

WEATHER

Showers and not so warm west portion, partly cloudy and warm east portion today followed by clearing and cooler tonight and Wednesday.

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NAZI DEFENSES IN SAAR BASIN HAVE COLLAPSED



AMERICAN TROOPS ENTER STRATEGIC COBLENZ—Soldiers of the U. S. Third Army enter Coblenz, key German city at the junction of the Rhine and Moselle rivers. Walking along a street, they pass a dead comrade (right), lying in debris against a wall. His helmet is in the roadway. Tanks first entered Coblenz March 17. This picture was made by Byron H. Rollins, Associated Press photographer with the war time picture pool.

Police Ordered To Arrest Loiterers

Abernethy Charges Misconduct On School Grounds Nightly; Police To Make Arrests

Shelby police were given special instructions by the board of aldermen, meeting at the city hall last night, to arrest any persons found loitering on the school grounds during off-school hours.

FOUR BUILDINGS GOING UP HERE

Projects Representing \$150,000 Get WPB Priorities

Four building projects representing a total investment of \$150,000 or more are underway in Shelby under priorities issued by the War Production Board. Builders are experiencing difficulty in getting materials and equipment even with priorities, but these projects are furnishing work for various types of construction workers.

Lutz-Yelton who are building a wholesale and retail place for the distribution of petroleum products and automobile accessories on N. LaFayette street are making an investment in building alone of over \$60,000. In addition, this firm will handle the McCormick-Deering and International farm machinery lines. A repair and service department for farm equipment will also be operated. It is expected that this building will be ready for occupancy in May.

The brick walls for the new \$40,000 laundry at the Shelby hospital are nearly up. The laundry is being erected adjacent the power plant so that steam from the heating system will be convenient.

The Carolina Dairy is erecting a modern dairy products plant on Grover street (Fallston road) and the brick work is up to the second floor. Much of the machinery has been delivered and is ready for installation. The new dairy products plant will cost with equipment about \$50,000.

J. W. Cash is erecting a home on West Sumter street under priority granted by the War Production Board. Mr. Cash was unable to secure a suitable home and applied for permission to build last summer. Materials have been placed on the ground and excavation has been done for the foundation and basement.

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SOVIETS SMASH FORWARD IN BUDAPEST AREA

Nazis Flood East Prussian Coast Lowlands Near Koenigsberg

TRAPPED IN POCKET

LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—German troops have withdrawn across the Drava river on the Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier and a Russian offensive northwest of Budapest has smashed beyond Tata to less than 12 miles from Kamoran on the Danube, the German high command announced today.

MOSCOW, March 20.—(AP)—German forces trapped in a dwindling pocket on the east Prussian coast southwest of Koenigsberg were reported today to have opened the coastal dikes and turned the lowlands into a big lake in an effort to halt a Russian extermination drive.

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THIRD STRAIGHT DAY:

Mitscher's Carrier Force Planes Continue Raining Bombs On Japan Today

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, March 20.—(AP)—Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's mighty carrier force was reported bombing Japan today—a third straight day—defying the imperial fleet to come out for battle and giving the lie to enemy communique claims that seven of Mitscher's ships were sunk and one damaged.

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced briefly that carrier pilots moved northward Monday to loose bombs and rockets against shipbuilding Kobe and a major naval base, Kure, on the home island of Honshu. Sunday, carrier planes sent probably 2,500 tons of bombs winging down upon Kyushu and Shikoku, industrially-vital islands at the southern end of the empire.

"Enemy attacks are still continuing," Tokyo flashed an English language broadcast to the United States today. The announcer did not state whether the raid was on Honshu or whether the bombers had returned against Kyushu. Tokyo identified the raiders as "the mainstay of task force 58"—the carrier force which leaped in-

Medical Care Bill Sent To Committee

House Refuses To Concur In Senate Amendments To State Hospital, Medical Measure

RALEIGH, March 20.—(AP)—The house refused unanimously to concur in senate amendments to the State Hospital and Medical Care bill and the measure went to a conference committee.

The motion to refuse to concur was made by Rep. Pearsall of Nash, chairman of the appropriations committee.

Speaker Richardson immediately named Reps. Stone of Rockingham, Pearsall, and Smith of Davidson to the conference committee, and sent word of the house's action to the senate by special messenger.

President Ballentine of the senate appointed Senators Hodges of Buncombe and Jenkins of Bertie to the conference committee, which met immediately.

Medical care was freely predicted that the legislature would adjourn sine die around noon tomorrow, after 67 days. The house calendar committee reported without prejudice a bill to allow the state to become self-insured against loss by fire.

The senate amended a revived bill providing for a 48-hour waiting period for out-of-state couples before they are granted marriage licenses. As it passed, it related only to the counties in the first two syndical districts—Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Beaufort, Hyde, Pamlico, Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Hertford and Bertie.

Senator Ward had moved that passage of the bill be reconsidered and when a floor fight loomed, Senator Culpepper of Pasquotank rushed through his amendment pertaining only to the counties in the first two districts. Culpepper's amendment, which probably saved the bill, was quickly adopted and the measure went back to the house for concurrence.

The hospital and medical care amendment provides that a \$1,000,000 contingent fund to provide treatment of indigent patients during the next biennium, be split in half and the other half million dollars be used to aid in the construction or enlargement of rural

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MULTIPLE SLAYING VICTIM—A body identified as that of Mrs. Payce C. Hall (above), 19, was found near Little Rock, Ark., and Detective Chief O. N. Martin said her husband, James W. Hall, 24, had confessed he killed her and five other persons last August.

PANAY ISLAND IS INVADED

Hardly A Man Lost In Invasion Of Seventh Of Philippines

MANILA, March 20.—(AP)—The big broom sweeping the Japanese from the Philippines reached Panay island Sunday as Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th infantry division, again achieving complete surprise, invaded the flat southern coastal plain and quickly closed in on the port capital of Iloilo and its big airfield. Headquarters announced the invasion today.

No Japanese but cheering Filipinos met the Yanks swarming ashore in amphibious vehicles and afoot just before dawn. Many sections of the large island had been cleared of enemy troops by guerrillas.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said hardly a man was lost invading the seventh major Philippine island. He reported "complete tactical as well as strategic surprise was accomplished."

Panay had been a decided threat to American convoys passing through central Philippine seas toward Manila.

The eighth army doughboys, landing at Tigbauan, broke into right-angle spearheads, one seized Cordova, four miles inland, and the other swept seventy miles east along the coast to Oton, halfway to Iloilo, a city of 90,000 with one of the best harbors in the central Philippines.

A small enemy force was encountered on the road to Cordova, but otherwise the area was surprisingly free of Japanese. Fliers scanned the country behind the beachhead in search of enemy positions, but found none.

The landing was made on the only extensive flat area of the entire triangle-shaped island, which is between American-held Mindoro and enemy-held Negros. Cruisers, destroyers and rocket-firing sur-

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PFC. J. L. BRIDGES KILLED IN ACTION

Fort Dufferin Taken By Allies

LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—Fort Dufferin in Mandalay has been captured by Allied forces, a dispatch from Mandalay said today. The fort had been a holdout stronghold in the Burma city.

every thinking German. Unknown even to Hitler, a first assassination attempt was carried out in December, 1943, but the bomb was defective and was recovered before Hitler's associates discovered it.

The ideal occasion for putting the plot into effect in earnest seemed to come when Hitler invited Mussolini to general headquarters near Loeben in East Prussia to attend a ceremony incorporating two fascist divisions into the German army.

Von Stauffenberg was the officer designated to swear in the Italians. Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel opened the ceremony with a 10-minute address. Stauffenberg

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THIRD, SEVENTH ARMIES ARE NEAR JUNCTION

Patton's Men Flanking Siegfried Line, Patch's Through It

20-ODD MILES APART

PARIS, March 20.—(AP)—German defenses collapsed in the Saar basin today while the rampaging American Seventh and Third Armies raced toward an imminent junction near the Rhine.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army flanked completely the Siegfried and alternate Hunsbrueck lines in the Saar and Palatinate and in sweeping gains moved within four miles of the second Palatinate city of Kaiserslautern, within nine miles of Mainz and 23 miles of the chemical center of Ludwigshafen.

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army was completely through a 12-mile stretch of the Siegfried line between Sarbruecken and Zweibruecken.

A pocket around Sarbruecken and the great steel mills of the Saarland was all but closed—if not already so since developments were lagging hours behind reports de-layed by security blackouts. In the Kaiserslautern area, the armies were but 20-odd miles apart and closing fast.

More than 50,000 of the originally estimated 80,000 Germans of the enemy's first and seventh armies already were counted as casualties. In seven blazing days, Patton's offensive has inflicted at least 45,000 casualties on the original 80,000 Germans in the Rhine-Moselle-Saar pocket. Correspondent E. D. Ball said in a dispatch from the front.

Prisoners alone totaled up to 20,000 and the Seventh army had taken at least 4,000 additional. NEAR JUNCTION

Patton's troops crashed to within four miles of the major Palatinate road center of Kaiserslautern and captured Alzey, 23 miles from the chemical centers of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen on the Rhine. The Third army was less than 25 miles from the Seventh army in the Kaiserslautern area. Ball messaged:

"With the Siegfried line flanked, the Third and Seventh army should meet shortly somewhere near the Rhine."

Patton's army captured 8,355 prisoners yesterday alone and 45 or more today.

The Seventh army attacking the Saar and Palatinate from the south breached or threatened the main Siegfried line in a 12-mile stretch between Sarbruecken and Zweibruecken. The seventh itself was bidding for a clean breakthrough to snap a trap shut on Germans remaining in the heart of the Saarland. (AP) Correspondent Lewis Hawking reported.

A dimout was imposed at noon on movements of the Seventh army's tank forces moving from the Rhine valley opposite Karlsruhe. FORTIFICATIONS BELTS

The Third army flanked the two German fortification belts by capturing a Hessian town founded by

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Himmler Was In On Plot Against Hitler; Later Reneged When Attempt Had Failed

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LIQUOR CASES GROUND OUT

Many Judgments Entered In United States District Court

United States District court ground out a steady stream of liquor cases yesterday afternoon and this morning while the grand jury worked at its docket, preparing for the Charlotte, and Statesville courts as well as returning the Shelby bills.

A true bill against two former OPA agents, Thomas Earl Heafner and Lewis Brumfield, charged with accepting bribes was returned in open court yesterday and these two will be tried at the Charlotte trial of court.

Fred Huffman, Frazier P. Huffman and Leroy Brittain, all of Lincoln county, charged with liquor violations were sentenced to 10 months imprisonment each.

FLOYD VIOLATIONS Floyd Gardner was fined \$25 and given a six-months sentence for a liquor violation. Eckles Miller was given an eight-months suspended sentence and Estelle Miller was given a year and a day term suspended upon good behavior.

William M. Cassels, of Gaston county, was given one year in prison on a liquor violation charge. Troy Francis of Burke county was given an 18-months suspended

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WHAT'S DOING TODAY

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

7:30 p.m. — Second session of mission revival at 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.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m. — Midweek prayer and praise service at First Baptist church.

7:30 p.m. — Fellowship hour at Central Methodist church.

7:30 p.m. — Regular prayer meeting at Presbyterian church.

Business Booms In Big Town's Night Spots

NEW YORK, March 20.—(AP)—The big town's \$100,000,000 entertainment business, its curfew quails salved by a 20-25 percent increase in trade and nightclubs, generally took advantage last night of Mayor La Guardia's 1 a.m. closing hour, despite a reproachful frown from official Washington.

Some uneasy nightclub operators, reflecting upon the wartime disciplinary purges of the federal government, stuck with the midnight curfew, but most niteries took War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes' hands-off statement at face value.

Byrnes said yesterday he was powerless to crack down on recalcitrant New York City but urged the rest of the nation on patriotic grounds to abide by his midnight closing hour.

NO ENFORCEMENT I believe that a controversial enforcement of the measure in New York City without the support of local officials would be impossible," said Byrnes. "The government has no police force of its own available to discover violations. It has no intention of building such a force."

He added: "Measures of this type adopted by the federal government must apply uniformly throughout the country. We can not set one standard for the New York City and another standard for the rest of the country."

New Jersey liquor dealers apparently were afraid their customers would skip blithely over to New York City for more leisurely tipping.

In New York City's bars last night, whether of the swank or "what's yours, bud?" variety, a common practice was to toast Mayor La Guardia with the last drink.

BUSINESS UP At El Morocco business was up 25 percent; sales jumped 20 percent at Versailles. Similar perkings up of sales was noted at the Stork

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Senator And Representative Return From Legislation

Senator Lee Weathers and Representative C. C. Horn have returned from Raleigh where they have been attending the General Assembly since January 3rd, representing Cleveland county and the 27th Senatorial district which comprises the counties of Cleveland, Rutherford and McDowell.

The Legislature is expected to adjourn tonight after having run two weeks longer than expected. Most of the important state legislation had been considered and passed on so the local representatives came home because of per-

sonal duties. Should any legislation develop today that would require their return to Raleigh, they will leave tonight. However, a dispatch from Raleigh says that the major matters have been passed on or agreed to and adjournment is expected at tonight's session.

LOCAL LEGISLATION No local legislation was enacted except that sponsored by local governing bodies. The county was relieved of any financial responsi-

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