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North Carolina—Partly cloudy and warm today, tonight and Saturday. Fed showers west portion today.

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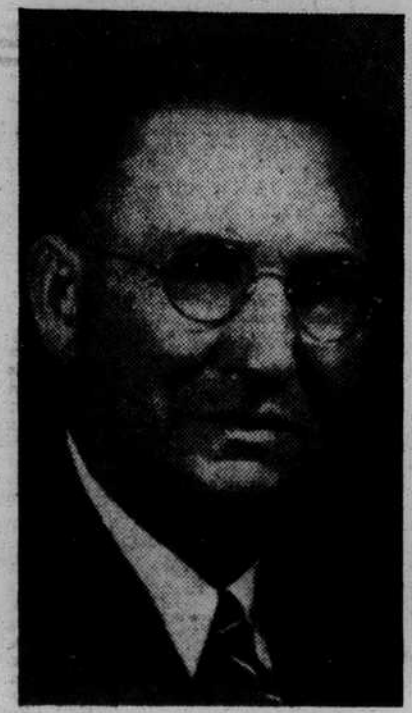
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- State Theatre Today - "Eadie Was A Lady" Starring Ann Miller - Joe Besser

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AMERICANS WITHIN 200 YARDS OF SUPERHIGHWAY

U. S. Bombers Smash Buildings At Hitler's Headquarters At Zossen



HERNDON HEADS CROP GROUP

Kings Mountain Man Is Named President Crop Improvement Unit

P. D. Herndon, of Kings Mountain, a leader in crop improvement work in this area for many years, has been named president of the North Carolina Crop Improvement association...

PFC. W. F. SMITH REPORTED DEAD

Pfc. William F. Smith, Jr., 20, son of William F. Smith and the late Holland Smith of Kings Mountain, who had previously been reported missing is now reported to have been lost aboard a troopship sunk last Christmas day by German submarine action.

Lt. Huffstickler Arrived Today In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The war department issued this list of military personnel who arrived in San Francisco today following their liberation from Philippine prisoner of war camps.

AIRMEN REPORT BULLSEYE JOB, FIRES SPREAD

Men, Specially Picked For Job, Had Been Ready For Weeks

6,000 BLAST BOMBS

LONDON, March 16.—(AP)—American heavy bombers smashed several headquarters buildings and rows of barracks in yesterday's 650-plane attack on Adolf Hitler's army staff headquarters at Zossen, 20 miles south of Berlin, it was announced officially today.

A U. S. strategic air force communique said the airmen who had been waiting for weeks to carry out the assignment did a bullseye job.

The official bulletin reported hits on many barracks and major office buildings, including the administrative building, with both high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The surprise attack on the army chiefs' workshop, where Hitler was reported in conference a few days ago, was carried out by pilots, navigators and bombardiers especially picked for the job.

In a cloudless sky they paraded over the target in two waves and dropped 6,000 blast bombs weighing 1,500 tons, in addition to 325,000 small incendiary missiles.

The Liberators wing of the attack went in first and by the time the Flying Fortresses arrived fires were burning fiercely.

Aerial photographs taken during the attack showed Liberators bombs had blocked several roads on the headquarters grounds and crashed into a nearby tank training depot.

The Fortresses placed six heavy concentrations of bombs in the target area, smashing a number of the main buildings and a large storage depot.

Then the ground haze and smoke closed in over the scene and prevented a more detailed assessment of the damage.

Part of the headquarters establishment is known to be deep underground, however, and presumably safe from anything except the RAF's new 11-ton bomb.

The pilots, carefully briefed for the attack, said they encountered only sporadic antiaircraft fire.

YANKS IN ITALY CAPTURE SERRA

ROME, March 16.—(AP)—Fifth army forces have captured the village of Serra and won positions from which they may be able to cut highway 64 behind the German stronghold of Vergato, Allied headquarters announced today.

After occupying Serra, about 1,000 yards west of the highway, the Allied troops pushed toward the village of Salvaro against stiff enemy resistance.

The Germans have clung stubbornly for months to Vergato, a highway center commanding the southwestern approaches to Bologna.

Farther to the southwest an Allied raiding party penetrated far into enemy territory north of Monte Belvedere and destroyed a quantity of enemy equipment and ammunition. German raiders likewise struck into Fifth army positions at scattered points on the approaches to Bologna.

Duke Of Windsor Resigns As Royal Governor Of Bahamas

NASSAU, BAHAMAS, March 16.—(AP)—This tiny colony will bid farewell next month to the Duke of Windsor, the Royal governor who steered the Bahama island safely through a wartime economic storm, and to his American-born duchess.

An announcement that the former King of England had resigned the governorship which he has held since Aug. 17, 1940, and would be succeeded by W. L. Murphy, Bermuda colonial secretary, came yesterday as a surprise even to members of his official household.



BEEHIVEN'S STATUE SURVIVES WAR—The statue of the German composer, Beethoven, stands in the city square at Bonn, Germany, his birthplace, surrounded by the wreckage of an air raid shelter which received a direct hit during an Allied bombing raid. This photo was made by William C. Allen, Associated Press photographer with the War-time Still Picture Pool.

Cherry Nominates 10 For Education Board

Members Come From Eight Newly Created Educational Districts, Set Up By Current Assembly

RALEIGH, March 16.—(AP)—A joint session of the North Carolina legislature today confirmed ten nominations for the State Board of Education made by Governor Cherry, the terms to be staggered from two to eight years.

In conformity with a constitutional amendment approved by the people last November, eight of the members come from as many educational districts, a system set up by legislative enactment at this session, and also in conformity with the terms of the amendment, while the other two members were named at large. The new board will take office April 1.

The list includes: District 1—John A. Fritchett, Windsor (Berke county) two years; 2—Archibald McLean Graham, Clinton (Sampson county) eight years; 3—A. S. Brower, Durham (Durham county) six years; 4—Horace E. Stacey, Lumberton (Robeson county), four years; 5—Sanford Martin, Winston-Salem (Forsyth county), four years; 6—Dr. Julian S. Miller, Charlotte (Mecklenburg county), six years; 7—Mrs. H. S. Ferguson, Taylorsville (Alexander county), two years; 8—D. Hiden Ramsey, Asheville (Swain county), eight years. Members at large—D. B. B. Dougherty, Boone (Watauga county), eight years, and Alonso C. Edwards, Hookerton (Greene county), four years.

Lieut. Gov. L. Y. Ballentine, State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, are ex-officio members of the board.

The Governor in making his nomination, acted under the terms of the constitutional amendment providing for a new board of education to be named from the eight newly created educational districts. Originally the board was named from congressional districts of the state.

New members of the board are Fritchett, Ferguson, Ramsey and Dr. Dougherty. The last named was a former member of the school board.

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Japanese Losses In Burma Heavy

CALCUTTA, March 16.—(AP)—About 10,000 Japanese are estimated to have been killed in central Burma since the 14th army began its offensive Jan. 7 and more than 100 field guns of 70 mm. or larger calibre have been captured or destroyed, Allied headquarters announced today.

A further huge force of the enemy, variously placed at from 25,000 to 50,000, has been cut off with little chance of survival, through severance of all major escape routes from the Melktila-Pakokku-Mandalay pocket.

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REDS OPEN NEW ATTACK EAST OF ODER RIVER

Russians Announce 7-Mile Breakthrough In East Prussia

BERLIN FRONT QUIET

LONDON, March 16.—(AP)—The Russians have opened a violent new attack against the last German positions east of the Oder in the Stettin area with a drumfire barrage followed by masses of tanks and infantry, the Germans reported today.

In East Prussia the Russians announced a seven-mile breakthrough to the shore of the Frisches Haf, a Baltic lagoon, which divided the remnants of the 200,000 defenders of the Koenigsberg zone into two pockets.

Another major attack has been started by Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukrainian army north of Ratibor and in the Grottkau area southeast of Breslau in Silesia, the German communique announced, and penetrations were made. German broadcasts said several Russian divisions were involved in the drive toward Moravsk-Ostava, in the Moravian gate, 17 miles south of Ratibor.

The Stettin and East Prussian offensives apparently were a part of a wide-scale mopping up behind advanced Soviet lines preparatory to the climactic battle which the Russians may launch along the Berlin front at any time.

NORTH FLANK Stettin is the key to Berlin's north flank. For days the Russians have been reported on heights overlooking the city. Berlin's chief Baltic port and pouring artillery fire into the streets.

The chief German bridgehead centered around Altdamm, the Stettin suburb on the eastern side of the Oder which the Russians were reported to have penetrated at one time.

The Germans said most of the 380,000 inhabitants of Stettin had been removed. Moscow broadcasts reported that the city had been

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Reconversion Plans May Be Revealed Soon

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—The government is expected to break its silence shortly on reconversion plans to relieve business fears that a German collapse might catch the home economy unprepared.

The opinion prevails, however, that the 64-billion-dollar question—How much will V-E day reduce that annual armament outlay?—will not be answered immediately.

Officials in the War Production Board and elsewhere appear genuinely puzzled over the drop to be expected in war contracts. Estimates range from 20 per cent, which is more or less official, to 35 per cent, a figure privately favored by a substantial minority.

BY APRIL 1 James F. Byrnes is obliged to lift his own blackout on reconversion talk by April 1. On that date he must, by law, submit to congress a report on his Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

Meanwhile the smashing Allied gains in Germany have brought new pressure on WPB to bring its plans into the open, and Chairman J. A. Krug is reported likely to do so within a few days.

An official estimate of munitions cutbacks following V-E day is of highest importance. It would indicate the extent to which civilian goods production could be resumed, the chance of dropping federal controls over industry, and the extent of unemployment during retooling.

ASKS ESTIMATES Byrnes has asked the Army, Navy and other procurement agencies to submit estimates, but these were not ready when a recent WPB report was filed with Byrnes.

If the absence of firm figures from the Army and Navy continues, Krug is expected to emphasize WPB's readiness to expand the "spot" authorization plan for plant-by-plant reconversion and other elements of last fall's reconversion program which have been laid on the shelf.



JOHN S. WILKINS TAKES NEW JOB

Was Farm Agent Here For Ten Years; No Successor Selected

John S. Wilkins, county farm agent in Cleveland county for the past 10 years, tendered his resignation to the board of county commissioners meeting in special session yesterday afternoon to become effective April 1. Mr. Wilkins resigned his place here to become county agricultural extension department.

The commissioners accepted his resignation with regret and thanked him for his long and useful service in this county. So far no move has been made to secure a successor.

In his letter of resignation given to the commissioners, Mr. Wilkins said that his new field of work fits into the overall war effort and offers a "challenging opportunity for a greater service in the expansion of agriculture in this great state."

He thanked the commissioners for their loyal support of his farm program and expressed his appreciation to the people of Cleveland county for their co-operation.

Mr. Wilkins is a native of Alamance county. He graduated from State college in 1930 taking up work in Catawba county as assistant agent. Ten years ago he came to Cleveland as full agent.

He said this morning that he plans to continue to live with his family in Shelby and it is expected that most of his activity will be in western North Carolina.

Since coming to Cleveland, Mr. Wilkins has many fine accomplishments to his credit and has made a host of friends in every part of the county.

Nazi Offices Moved To Southern Germany

LONDON, March 16.—(AP)—The last Nazi office has been moved from Berlin and all high officials now are in southern Germany, where big foodstocks have been stored up, the Moscow radio said today in a German-language broadcast.

WHAT'S DOING

TODAY 7:00 p.m.—Masonic Fellowship club meets at Masonic Temple.

8:00 p.m.—Lecture by Larry Allen in high school auditorium under sponsorship of Junior Chamber of Commerce.

BIG DAY FOR THE IRISH: Crosby And Bergman Awarded 'Oscars' For Best Portrayals

HOLLYWOOD, March 16.—(AP)—It's a big day for the Irish—and a lovely miss from Sweden, Ingrid Bergman.

Bing Crosby, Leo McCarey, Barry Fitzgerald, little Margaret O'Brien, all as Irish as Paddy's Pig, and Miss Bergman, walked off with the major share of honors as the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences awarded its famed "Oscars" last night.

And the movie capital went all the way in voting "Going My Way" the most outstanding picture of 1944. The hit film outdis-

Germans Concerned Over Expanding Bridgehead, Third Army Advances

PARIS, March 16.—(AP)—Americans fought within 200 yards of the virtually severed Ruhr-Rhineland superhighway today and advanced up to two miles overnight into Koenigswinter, lengthening their east Rhine bridgehead to 13 miles.

A hundred miles to the south, the new Seventh Army offensive rolled forward along a 50-mile front from Saarbruecken to the Rhine, and aerial reports indicated the Germans already had started their flight to Frankfurt from the Saarland and Palatinate.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, applying a nutcracker squeeze from the north on the Saarland and Palatinate, broke out of its Moselle river bridgeheads just southwest of besieged Mayen and cut off Coblenz and raced 12 miles to the southeast in a supreme effort to trap Germans tarrying in outflanked sections of the Siegfried lines.

It was the famous fourth armored division which made the long dash through and beyond the Moselle bridgeheads established by the Fifth and 9th divisions. The Moselle was crossed anew six miles southwest of Coblenz and at a point 18 south of Mayen.

Advance First army troops possibly already were astride the big

LONDON, March 16.—(AP)—The Germans expressed concern late today about the expanding cross-Rhine bridgehead at Remagen and the army's armored breakthrough between the Moselle and Rhine valleys.

"These developments begin to assume operational importance," the enemy military commentator Capt. Ludwig Serfousch broadcast.

military road east of the Rhine. It can be considered cut with infantry at such close range, Correspondent Don Whitehead reported from the area. The Germans were unable to use the section east of the Remagen bridgehead, which bulged six and a half miles east of the Rhine to positions where

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U. S. Forces Smash Into Shimbu Line

Maj. Gen. Edwin Patrick Killed On Luzon; Beachhead On Mindanao Expanded

MANILA, March 16.—(AP)—American infantrymen smashed a wedge two miles deep into the crumbling Shimbu line on Luzon island today, perhaps trapping several thousand Japanese, and seized 15 more villages in the southern Philippines to spread their Mindanao beachhead over 28 miles.

A Japanese machinegun burst killed Maj. Gen. Edwin D. Patrick, commander of the Sixth division, while sitting in a foxhole on the northern end of the Shimbu line. Patrick, who was shot Wednesday, was the second division commander to be hit on the Shimbu line. Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge of the First cavalry is recovering from grenade wounds.

The Shimbu line, roughly 15 miles east of Manila, was cracked by a heavy blow from Maj. Gen. Leonard F. Wing's 43rd division. Wing's infantrymen drove through between two of the enemy's southern defense lines and seized a network of roads, cutting off the escape route for thousands of Japanese.

Annihilation of the Shimbu line was speeded by a new skip-bombing technique of fighter-bombers that sent bombs skidding into the

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Byrnes' Advisory Board Asks That It Be Consulted

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—James F. Byrnes' advisory board has asked that it be consulted on such matters as the midnight curfew and the ban on racing, and has obtained Byrnes' agreement.

Chairman O. Max Gardner, head of the advisory board to Byrnes' office of war mobilization and reconversion, said today a resolution "respectfully" requesting that Byrnes consult the group on such actions had been approved in Byrnes' presence.

"We deserve none of the credit and none of the blame for certain of directors Byrnes' actions like the racing ban and the midnight curfew," Gardner said, explaining that the civilian board had received both congratulations and complaints on both actions.

"But I wish to make it clear there is no quarrel with Mr. Byrnes. He was present March 5 when the resolution was passed and he was agreeable to it."

Nevertheless, others of the board membership — which includes spokesmen for labor, management, farming and the public at large — felt concern over what they regard as a growing ascendancy of the military over home-front management.

An associate of Byrnes pointed out that many of the fuel and manpower conservation measures have been ordered

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