorality and unlawful conduct at some of the places where it was sold on-premises. Such conditions, he said, should be outlawed.

General supervision of the manufacture and sale of wines would be held by the State Alcoholic Board of Control.

A bill to authorize the state board of education to appoint five of its members to study the school building problem and make recommendations for improvements to the 1947 legislature was introduced today by Reps. Gunn of Caswell, Stone of Rockingham, Royster of Vance, Watkins of Granville and Barbour of Chatham.

The measure said that war conditions had caused many dilapidated school buildings, and that hundreds of others had grown too

See CHERRY Page 2

## HOSPITAL BILL BECOMES LAW

A statewide bill under which Cleveland county commissioners may call an election to pass on a countywide bond issue for hospital expansion passed its third reading in the house this morning. It was learned in a telegram from Rep. C. C. Horn. The measure had previously passed the senate and it now becomes law.

Under this act the commissioners may call the election to pass on the bond issue and if the issue is approved by the people, levy sufficient tax to pay principal and interest. The commissioners would also be authorized to levy a tax not in excess of five cents on the \$100 valuation for maintenance of facilities.

Proceeds from the sale of this bond issue would be used to double the size of the Shelby hospital and establish a hospital unit at Kings Mountain.