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North Carolina-Partly cloudy and continued warm today, to-

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NINTH ARMY FORCES WIN SECOND CROSSING OF ELBE

Resistance Stiffens; First And Third Army INTO IMOLA Tanks Beyond Leipzig

PARIS, April 14.—(A)—The American Ninth Army won second crossing over the Elbe river today and fought PARTISAN MOVEMENT slowly forward on the outer defenses of Berlin. First and Third Army tanks hurtled well past besieged Leipzig, neared the Russian lines and advanced into the Nazi mountain Eighth Army troops have stronghold of Bayreuth.

Four Soviet Armies

Mass For Offensive

Forces With Western Allies

By EDDY GILMORE

that four massive Russian army groups were approaching

LONDON, April 14-(P)-A force One German correspondent said

on the eastern front from Silesia to the Baltic.

Nor was there fresh information

Among cities captured were Brunswick, Zeitz, Saalfeld, Rudol-

ingen Zwolle and Appeldron.

The flanking sweep past Leipzig from the Russian lines and 38 from Mulde river in eastern Germany

To all practical purposes, Ger- and 38 of Dresden. They were join- announced today. many was virtually bisected for the ed, however, by the First Army's last direct communications from Ninth Armored division in a flankhighway to Munich-were cut. The Leipzig, where a million German Third army was within 25 miles civilians were reported huddled in of Czechoslovakia and had bypass- cellars. ed the northwest tip of that repub-

The Nihth army captured Dort- stadt, Sangerhausen, Weissenfels, mund, second largest city of the Gerolzhofen, Lichtenfels and Ruhr and 11th largest in Germany.

Its 537,000 peacetime residents
worked in the great coal mines over the rail center of Bamberg, 32 miles which the city sprawled and in its from Ueuernberg, fighting flared vast steel and iron mills and syn- through the cities of Magdeburg. thetic oil plants. The city was an Dortmund, Bayreuth Gera and the important traffic center but was a Dutch centers of Arnhem Groenruin from bomb and shell.

Supreme headquarters did not ing was 15 miles southeast of Mag- south of Hamburg.

denburg at Barby.) (Second Armored) division using streamed from the confines of Ger- main route toward Ferrara. assault boats near Magdeburg. The many's greatest industrial valley. HEAVIER FIGHTING nearest Ninth army troops last The First army took 34,847 prisonwere reported 45 miles from Berlin ers yesterday, 19,904 from the Ruhr. and fighting on the flat Braden- More than 50,000 surrendered the

HEAVIES BLAST

BORDEAUX AREA

Surprise Attack At Dawn

Today On Enemy Hold-

Out Positions

coast where Germans estimated

to total 170,000 are still holding

750 heavily-loaded RAF Lancas-

chief refuge for what remains of

don that the bombing of the Gir-

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B-29's Attack Tokyo

GUAM, Saturday, April 14. -(AP)

There was speculation in Lon-

the German navy.

Large Force Of

Bordeaux.

EIGHTH ARMY TROOPS DRIVE

Germans Offer Fierce Resistance In Santerno Bridgehead

ROME, April 14.—(AP) driven into the outskirts of carried deep into Saxony to within ten miles of Chemnitz 88 miles columns which drove across the ter less than 20 miles east of to within ten miles of Chemnitz Bologna, allied headquarters

A communique said the advance along the Bologna-Rimini high-Berlin south-including the super- ing run around the south side of way was made against light and scattered German resistance, but that heavy fighting continued farther north in the bridgehead across the Santerno river.

Polish troops pushing directly along the highway yesterday had been reported less than four miles from India, while Italian troops had cap-tured the Nazi stronghold of Tossignano, seven miles southeast of Imola.

Grim resistance from Nazi tanks and anti-tank guns impeded the progress on the right wing of the The British besieged Bremen and disclose where the new Elbe crossing was made. (BBC said the crossing was made.) The British besieged Bremen and
outflanked Hamburg by plunging fresh Po valley offensive. Nevertheless, the Santerno river was
the said the crossoutflanked Hamburg by plunging fresh Po valley offensive. Nevertheless, the Santerno river was
crossed in that area and Eighth crossed in that area and Eighth The Ruhr pocket was stamped army units were within two miles The original bridgehead was es- down to a fourth of its original of the road intersection town of tablished by the Hell on Wheels size as the 114,000th prisoner Bastia, adjacent to Argenta on the

Even heavier fighting was in progress west and northwest of captured Massa Lombarda where Santerno river was being widened and deepened steadily.

At the other end of the Italian front American and Fifth army troops moved farther north along the coast against light enemy re-

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Russians Rested And Ready For Campaign To Join **G-W FUND NOW** MOSCOW, April 14.—(P)—Every sign indicated today

the zero hour for the drive against German divisions massed Sum Includes Contributions For Four New

> promises to destroy a principal An announcement from Guy H. part of Adolf Hitler's staggering Roberts, treasurer of the Gardnermilitary forces. The expected Webb college memorial fund, reblow might result in the greatest vealed today that contributions to battle of the second World War. (Berlin broadcasts said today reached the total of \$318,000, only that the Russians "are about to \$37,000 short of the \$350,000 goal launch their great offensive" on set to be reached by the early fail. the eastern front aimed at Berlin and a link up with British and been made for the building of four to the memory of the President,

of 1,150 American heavy bombers Russian artillery was in position made a surprise attack at dawn for the preliminary bombardtoday on German strongpoints and ment. (The Germans Indicated they anti-aircraft positions on both sides of the Gironde Estuary north expected Soviet forces to strike to of the French Atlantic port of outflank Berlin from the north and south while Marshal Gregory K. This is one of a half dozen iso-lated places along the French army, now approximately 30 miles

the Reich capital from the west

The Russians were rested and

ready for the campaign which

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The daybreak attack followed Counterattack On a blow last night by more than Okinawa Repulsed ter and Halifax bombers on Kiel,

GUAM, April 14-(AP)-The 24th Army Corps-backed by heavy guns of the army, navy and marineshurled back a furious predawn Japanese counterattack Friday and inflicted heavy losses on the ene-

itz announced today. dal air assaults on Adm. Raymond mand in the west. The long-await-A. Spruance's Fifth fleet screen- ed Allied linkup severing the Reich man surrender. -A very large force of B-29s attacked the Tokyo arsenal area at 12:30 a.m. today (11:30 A. M. Friday, Thursday, the Japanese lost more than 100 additional planes for a day, Eastern War Time) in a low- total of more than 218 planes on level incendiary assault designed to the two days. Lesser actions off put the torch to the Japanese mili- the Ryukyus brought the two-day total to more than 256.

AT \$313,000

Dormitories

the post-war expansion fund have Contributions to the fund have American armies driving toward new dormitories including the John

after the war. The memorial fund



flag-covered casket holding the body of President Roosevelt after it was placed aboard a train at Warm Springs, Ga., en route to Washington for funeral service Saturday. The President died of a cerebral hemorrhage in the "Little White House" at Warm Springs April 12.—(AP Wirephoto)

World Mourns With U. S. For Its Chief

es Closed From 4 P. M. To 5 P. M.

Day of mourning for President here today with all stores and vices at the White House. business houses closed from 4 to 5 o'clock this afternoon, with local

pause in telephone service at the starting time for the President's funeral as a silent tribute to the fallen leader. This pause is being observed in Shelby as it is in the rest of the country. The Shelby draft office closed

A brief memorial service on the square is being held this afternoon at 4:15 o'clock. Participating will be the Shelby high school band, the American Legion and American Legion auxiliary who are sponsoring the service. The opening prayer will be spoken by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church, and a brief memorial address will be made by Senator Lee B.

at 1 o'clock today out of respect breaking its usual custom of re-W. Suttle, J. J. McMurry, John R. maining open on Saturday after- one of nine army airplanes flying Dover and the Bess Hoey-Olie Gardner memorial buildings; the Washburn Student Union build- and the courthouse closed at 12:30 p.m. Grover about two hours earlier than the funeral train. Press distance that the funeral train is formation and passing over the court of the funeral train. ing and the Gerald Morgan athletic noon. The city hall will close patches say she was a passenger Funds have also been from 4 to 5 o'clock, the same clos- on the funeral train, a ten car provided by Lester Hamrick for ing hour as observed by the stores special running as second No. 40, beautification of the college cam- and business houses, and all local pulled by two engines. theatres will be closed from 4 to CASKET VISIBLE Erection of these buildings at the 5 o'clock. The post office closed junior college is expected to begin as soon as materials are available mainder of the day.

clearly visible to friends who gathered along the route of travel to plishments.

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Stores And Business Hous- Memorial Services Called In Many Nations; American Soldiers Pay Tribute

By The Associated Press

The world mourns with the United States today as the original bridgehead over the Roosevelt was being observed tribute is paid to Franklin Delano Roosevelt in funeral ser-

In many other nations, whose high officials still were churches open during the hour of sending a stream of condolences to this country, memorial the funeral, and with church bells services were called for today and tomorrow.

Friends And Admirers Of **Great Humanitarian Pay** Silent Tribute

Thousands of sorrowing peopl gathered at Grover and Kings Mountain last night as the funeral train of the nation's beloved Chief Executive, Farnklin D. Roosevelt passed through Cleveland county headed to Washington from Warm Springs, Ga., where he died unexpectedly at 4:35 p.m. Thursday. The Star's Grover correspondent says it was reported there that

Mrs. Roosevelt was a passenger in The War Price and Ra- in formation and passing over Grover about two hours earlier

The flag draped casket was Mayor Harry Woodson issued pay tribute to the lamented

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declaring:

ever been. Reverently, American soldiers

MOSCOW, April 14-(AP)went into official

and sailors stationed in Brit-

mourning at dawn today for Franklin D. Roosevelt. Black-edged red flags of Soviet Union were hoisted over the Kremlin, all public build-

ings, in city squares, over a-

partment houses, and even at

private residences. It was a gesture to a head of a foreign government unparalleled in Soviet history.

ain will file into churches during the day for a last tribute to their clead commander - inchief. The U.S. army has scheduled Protestant services at Grosvenor Chapel, Catholic mass at St. James church and Jewish services at the West End synagogue. American naval personnel will attend a service at St. Marks church.

The British will honor the late president at Sunday church serv- or's pipe signaled the start of the MUSIC ices Many clerics plan to devote long cortege.

As Foregn Secretary Anthony

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Reich in two would cause the

Sombre Throngs Pay Homage As Train Arrives

Members Of Roosevelt Family, His Friends And Staff Board Train; Body Lifted To Caisson At 9:58 A. M. For Procession To White House

WASHINGTON, April 14.—(AP)—The body of President Roosevelt reached a sorrowing capital shortly before 10 A. M. today.

President Truman and members of the cabinet were at the Union Station a few minutes before the train pulled in at 9:50 A. M. (EWT), waiting to lead a mournful procession to the White House.

Members of the Roosevelt family were the first to enter the funeral train, followed by President

Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger went aboard.

They were followed by Admiral William D. Leahy, who was President Roosevelt's military chief of staff, by Bernard Baruch, James F. Byrnes, and War Mobilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

Members of the Supreme Court and their wives, and cabinet officers and their wives also entered the train.

As the government offiicals, heads bared, walked slow ly toward the cars a Marine band softly played Hail to the Chief and the National Anthem.

The funeral train was parked on a Union station siding near a bustling freight depot. Crowds thronged as close as police would let them to the train. At the rear of the President's car stood a huge army caisson and seven white horses awaiting the body of the President.

The body was lifted to the caisson at 9:58 A. M., and Britain's sorrow in an editorial the procession began its slow trip to the White House, where private funeral services will be held at 4 P. M. today.

"He is mourned here as perhaps Virtually every high dignitary of no other of another country has the government rode in the prothe government rode in the pro-cession as it wended its way through the railroad sidings and on to the picturesque union station plaza which faces the national capitol.

Two of Mr. Roosevelt's secretaries, Stephen T. Early and William D. Hassett, rode together in one car. Behind them came another member of the White House secretariat, Jonathan Daniels. Sad-faced and with his

shoulders slumped, Samuel Rosenman, Mr. Roosevelt's longtime counsel, rode in one of the cars reserved for the former president's closest friends. Rosenman had been associated with Mr. Roosevelt in one capacity or another since the days when the late president was governor of New York.

Secretary of the treasury, Henry Morgenthau, a Hudson valley neighbor of the Roosevelt, rode alone-his head bowed in grief. He glanced neither right nor left as the procession moved out of the station

Two sharp high notes of a sail-

With the bass drums of a military band thumping mournfully in is a project of churches of the Kings Mountain Baptist associafollowed by a strong detachment of blue jackets, tramped solemnly up Constitution avenue.

A wedge of 25 blueclad motorcycle policemen puttered and popped in the line of march. A light bomber, gleaming in the

sun, circled overhead. The last car in the procession left the station at 10:20 a. m. It took almost 20 minutes for the entire funeral party to get underway to the White

House. Despite Mrs. Roosevelt's request that no flowers be sent, several vo, is shaping up in the north in truckloads of blossoms arrived at great arc backed up against the the White House and were unloadltic Sea and trying to hold the ed at the front door. Among these orthern ports and perhaps Berlin. floral tributes were several from

> Two minutes after the last ca See THRONGS Page 2

Shelby Club Observes 16th Annual Ladies Night

With a series of warm human stories, Bob Patton, Burke county superintendent of schools in an address last night at the Sixteenth Annual Ladies' night of the Shelby Lions club illustrated his theme that "laughter has a mission." Just to prove his point, Speaker Patton kept his large audience which filled the dining room of the Charles hotel in stitches of laughter most of the time with his humorous anecdotes.

The speaker was introduced by Rev. R. M. Hauss. Athos Rostan acted as toastmaster and the meeting was opened by R. J. Rucker, president of the club.

The meeting was opened by the singing of "God Bless America led by Lion Joe Piner after which the invocation was pronounced by Rev. R. M. Hauss. Dinner musiwas furnished by Mrs. A. C. Dellinger at the piano. She also accompanied Miss Betty Jo Putnant who sang two numbers. Albert Propst presented a piano solo Among the special guests of the

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WHAT'S DOING

10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.-U. S. O. center open to service folk isiting in the city 10:00 a.m.-State C. A. P. members meet at State theatre.

MONDAY 7:30 p.m.-City council meets

at city hall. 7:30 p.m.-State Guard drill at armory.

Allied Link-up Near But Not V-E Day

By JAMES M. LONG SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE Paris, April 14—(A)—The German my, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nim- army, still fighting fiercely in the east, no longer has either a co-Continuing their desperate suici- hesive front nor a coherent comin the middle is near—but that does not mean that the war in

Europe will end at that time. There might still be military fighting on into next winter, but it was not likely that it would still be regarded as an active phase of the European

V-E day will come, according to no formal surrender; that victory the best available opinion here, would probably be announced by somewhere between the Allied proclamation, linkup and the end of subsequent | But it is hardly likely that Eisfighting. And it will come by Al- enhower alone could or would prolied proclamation, and not by Ger- claim such a V-E day. It would

fortnight ago predicted that the and it could hardly come, whateve Germans would continue to fight the success of the cleanup in ti as best they could until the last west, until the eastern front, too inch of the Reich has been over- had collapsed. run have only served to underscore the supreme commander's words.

He declared then that the Nazis would not quit; there would be

be proclaimed by a joint agree Events since Gen. Eisenhower a ment with Premier Marshal Stalir

> There is no disposition here to believe that even splitting the

collapse of a fighting frontactually many fighting fronts as the German command disintegrated into separate pockets of major resistance.

These fronts already are formng. One, perhaps the weakest of The other would be a great arc foreign governments. in the south centered upon the

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