

**WEATHER**

Partly cloudy and continued warm today, tonight and Saturday, scattered thundershowers in west and central portions Saturday.

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**FUNERAL TRAIN ON WAY NORTH**

**NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OVER WITH FULL SCHEDULE**

**Ninth Army Spearhead 45 Miles From Berlin, 90 From Russian Lines**

By James M. Long

PARIS, April 13.—(AP)—The Ninth Army closed within 45 miles of Berlin today in a 60-mile armored advance which reached the already-crossed Elbe river on a wide front.

Nearly a hundred miles of the Elbe banks were patrolled by Ninth Army troops tonight. They stood within 90 miles of Russian siege lines east of the sprawling, ruined capital.

The nearest approach to the capital was in a bend of the river just south of Tangermunde, where the hurried Germans blew the bridges.

Duisburg, Europe's greatest inland port and Germany's 14th city, fell to the Ninth army in the shrinking and bypassed Ruhr pocket. The Third army captured Erfurt, reached the streets of Jena and were 18 miles from Leipzig and 34 from Czechoslovakia.

Between these charging forces of Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson and George S. Patton, Jr., First Army tanks broke into a 35-mile run across the "Golden Meadows" to within 17 miles of Leipzig, largest city in Saxony. Lt. Gen. Court-

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**Russians Moving On City Of Bruenn**

**Bitter House-To-House Fighting Inside Vienna; Narrow Escape Gap Remains**

LONDON, April 13.—(AP)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight the capture of Vienna.

LONDON, April 13.—(AP)—Russian troops were moving today on the Czechoslovak city of Bruenn (Brno), 68 miles north of Vienna, after cutting the last lifelines between the two cities in attacks that doomed the remaining Nazi forces in the historic Austrian capital.

**BRITISH IN ITALY ADVANCE**

ROME, April 13.—(AP)—Allied headquarters announced today that the British Eighth army is driving forward steadily in the lower Po valley against "partially disorganized resistance after beating off numerous heavy counterattacks west of its newly won Santerno river bridgeheads.

At the same time attacking Fifth army forces on the opposite end of the front were reported meeting little opposition.

Near the shores of Lake Comacchio at the extreme eastern end of the offensive area, Eighth army units drove westward halfway to Bastia, six miles distant.

The Germans have lost their last footholds on the east banks of the Santerno river. The three Allied bridgeheads across the stream have been expanded.

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Moscow said Soviet spearheads burst within 33 miles of Bruenn in an invasion over the southern Moravia border.

Inside Vienna, fall of which has been expected hourly, there was bitter house-to-house fighting as Marshal Feodor I. Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian army yesterday seized 60 blocks of the Jewish quarter of Leopoldstadt, between the Danube and the Danube canal.

One thin escape gap now remains for the Germans. It is along a railroad running northwest from the city, but Moscow said early today that this, too, was under heavy Russian artillery fire.

**TERRIFIC LOSSES**  
The Nazis are suffering terrific losses in the Vienna fighting, with 4,000 officers and men killed yesterday, the Russians said.

Meanwhile, Berlin reported a general Nazi withdrawal west of the beleaguered capital along the Danube valley in the direction of Hitler's Bavarian mountain fortress at Berchtesgaden.

South of Vienna, Tolbukhin's

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**TOMORROW SET ASIDE AS DAY OF MOURNING**

**Holds War Council With Top Military Commanders**

**TO ATTEND RITES**

By Jack Bell

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—Harry S. Truman seized immediately on the grim problems of winning the war and securing the peace today as he shouldered the responsibilities of the presidency.

Leaving his modest Connecticut Avenue apartment early for the White House, the new president:

1. Held an emergency war council with his top military commanders.

2. Reviewed world political problems in a 20-minute conference with Secretary of State Stettinius.

3. Issued a proclamation setting aside tomorrow as a National day of mourning for Franklin D. Roosevelt.

4. Conferred with a close lawyer friend, Hugh Fulton, who has been mentioned for a post if any cabinet changes are made.

5. Made an immediate and probably unprecedented trip to Capitol Hill where he lunched with congressional leaders.

6. Announced he will attend burial services at Hyde Park Sunday for Mr. Roosevelt, whose body was enroute to Washington from Warm Springs.

Heartened by a formal pledge of support from the senate Republican delegation, Mr. Truman began the day by declaring "my

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**'Bundle Day' For Collection Of Old Clothes**

Sunday will be "Bundle Day" in the United National Clothing collection Mrs. R. H. Rogers, committee chairman, announced today. All those who have usable clothing to contribute to the drive but have not yet turned it in at the clothing depots are asked to tie these garments in bundles and place them on the curbs in front of their homes by 1:30 o'clock Sunday. These bundles will be collected and taken to the central clothing depot in the Rogers building for shipment.

Doris Bolt is serving as chairman of the collecting committee and Worth Morris is co-chairman. On the truck committee are R. K. Wilson, chairman, Paul Kennedy, and H. H. Weaver. Others who will assist in this Sunday collection are Schem K. Blackley, Mason Carroll, Lex Williams, Dale Stentb, Wilbur Wilson, Lloyd Lutz

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**TRUMAN TAKES THE OATH AS PRESIDENT**—Harry S. Truman (left) is sworn in by Chief Justice Harlan Stone as President of the United States in the cabinet room of the executive offices of the White House in Washington a few hours after the death of President Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Ga. Mrs. Truman is in the center. Attorney General Francis Biddle is just behind Truman and between the new President and Mrs. Truman is Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.—(AP Wirephoto)



**PROMOTED**—Lt. Col. George V. Hanna, Jr., USMC, husband of the former Miss Mildred McSwain of 515 S. Morgan street, was promoted from Major to his present rank on March 10, while serving with the Third Marine Amphibious corps somewhere in the South Pacific. Lt. Col. Hanna is a graduate of North Carolina State college and entered the service in June, 1939. He has been serving overseas for over 28 months and recently participated in the invasion of Peleliu. His wife and 25 months old son, George V. Hanna, Jr., whom he has never seen, are making their home in Shelby while he is in service. Lt. Col. Hanna is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Hanna, sr., of Greenville, S. C., formerly of Shelby.

**CAP VISITORS HERE SATURDAY**

A full week-end is planned for members of the North Carolina Civil Air Patrol in Shelby beginning tomorrow afternoon when members of this organization will begin to arrive by plane at the Byers airport. Some will come by automobile, however, more than 20 visiting planes are expected if the weather is fair.

Mayor Harry Woodson will head a committee from the local wing of the Civil Air Patrol who will be at the Byers airport Saturday afternoon to welcome the visitors to Shelby. Included in this group will be Lt. George D. Washburn, commander, of the local wing. The visiting delegates will be chauffeured to the Charles hotel by cadets from the local wing. At the hotel another greeting committee led by Lt. John Anthony and Lt. Norman Lee will take over and welcome the guests again.

The cadets will post a guard at the airport for the protection of the visiting ships. Lt. George Washburn and Mrs. Washburn will hold

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**Grieving World Pays Tribute To Roosevelt**

**Most Nations Fly Flags At Half Mast, Some Decree Periods Of Mourning**

By The Associated Press

Around the world, the humble and the great paid mournful tribute today to Franklin Delano Roosevelt in words of praise and sorrow.

The flags of virtually all nations flew at half mast. Many governments decreed a period of mourning. Expressions of sympathy streamed into the White House from world capitals.

**71 DEAD IN OKLA. STORM**

**Destruction Left In Dozen Cities, Edge Of Arkansas Hit**

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 13.—(AP)—Oklahoma counted its tornado-dead at 71 and the homeless in hundreds today after twisters bounced crazily over the state to spread destruction in a dozen cities and rural communities.

The storms swept on into Arkansas, killing three, and two persons were reported missing in a storm at Morrisville, Mo.

Most seriously hit in Oklahoma by yesterday afternoon's storms were Antlers with 47 dead, Muskogee with 14 and Huloera and Oklahoma City with three each. Boggy had one fatality, as did Red Oak. Greenwood Junction and Rowland, in Arkansas, two were killed at Dora and one near Fayetteville.

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**U. S. Subs Sink 15 More Enemy Ships**

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—United States submarines have sunk 15 more enemy ships, including two combat vessels, in far eastern waters.

A navy communique named the combatant craft as an escort vessel and a converted gunboat.

Non-combatant vessels claimed included two destroyer transports, a large tanker, a naval auxiliary, six medium cargo vessels, a medium tanker, and two small cargo vessels.

The announcement raised to 1,098 the total Japanese losses inflicted by United States submarines to date. The total includes 124 combatant ships and 974 non-combatant.

**Death Ends Long, Useful Career Of Nation's Chief**

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

**ABOARD ROOSEVELT FUNERAL TRAIN, April 13.—(AP)—The body of President Franklin D. Roosevelt was enroute on a 24-hour run to Washington today for funeral service in Washington and burial Sunday at Hyde Park, N. Y.**

The ten car special train, full of friends and associates, who hurried here when news of his death spread, got under way at 10:15 A. M., Central War Time.

The body was taken to the train on a motor hearse car caisson through a lane of soldiers from Ft. Benning, Ga.

Two thousand soldiers from the Fort Benning infantry school and parachute school under the general command of Major General Fred L. Walker arrived in the early morning hours to provide an honor guard.

Also on hand at the depot was the 99th army ground forces band from Fort Benning, led by Chief Warrant Officer Loy A. Ebersole.

Pallbearers were picked from the army, navy and marines.

Fifty picked MP's from Ft. Benning provided a lane at the little village station through which the funeral cortege passed. The procession also passed the Warm Spring Foundation administration building where polio patients sat and stood to watch their benefactor pass for the last time.

The winding red dirt road from the Roosevelt Pine Mountain cottage to the Foundation gate was filled with troops who led the slow march to the train which began at 9:25 A. M. (CWT).

The eight body bearers included four army men from Ft. Benning, two marines from the President's guard encampment at Warm Springs, and two navy enlisted men from Atlanta.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who flew from Washington last night, rode in the procession. Others included Vice-Admiral Ross T. McIntire, the late President's physician; Commander Howard Bruenn, the young navy doctor who was at the bed side when the President died; Secretaries Stephen T. Early and William D. Hassett, and Rear-Admiral Jules James, commandant of the 6th naval district at Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. Roosevelt rode with Miss Laura Delano and Miss Margaret Suckley, presidential cousin from Hyde Park, and the body bearers walked behind the hearse.

Behind them also on foot for the nearly 3 miles to the train were high ranking army and navy officers in this area.

The procession made only about three miles an hour.

The cortege slowed almost to a standstill at the Foundation administration building as if to give the late president an opportunity to say a final farewell to the crippled children. Chief Petty Officer Graham Jackson, Atlanta negro musician now in the coast guard, stood in the center of the patient spectators and played "Going Home" softly on a piano accordion.

Jackson had entertained Mr. Roosevelt many times during his visit to Warm Springs.

Leaving the Foundation grounds, the cortege passed through two battalions of Airborne Infantry and Paratroopers spaced ten feet apart and standing at attention. One trooper dropped in his tracks from the blistering sun as a press car passed. The head of the procession reached the depot, crowded with

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**WHAT'S DOING**

**TODAY**  
7:30 p.m.—Lions club ladies' night at Hotel Charles.  
8:00 p.m.—Revival service at Central Methodist church.  
**SATURDAY**  
10:00 a.m.—Revival service at Central Methodist church.

**Truman Takes Over Banners Of War And Peace From Roosevelt**

By JACK BELL  
Associated Press Political News Editor

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(AP)—A dazed and questioning world today watched Harry S. Truman pick up the banners of war and peace that slipped yesterday from the lifeless fingers of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Stunned by the shock of its leader's passing, a mourning nation gave solid backing to the gray-haired man in the gray business suit who became president of the United States at 7:09 p.m. last night.

Mr. Roosevelt died at Warm Springs, Ga., just two hours and

34 minutes earlier. Mr. Truman, who didn't even want to run for vice president, went to work in the White House today—a question mark for all humanity.

The new president himself announced simply that he would try to carry on as he believes President Roosevelt would have done.

Then, swiftly, he asked the Roosevelt cabinet to stay on. He gave assurance that the United Nations Conference would open in San Francisco April 25, on schedule. He issued a statement that the war would be prosecuted to

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**Train Carrying Body To Pass Through County**

A special train over the Southern's mainline from Atlanta to Washington will pass through Grover and Kings Mountain tonight about 9:15, it was learned this morning from the Division Passenger Agent's office in Charlotte.

The train was late this morning in leaving Warm Springs, Ga., with the body of the beloved president but it is now on its way northward to Washington where the funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at his Hyde Park, New York home.

The body travels in the president's special car and is pulled by a special engine. Several other cars carry the members of his immediate family and staff and another car the newspaper men and high officials who accompany the remains to the capital.

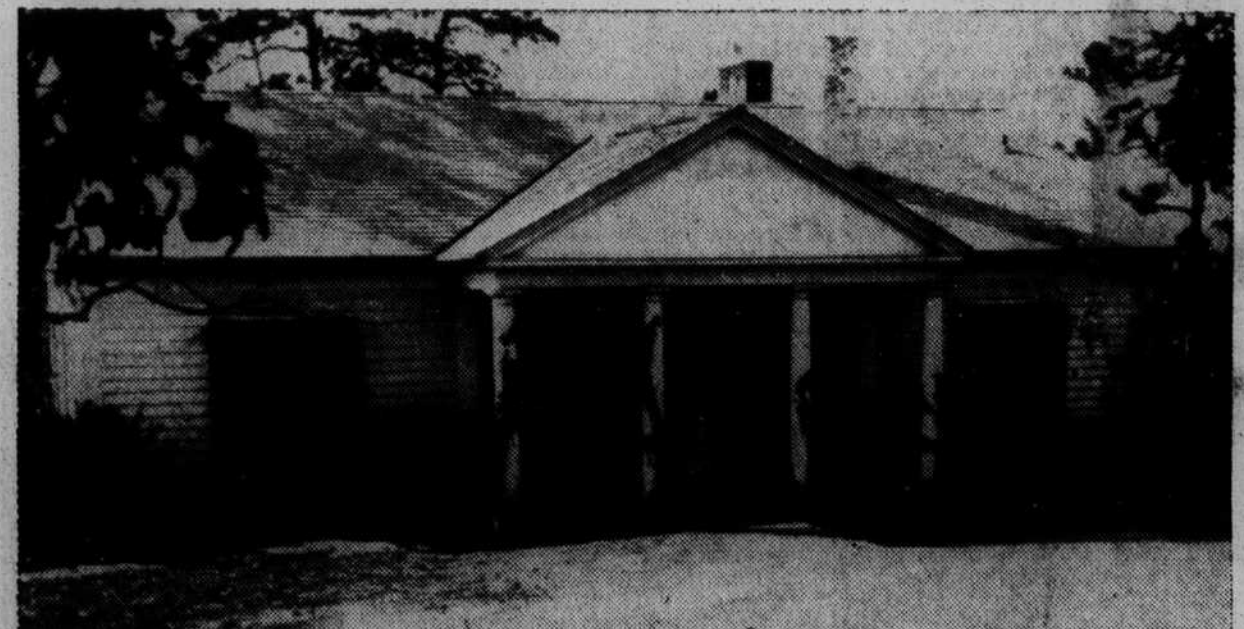
**NO STOPS**

Ten o'clock is the time the special train is due to reach Charlotte. There will be no stops, however, except to refuel the engine and change crews.

All entertainment programs on the radios were cancelled last night and tributes were paid the nation's chief by members of the foreign diplomatic offices located in Washington, members of the Congress, including Sen. Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina. Mr. Hoey paid tribute to the president's humane efforts, his devotion to Democracy and freedom and declared that the Vice President Harry Truman is thoroughly trained and competent to carry on the principles so firmly established by Mr. Roosevelt.

The only other programs on the radio were war news, details of the war would be prosecuted to

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**'LITTLE WHITE HOUSE' WHERE PRESIDENT DIED**—This is the cottage at Warm Springs, Ga., known as "Little White House", where President Roosevelt died unexpectedly of a cerebral hemorrhage April 12. The President built the cottage many years ago and went there periodically for rest. It is close to the Warm Springs Foundation which he helped to establish for treatment of patients suffering the after-effects of infantile paralysis.—(P Wirephoto).