

# WEATHER

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Tuesday. Scattered showers and not quite so warm in north and west Tuesday with showers in mountains tonight.

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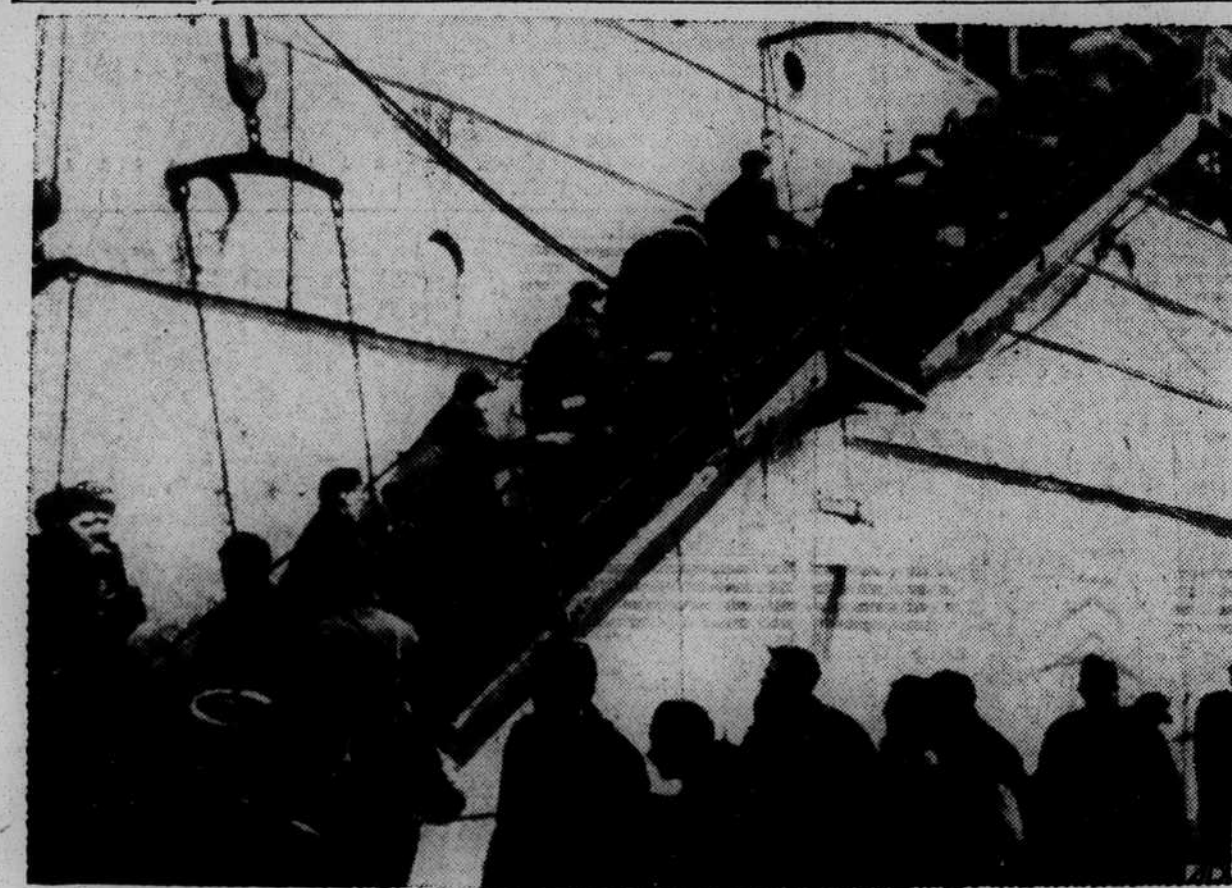
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STATE THEATRE TODAY  
"TONIGHT AND EVERY NIGHT"  
Rita Hayworth — Lee Bowman  
Also NEWS

# GERMANS RUN FOR RHINE IN DESPERATE RETREAT

## Russians Launch New Offensive In Hungary, Advance North Of Mor



FREED ALLIED PRISONERS START FOR HOME—Caption accompanying this Russian photo describes it as showing Allied prisoners, freed by the Russian Army, boarding a ship in the port of Odessa en route to their home countries. Among the liberated prisoners were approximately 1,200 Americans.

## 27th Straight Night Raid Against Berlin

British Heavies Attack Witten, Hanau, German Communications Centers

LONDON, March 19.—(P)—RAF heavy bombers hammered two vital German communications centers behind the western front last night while Mosquitos delivered their 27th straight night raid on Berlin, still smoking from a record-breaking daylight assault by 1,300 U. S. bombers Sunday.

## Legislators Ratify Resolution On News Freedom

RALEIGH, March 19.—(P)—The North Carolina legislature ratified today a joint resolution by Senator Lee Weathers of Shelby, publisher of The Shelby Star, endorsing "the principle of free and unhampered access to and transmission of news in the various countries of the world."

"The press of the United States has unanimously expressed a desire for equitable and uniform tolls in news dispatches emanating from the various countries of the world," the resolution said, adding that "the unhampered access to news in all countries of the world will be a potent factor in the preservation of peace."

RALEIGH, March 19.—(P)—The legislature reconvened today after the shortest week-end recess of the session and prepared to take up final business in the hope of adjourning sine die either tomorrow or Wednesday.

A number of local wine bills, a measure setting up the state hospital and medical care commission, and a bill extending the authority of the state highway patrol were among the last bits of major legislation left on the calendar.

Both the house and the senate ground out scores upon scores of bills, public and local, lagged week as

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## AGED SHELBY NEGRO BURNED

Edward Arnold, eighty-five-old Shelby negro was burned to death Saturday on a tract of land owned by Bob Dorsey of Shelby and located five miles north of Toluca in Burke county.

Arnold who was a hard-working and thrifty man was cutting wood alone in the woods, clearing a new ground. It is supposed that in burning a pile of brush that his clothing caught fire and he was unable to put out the flame. His clothing and shoes were completely burned off his body and his pocketbook revealed that he had between \$30 and \$50 on his person. This was burned in a crisp, convincing the coroner and sheriff of Burke county there was no foul play.

Arnold lived in Shelby in one of J. F. Ledford's houses on Buffalo street. His body has been brought here for interment.

## WEBB DEFIES LIQUOR EVIL

In Charge To Grand Jury Says Prohibition Will Stick Next Time

"Give us another crack at liquor and we'll make prohibition stick," was the challenge Judge E. Yates Webb hurled at the wet interests this morning as he opened a term of United States District court with a charge to the grand jury, which breathed defiance to those who assist in the perpetuation of what he termed Mankind's No. 1 enemy.

J. A. Gullick, of Belmont, cotton broker, was appointed foreman of the grand jury by Judge Webb. Other members of the grand jury drawn today were Zinn Bridges, Lander Cobb, Clyde Sherrill, Roy Waters, Clyde Warlick, Francis Boyles, C. L. Byers, Frank Gilbert, Carl Weaver, Plato Champion, R. B. Costner, Everett Leonard, Paul C. Bangle, Worth Silver, Van Harrill, Jim Curley, Spurgeon Freeman and Dewey Boyles.

The major part of Judge Webb's charge was devoted to the paying of his respects to the liquor traffic and the attendant evils of synthetic wine and beer.

"LIKE VICIOUS DOG" Judge Webb told the grand jurors and his courtroom audience, "has hold of the human race like a vicious dog." "The evil is steadily growing worse," he continued detailing how insidious propaganda on behalf of liquor is being spread through the magazines, the radio and the films.

"The more beautiful the actress is, the more handsome the hero,"

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## Schools Start Back On Early Spring Schedule

Shelby schools started back on their spring schedules of early opening this morning with few reports of tardiness.

Superintendent Walter Abernethy said the mild weather gave the schools a fine break and after today he said that he did not anticipate anyone would notice the difference. Schools start at 8:45 a.m. now instead of 9:15 o'clock as during the winter months. The buildings open at 8:30 a.m.

## Squeeze On Food, Shoes, Tires, Manpower To Become Tighter

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH WASHINGTON, March 19.—(P)—A new and tighter squeeze on food, shoes, tires and manpower may become even more discomforting to the home front as the Allies close in on Berlin and Tokyo.

Government officials frankly predicted this today, saying there will be little if any relief as long as the two-front war continues. They added that civilian meat allocations—cut to the lowest point in ten years for the April-June quarter—are not expected to increase much before both Germany and Japan are defeated.

A 12 per cent cut in the home

## KONEV'S MEN GAIN 15 MILES NEAR NEUSTADT

Kolberg Fell To Soviets Sunday After 13-Day Siege

NAZI FORCES TRAPPED

LONDON, March 19.—(P)—A new Russian offensive in Hungary has advanced to the north of Mor, 39 miles west of Budapest and 98 miles from Vienna, the German high command said today.

In southern Silesia the First Ukrainian army of Marshal Ivan Konev has plunged forward for gains of 15 miles or more, reaching the area of Neustadt, less than three miles from the border of Czechoslovakia, and attacking on both sides of Nelsie, 15 miles northwest of Neustadt, the Germans said. Neustadt is 57 miles southeast of besieged Breslau.

In the north Marshal Gregory Zhukov wheeled Russian divisions westward from the operations around captured Kolberg on the Baltic to add impetus to the battle for Stettin and the mouth of the Oder.

Kolberg, devastated by a 13-day siege, fell yesterday, a Russian communique announced, as a savage struggle mounted from the eastern suburbs of Stettin to Wollin island in the Oder estuary.

Marshal Zhukov's infantry and artillery today were pressing home new attacks in this flank drive, which is a preliminary to the grand assault on Berlin.

Meanwhile, German forces trapped southwest of Koenigsberg in East Prussia reeled back into final defensive positions on the outskirts

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## TO INSPECT ALL TIRES

Start Campaign In Cleveland County At Noon Tomorrow

With the co-operation of the local tire dealers and recappers, the Shelby police department and local rationing officials, an intensive campaign will begin at noon tomorrow to have all tires in Cleveland county inspected this week.

An organization of tire service organizations whose representatives met at the Shelby rationing office this morning with A. H. Quisenberry, from the Charlotte OPA office was perfected for carrying out the inspection plan.

Each service station and re-capping agency will furnish a representative to go through the sections where cars are parked and inspect tires on all automobiles. In cases where a tire is found to need repairs a card will be left in the car designating which tire needs the repairs and asking them to see their regular dealer.

Chief of Police Knox Hardin, who attended this morning session at the rationing board waived for one week with the approval of the city board, the enforcement of the city ordinance which prohibits putting cards in parked automobiles. He said that his men would also co-operate in the undertaking by giving cards to all motorists whose automobiles are stopped for any reason and whose tires need recapping.

The greatest stockpile of rubber is still on the wheels of American motorists, it was pointed out this morning by Mr. Quisenberry.

Recapping agencies represented at meeting emphasized that camel back for recapping tires will be scarce this summer on account of the shortage of carbon. The recappers hope to get an early start on their summer work.

The movement started at the

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## Plan Investigation Of Food Shortage

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(P)—The senate voted unanimously today for an investigation of food shortages. Proposed in an effort to find a solution to tightened supplies of meat and other commodities, the resolution was approved by voice vote without debate.

## Hundreds Of U. S. Planes Rained Destruction On Japan Sunday And Today

GUAM, March 19.—(P)—Hundreds of carrier planes and probably 350 Superforts—flying an estimated 3,000-plus sorties—bombed Japan with more than 5,000 tons of incendiaries and high explosives Sunday and Monday.

The giant B-29s, paying a pre-drawn return visit to Nagoya to finish up the destruction started just one week ago, loosed 2500 or more tons of incendiaries on Japan's sixth largest city and principal airplane manufacturing center.

"We burned hell out of Nagoya," reported Col. Carl Storie, Denton, Tex., who spent 30 minutes over the highly important industrial city of 1,500,000. He also was on last Monday's 2000-ton raid, which burned out two square miles of Nagoya.

In Washington, a 20th airforce headquarters communique described the results as ranging from good to excellent.

Opposition from Jap fighter planes was "meager and ineffective," the communique said, although anti-aircraft fire was heavier than in the attack on Nagoya

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## Bombs Fall On Jap Positions At Baguio

Yamashita's Headquarters Believed In Vicinity; Air-men Range From Formosa To New Guinea

MANILA, March 19.—(P)—A 337-ton bombing of Japanese positions around Baguio, supposed Philippine headquarters of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, highlighted a series of heavy aerial blows from Formosa to New Guinea announced today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Baguio, Philippine summer capital, is in the mountains of northern Luzon.

The latest of the almost daily attacks on Formosa was disclosed as Pacific fleet carrier planes struck the enemy homeland 700 miles further north and B-29s from the Marianas raided Nagoya again.

Monday communique said heavy bombers "continued the neutralization of Formosa—dropped 300 tons of explosives on the Helto and Okayama air bases and the town of Taihoku.

Fires and resulting explosions were observed among installations and grounded enemy aircraft. Two American planes were lost.

The Baguio raid was in support of 33rd division doughboys, whose heavy artillery was battering the supposed headquarters of Japanese Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita from less than eight miles away.

Southeast of Baguio, the Amer-

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## Antwerp Battered By V-Bombs Four Months

ANTWERP, Belgium, March 19.—(P)—German V-bombs were hurled into this great port city for four months ending Jan. 31 in a concentrated effort to destroy its usefulness as an allied supply base, it can now be disclosed.

There are scenes of great destruction as a result of the attacks, the extent of which previously was hidden by censorship. In some sections the city has suffered as badly from the V-bombs as the most heavily hit London areas.

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## One Of Participants Tells Story Of July 20 Attempt On Hitler's Life

(Louis P. Lochner has obtained a remarkable account of last July's attempt on Hitler's life directly from one of the participants. Lochner, who was chief of the former Associated Press bureau in Berlin, is again in Germany hoping to return soon to the Nazi capital.)

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BONN, Germany, March 19.—(P)—A man who is a fugitive from German authority because he was implicated in the July 20 bombing attempt on Hitler's life has told me that the fuhrer, fully aware that the war is lost, now peps himself up from time to time watching movies showing the purging of generals and nobles who died for their part in the plot.



## FRANK PEELER REPORTED DEAD

Son Of Deputy Sheriff And Mrs. Randolph Peeler Of Belwood

Pfc. Franklin H. Peeler, 22, was killed in action on the European front on Jan. 18, according to a message received yesterday by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Peeler of Belwood.

Pfc. Peeler was reported missing in action on this date on Feb. 8. A further check-up by the War Department reveals that he was killed.

Frank is one of four Peeler brothers in service. He went away with Company K in the fall of 1940 and spent four years in various camps in South Carolina, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky. For a year or more he was in charge of a group of military police of the army in this country, until he was sent overseas in October, 1944.

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## Lincolnton Boy Among Heroes Of Remagen Bridge

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY EAST OF THE RHINE, March 16 (Delayed)—Pfc. John Reynolds, Lincolnton, N. C., today was revealed as one of the three soldiers who pushed hundreds of pounds of TNT into the Rhine river March 7 after they hauled it out of the stone piers at each end of the Remagen bridge.

Lt. Hugh Mott, Nashville, Tenn., under whom Reynolds and Sgt. Eugene Doran, Manhattan, Kans., performed the task, insisted that credit for the feat go to the two sergeants.

"They were there on the bridge all the time," he said, "I was running back and forth."

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## WHAT'S DOING

TODAY

7:00 p.m.—Regular meeting of Junior Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Charles.

7:30 p.m.—City council meets at city hall.

7:30 p.m.—Opening service in mission revival at First Baptist church.

TUESDAY

2:00 p.m.—Mass meeting of Kings Mountain Association in main auditorium of First Baptist church.

7:00 p.m.—Scouters club meets at Presbyterian church with Troop 1 as hosts.

7:30 p.m.—C. A. P. members meet at armory.

7:30 p.m.—Call meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. for work in second degree.

## GOOD STRAFING WEATHER PUTS HEAT ON NAZIS

Third And Seventh Armies Within 15 Miles Of Junction

ENEMY LOSSES HIGH

PARIS, March 19.—(P)—An estimated 80,000 Germans ran for the Rhine today in desperate daylight retreat under perfect strafing weather which turned the northern half of the Bavarian Palatinate into a slaughter ground and the rich Saarland into a death trap.

Swift tank and infantry columns of the Third and Seventh Armies surged within 15 miles of each other between St. Wendel and the Zweibrucken areas of the Saarland and within 42 miles of a junction farther west in the Palatinate.

Tanks shot within 14 miles of Mainz on the bend of the Rhine. This was the last debacle west of the Rhine and the German First and Seventh armies were losing terrific numbers of men and machines in their rout.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army threatened the great Rhine valley cities of Mainz, Frankfurt on the Main, Wiesbaden, Ludwigshafen and Mannheim. His assault troops crashed into St. Wendel, closing all but the eastern end of a death box 25 miles long and 15 miles wide along the whole Saar line.

From the south, Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army jabbed through the Siegfried line east of Saarbrücken

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