

# British Chase Rommel As He Chases Yanks

Germans Flee In First Russian Rout

ALLIED HDQ., N. A., Feb. 17—(UP)—The Nazi blitzkrieg, powered by huge Mark VI tanks almost immune to frontal fire, hammered gallant but green American troops back close to the Algerian border tonight and it was feared that the Allies might have to abandon all central Tunisia.

In the fiercest and bloodiest fighting of the Tunisian war the Americans have fallen back 35 miles from Faid Pass on the outskirts of Sbeitla since the enemy onslaught began four days ago.

It was disclosed that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander in Africa, narrowly escaped being caught in the fighting when he was driven in a jeep through Sidi Bou Zid southwest of Faid Pass on an inspection tour just an hour and a half before German tanks crashed into the town last Sunday.

LONDON, Feb. 17—(UP)—The Eighth Army told the Axis today that it was driving straight toward Medenine, "Verdun of the Mareth line". By announcing that it advanced toward Medenine, the Eighth army served notice that it meant to crack the Mareth line at its strongest point, although the German radio expressed fears that the British coincidentally intended to flank the line and swamp Axis positions.

LONDON, Feb. 17—(UP)—Red armies attacked a weakening German line tonight on four great battlefronts from Orel to the Sea of Azov as they moved swiftly to develop their greatest reconquest of the war—the capture of Kharkov.

Dispatches indicated that Orel, northern anchor of the German southern line and equidistant on the 400-mile railroad stretch between Kharkov and Moscow, was within striking distance.

## Allied Non-Stop Bomb Derby Pastes Lorient U-Boat Nest

LONDON, Feb. 17—(UP)—RAF bombers rounding out the fourth day of a non-stop Allied aerial offensive against Nazi Europe struck last night at the bomb-battered U-boat base of Lorient, France as fighter command planes hammered other targets in France, Belgium and northwestern Germany.

## Navy Reveals More Losses To Jap Pacific Supply Line

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—(UP)—American submarines in one of the severest blows yet struck against the far flung Japanese supply lines has sunk five more enemy supply ships in transport and probably sunk a cruiser, the Navy announced tonight.

## Madame Chiang Kai-Shek Welcomed by Roosevelts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17—(UP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, American-educated wife of the Chinese Generalissimo and the world's foremost stateswoman, paid her first war-time visit to Washington today and was welcomed personally at the railroad station by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

## Nationalists in Poona Demonstrate for Gandhi

POONA, India, Feb. 17—(UP)—Nationalists demonstrated in a main street of Poona today in the first active protest against the continued interment of fasting Mohandas K. Gandhi and police, anxious to forestall possible

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# Nominees Face War-Time Vote Today

## Annual Election Party Scheduled Tonight

Precinct tabulations and final election results will be speeded to students tonight in Graham Memorial via loud-speaker system and tabulation boards at the traditional elections party.

Sponsored by the student union the party will be held in the main lounge of Graham Memorial and will last from 9 until 12 p. m.

Blackboards will be placed in the lounge to carry the latest voting totals of all candidates and a group of posters

will make changes in the totals as tabulations are released by the Student Council.

Last minute returns and changes will be announced from the Daily Tar Heel office to students in the main lounge by Hayden Carruth and Sylvan Meyer.

Seats for over 300 will be set up in the lounge for the climax of the election season. The student union will serve peanuts for refreshments and sandwiches may be bought in the student union office.

This annual party is open to all students in an effort to make election results public as soon as they come in from the various precincts.

Coeds will be allowed to stay out until 12 p. m. if they sign out of their dorms, Mrs. H. M. Stacy, dean of women, announced yesterday.

This afternoon from 2 until 6 p. m. Graham Memorial is giving a tea dance in the main lounge for all those who vote in the main hall outside. Music for the dance will be broadcast from the student union office.

## Five Polls To Handle Electorate

Students Urged To Cast Ballots

By Dave C. Bailey  
Carolina's first really war-torn political season hits its climax and finale today when students go to the polls to choose from 125 candidates for 63 campus offices in what may be the last regular general election for the duration.

Leaders of various groups last night urged students to take advantage of their right to govern student policy and reminded them that all students registered at the University, new and old, graduate, undergraduate or professional, are entitled to vote.

### All Day Vote

Supervised and revised this year by the student council, the precinct polls will be open from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m.

The precinct system has been overhauled by the council this year and includes five voting lo-

Students will be required to bring their identification cards or other valid means of identification with them to polls today, it was announced.

cations instead of four. Students will vote according to their addresses as listed in the student directory. New students and others not listed in the directory will cast their ballots at the YMCA.

The five precincts and polling places are:

1. Whitehead dormitory — All male town residents "living on or west of Columbia street, extended to the airport and as far along Pittsboro road as any student shall live" will vote here.
2. Graham Memorial — Coeds living in the first precinct (above), including Archer house, will vote here. All town students "residing east, but not on, Columbia street extended to the airport and as far along Pittsboro road as any student shall live" and all fraternity residents not listed in the fourth precinct will vote here.
3. McIver dormitory — All coeds living in dormitories and sororities will vote here.
4. Carolina Inn — All fraternity residents except ATO, Phi Alpha and TEP will vote here.
5. YMCA — All residents of men's dormitories will vote here, and those students not listed in the directory, including War college and winter quarter freshmen.

No political advertising will be allowed at the polling places today. An "no-man's-land" has been set up within ten yards of the buildings in which the polls are located and no influencing of a voter will be allowed in this area.

Every candidate, whether or not he has spent money on his campaign, must fill out and certify an expense blank and turn it in to the student council room by 6 p. m. today in order to be eligible for election.

## Plans for V-1, V-7 Discussed Tonight

Navy Programs, War Events Explained At News Analysis Meeting in Hill Hall

Plans for the V-1 and V-7 reservists and the implications of the recent selection by the Navy of the University for basic training will be analyzed tonight along with the week's news at the News Analysis meeting in Hill hall at 7 p. m.

Reservists in the V-1 or V-7 programs have been especially invited to attend to hear the discussion on their status and future plans.

Dr. Keener C. Frazer, political science professor and specialist in international relations, will give the regular weekly analysis of the news supported by large maps and charts of the Hill hall stage and by special reports drawn up by United Press.

Administrative leaders will take over following Frazer's talk and conduct the question and answer period for the Naval reservists. Dean F. F. Bradshaw, G. B. Phillips, and Dean R. B. Parker will explain the latest news concerning the reserves.

The meeting is the second in the series of weekly analyses designed to provide the student body with an authoritative interpretation and summary of the news each week as seen through the eyes of faculty specialists in various fields. Captain W. S. Popham, head of the local NROTC unit, conducted the first meeting last week. Regular location of the meeting is the Horace Williams Lounge of Graham Memorial, but it was shifted this week in order to accommodate the

## Satterfield's Orchestra Leading Hectic Existence

By Madison Wright

A full schedule has kept Johnny Satterfield's orchestra, fronted by Bud Montgomery, on the jump almost every weekend for the last five months. Montgomery will lead his men for the Mid-winter dance set this weekend.

The dances, which will be held Friday and Saturday in Woollen gymnasium, are open to members of the German club who have paid their dues, and to others who are able to secure the limited number of bids available to the rest of the students. Bids for the members are now available at the Sigma Chi house, Chairman Bill Vail announced yesterday, and should be claimed at once.

Montgomery's 14-piece outfit has toured almost all the Southern states since school opened this fall, ranging north to Virginia and south to Alabama during the Christmas holidays. Woodberry Forest, Virginia, and the Carolina club at Charlotte were points on the expedition.

## YMCA Lists Candidates

Ellis, Adams Run For Presidency

The nominations committee of the YMCA cabinet, composed of retiring officers and ex-officio member Harry Comer, yesterday released the listing of candidates for top YMCA posts.

Jack Ellis and Lee Adams are the nominees for the presidency, Bob Lakey and Charles Daniel for the vice-presidency, Weldon Jordan and Zan Harper for the secretary post and Dean Winn

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## Candidates' Banners Are Destroyed

Vandals Set Fire Expensive Posters

Large, expensive banners erected Tuesday night over the YMCA court by two candidates for general campus offices were burned by unknown persons soon after they were put up, it was disclosed today.

Reports from residents of Old West dormitory indicate that the banners were burned around 12 p. m., a very short time after the banners were erected by campaign managers of Dotson Palmer, candidate for president of the student body, and Mike Beam candidate for editor of the Carolina Magazine.

When questioned as to the possibility of University employees having removed the banners, L. B. Rogerson, assistant controller of the University said, "the only posters or banners which I have instructed employees to remove are those

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## Twentieth Annual Dramatic Festival To Be March 25-27

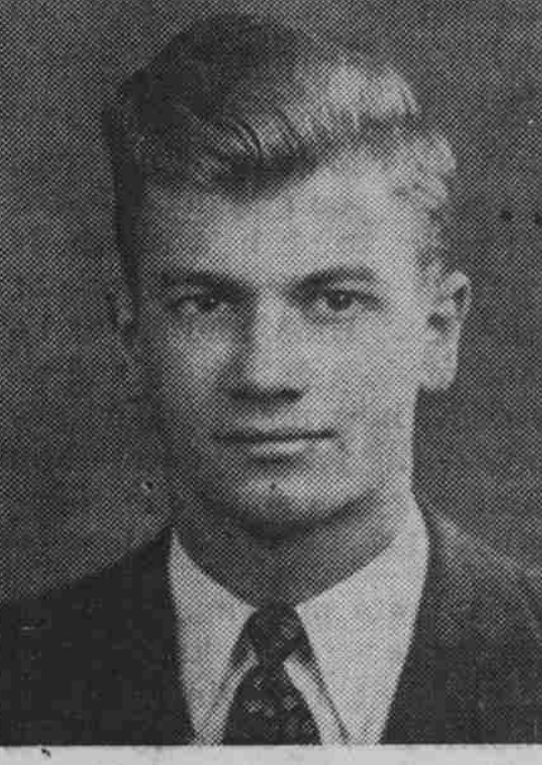
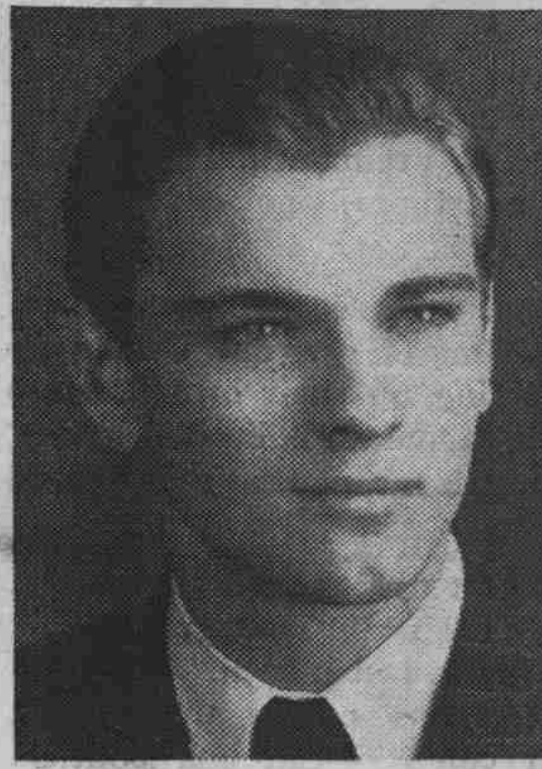
Transportation problems will not prevent the holding of the twentieth annual State Dramatic festival and tournament here on March 25, 26, and 27, Proff Frederick H. Koch, honorary president said last night.

Evidence of statewide interest in the festival, which is sponsored by the Carolina Dramatic association, has been assured by the already recorded entrance of 16 original one-act plays, two full-length plays, two radio dramas, and 15 poems in the contest.

Entries still will be accepted if they are sent to Mrs. Darice Parker, executive secretary of the association.

Highlights of the tournament will be the production of "victory scripts," concerning the Red Cross and public education, and a special playwrights' division for servicemen.

Eligible for the service tournament are men at Fort Bragg, Camp Butner, Camp Davis, New River and Cherry Point Marine bases, Goldsboro air field, and Charlotte air field.



DOUBLY ENDORSED in their respective candidacies are (top to bottom) Terrell Webster, legislature speaker nominee; Denny Hammond for senior representative to student council; and J. Tyler Nourse, candidate for junior PU board member.

## House Announces Steele Not To Be Taken Over Before Commencement

Settling rumors that Steele dormitory was to be taken over in the immediate future, Dean of Administration, R. B. House, when questioned about the possibility yesterday said, "there is no plan or indication that Steele will be taken over and the present plan of the administration is to reserve it indefinitely for civilians."

Recent announcements that the Pre-meteorological school was to be located here and yesterday's announcement of a new Naval Basic College Training school to be sent here this summer had caused the unfounded rumors in Steele.

A recent inspection of the dorm by Army and Navy officers had also contributed to the founding of the rumors, but those inspections were only of University facilities in general, and in no way indicated that any particular building would or would not be taken over.