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Gregg Cherry To Be Next Governor; Hoey Wins Race For U. S. Senate

L. Y. Balentine Had Walk-away for Lieut. Governor; Eure, Pou and Johnson Re-nominated

By a better than two to one majority North Carolina Democrats have chosen 66-yearf-old, frock-coated Clyde Hoey, for their next junior senator, and by a slimmer but still impressive vote nominated Gregg chosen 66-year-old, frock-coated yer, for governor.

Fairly complete returns turned the race between Hoey, known as the silver-tongued orator from Shelby, and 74-year-old Rep. Cameron Morrison, into virtually a Hoey landslide, with Morrison failing to carry even his home county of Mecklenburg.

The race between Cherry and Dr. Ralph McDonald, the Winston-Salem educator and militant sales tax foe, was closer, but the outcome was so decisive that McDonald conceded defeat less than eight hours after the ballot-counting began Saturday night.

Cherry led McDonald 173,841 to 127,749, after returns from 1,713 precincts had been tabulatd.

Most heat in the campaign was generated by the gubernatorial race. It was the second time that Dr. McDonald had bid for the governor's office and lost. In 1936 he ran against Hoey, and lost in a second primary. The 1944 campaign began listlessly but became heated toward the end.

McDonald, however, accepted his defeat graciously. Accompanied by his campaign manager, E. D. Broadhurst, he went to Cherry's headquarters in the Sir Walter hotel in Raleigh, and said:

"My congratulations, Gregg."

Then there was hand-shaking all around, among McDonald, Cherry, Broadhurst, and Cherry's campaign manager, W. B. Umstead of Durham.

The two congressmen who faced opposition, Rep. John H. Kerr in the second district and Rep. John H. Folger in the Fifth were renominated, while in the tenth district the three-man race for the seat to be vacated by Morrison appeared to have been won by Joe W. Erwin, Charlotte lawyer.

The incumbent state officers who had opposition—Secretary of State Thad Eure, Auditor George Ross Pou, and Treasurer Charles M. Johnson—won renomination easily and in the four-cornered race for Lieutenant Governor, L. Y. Ballentine of Fuquay had a walkaway.

County Results.

Going to the polls in the smallest numbers in many years, Pitt County Democrats gave a large majority to Roy T. Cox over A. A. Ellwanger for Register of Deeds.

In a three-way county race for State Senator, Arthur B. Corey led his closest opponent, J. Con Lanier, by 310 votes while Dr. J. L. Winstead played third. Corey's vote was 2,317, Lanier's 2,007 and Winstead's 1,224. The failure of either of the candidates to receive a majority makes a second primary possible but Mr. Lanier had reached no definite decision today as to whether or not he would call for a run-off.

George W. Davis, of Farmville, and S. O. Worthington, of Greenville, received nomination for House of Representatives from Pitt County without opposition.

Fountain Soldier Is Killed In Italy

Rocky Mount, May 29.—Pfc. William E. Dozier, 28, of Fountain, brother of Mrs. R. L. Price of Rocky Mount, was killed in action in Italy on April 24, according to information received here today.

Son of Mrs. J. R. Dozier and the late Mr. Dozier of Fountain, Pfc. Dozier had been serving with the infantry since April of last year. He received his training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was sent overseas in November.

Prior to entering the service he was an employee of the Fleetwing airplane factory in Bristol, Va. He attended school in Fountain and worked there a few years before going to business college in Trenton, N. J., when he had completed his business course, he was employed for a while by a Trenton firm.

Surviving are his mother; two brothers, C. L. Dozier and J. L. Dozier of Fountain and four sisters, Mrs. J. L. Peele of Fountain, Nannie Pat Dozier and Emma Dozier of the home, and Mrs. R. L. Price of Rocky Mount.

FOOD

With less labor available on farms and by processing plants, we need to continue to exert every effort to grow every food to capacity, say N. C. State College extension specialists.

Farms and farm under responsibility. Others just credit.

Local Bond Drive Plans Being Made

Chairman J. W. Munden of The Farmville Merchants Division Names Committee

Having again been named Chairman of the Merchants and Businessmen's Division of Farmville and community, in the 5th War Loan Drive, Josh W. Munden is losing no time in perfecting his organization in order that Farmville will again go over the top with flying colors.

Farmville's quota has been increased 17 per cent above that of the 4th War Bond Drive which means that greater effort must be put forth.

The local committee as named by Chairman Munden is as follows: Mrs. M. L. Eason, W. H. Duke, Frank A. Williams, J. O. Pollard and H. M. Winders.

NOTES FROM THE LOCAL SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Registering at the Center during the past week were: Seaman Joe Butts, 2/c, Farmville and U. S. N. R., Chicago, Ill.; Sgt. Card D. Dilda, Macclesfield, N. C., and Base Hospital Air Evacuation Unit, Memphis, Tenn.; Sgt. A. L. Fetteroff, Philadelphia, Pa., and Fort Fisher, N. C.; Cpl. Jack B. Scott, Minneapolis, Minn., and Marine Air Base, Greenville, N. C.; Pvt. Clayton Hill, Pomona, Cal., and Seymour Johnson Field, Goldsboro, N. C.

Camp Lejeune: Pfc. Karl Herald, Butler, Pa.; Pfc. Jerry Allen, Binghampton, N. Y.; Marine Air Base, Kinston: Cpl. George F. Hartman, Baltimore, Md.; S/Sgt. Herman D. Hoskinson, Burrton, Kansas; Camp Davis, N. C.: Sgt. Charles W. Adams, Shelbyville, Ky., (guest Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis and dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Greene.

The Presbyterian Auxiliary was hostess group for the week end and served the following menu: Lemon cake, fried chicken, potato salad, deviled eggs, pimiento cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, hot biscuits, butter, rolls, bread, tea and salted pecans. Acting hostesses were Mrs. Robby Smith, President, Mrs. J. L. Parker, Mrs. Ethel Thornton, Mrs. Harry Harper, Mrs. Will Moore, Jr., and Mrs. L. T. Pierce.

Other donations were tea, Mrs. Paul E. Jones; $2., Mrs. B. S. Sheppard; chicken, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Norman; magazines, Mrs. Neal Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tugwell and Eddie Jones. New slipcovers have recently been put on the furniture.

Hostess group for this week end will be Circle 3 of the Christian Church, Woman's Council.

A letter from Sgt. Charles W. Adams of Camp Davis, says he thoroughly enjoyed the week end here and will be back as soon as he can.

A letter from Cpl. Harry Bloomer, now stationed in Greensboro, says the week ends do not seem the same as the ones spent in Farmville. He says he is losing weight and thinks the reason is due partly because he is not getting all the good food he had here. He says we will continue to hear from him from wherever he may go and that it was a great pleasure knowing all the people here.

"FAIRWAY SPECIALS" WIN TOURNAMENT

In the local Golf Tournament played during the past week, the "Fairway Specials," with Bob Scott as Front Porch Captain, triumphed over the "Sandtrappers," captained by John Lewis. The losers will provide a barbecue supper for the winners on Friday night, June 2nd, at 7 P. M., on the lawn in front of the Country Club.

"Fairway Specials" are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pickett, W. A. Pollard, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Royster, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Parker, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paylor, Mr. and Mrs. James Lang, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Satterthwaite, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dixon, and Mr. and Mrs. George Meek.

The "Sandtrappers" include: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Walston, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Newbern, Mr. and Mrs. Leth Norris, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gooch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Tod Allbritton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Boyd, Arthur Joyner, Jr., H. N. Howard, Jr., Mrs. Wilma Vann, and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Howard.

Kindness is becoming at any age.

"Kick-Off-Day"—Monday, June 12

EMPLOYERS — EMPLOYEES!—Let's make the opening of the 5th War Loan, "Kick-Off-Day." Merchants have responded to all Patriotic Appeals and we now have an opportunity to "Back the Attack" by selling more Bonds and doing the biggest job ever during the 5th War Loan Drive. Start the Drive off with a bang on June 12—then keep working during the entire drive—June 12 to July 8.

CITATIONS: The Treasury Department has prepared a new, larger size 5x8 Citation of parchment paper for those employees that sell $300 or more in Bonds.

FLAG DISPLAY: National Flag Week begins on June 11—Get your flag ready and let's have them displayed that week.

SIX OBJECTIVES have been outlined by the Treasury Department:

1. Sell EXTRA War Bonds to your own Employees.
2. Every Employee is asked to undertake to sell $300 in "E" Bonds.
3. Retailers to apply 10% of publicity outlay for Bonds.
4. Four Peak Periods:
   June 12 to 18—Military Week.
   June 19 to 25—Sports Week.
   June 26 to July 2 — Home Front Week.
   July 3 to July 8—Veterans' Week.
5. Exterior Displays.
6. $6,000 Window Display Contest:
   $3,000 in prizes will be given in Cities of 100,000 population and over.
   $3,000 in prizes will be given in Cities of less than 100,000 population.
   First Prize (Bonds) $500.00.
   Second Prize (Bonds) $300.00.
   Third Prize (Bonds) $200.00.
   Fourth Prize (Bonds) $100.00.
   Fifth to twelfth Prizes each $50.00 in Bonds.

RULES

1. All Window Displays are eligible if devoted to the 5th War Loan and installed during June 12 to July 8—More than one photo may be submitted, but a contestant is eligible for only one award.
2. Photographs must be 8x10 inches, with identification on back only, giving name, address and date when window was on view.
3. Contest closes July 20. All photos must reach Display World Magazine, Cincinnati, 1, Ohio, not later than that date.
4. War Bond Awards will be issued to the Store's Display Manager.

Every display Man and Store Manager will want to give expression to his patriotism by fixing War Bond Windows and participating in this National Window Contest.

I am depending on the cooperation of each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,

J. W. Munden.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Washington Smith

Final rites for Mrs. Mattie Jane Smith, 89, widow of the late Washington S. E. Smith, and one of Pitt county's most highly esteemed and beloved citizens, whose death occurred Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Case, in Fountain, were held at the home Wednesday at 5:00 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Lawrence, pastor of the Falkland Presbyterian Church, had charge of the services, with Rev. E. S. Coates, of the Farmville Presbyterian Church, and Rev. C. B. Mashburn, Christian minister, of Farmville, assisting. Interment, was made in the family burial plot near the home.

Mrs. Smith was born in Greene county June 3, 1854, the daughter of the late James R. and Maunda Sauls Taylor. She married Lewis Edward Smith in 1873, and later in 1893, married her first husband's brother, Washington S. E. Smith.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. C. E. Case, of Fohntain, and Mrs. W. B. Randolph, of Greenville; three sons, W. E., of Fountain, H. T., of Greenville, and C. A. Smith, of Norfolk, Va.; 16 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.

JOINS A. S. T. R. P.

Bob Paylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Paylor who recently joined the A.S.T.R.P., received his call Wednesday and will report at the University of Mississippi, June 7th for a nine months period.

MATHIX-MONY

A Gothic capital "W"
Led a very lonely life.
He looked about the type case
To find himself a wife,
Spied a lovely lowercase
Twentieth Century "w"—
He signed and murmured softly
"She's just the type for me"
He met her in the phone book
On pages six and nine
In the classified section.
He said, "Will thou be mine?"
And so they were wedded
And were happy as could be
As hand in hand together
They went thru life as "We"

—John R. Nicol.

Hull Is Ready To Discuss World Peace Organization

Secretary Set To Proceed With Talks With Great Britain, Russia and China

Washington, May 29.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced tonight that, with President Roosevelt's approval, he is ready to open informal conversations with Great Britain, Russia and China on establishment of an international peace and security organization.

He also announced that his talks with eight Senators, who are vitally interested in the course U. S. peace policy will take, have been concluded for the time being. They will be resumed later and expanded to include leaders of both major parties in the Senate and House.

"I am definitely encouraged and am ready to proceed, with the approval of the President, with informal discussions on this subject with Great Britain, Russia and China, and then with governments of other United Nations," Hull said in a formal statement.

He promised that the "door of non-partisanship" would continue to be wide open at the State Department, "especially when any phase of the planning for a post-war security organization is under consideration."

Rift Reported.

Hull held his fifth conference with the special Senate foreign relations subcommittee this morning. The discussions have been informal. Until this announcement, no public statement by either the Secretary or the members of the committee had been made.

Over the weekend there were reports that some members of the committee had disagreed with Hull on when the organization should be formed — now or after the war. Earlier today, Hull had declined to discuss questions about the Allied difference of opinion.

The text of his formal statement follows:

"The first phase of the informal conversations with the eight Senators has been concluded. We had frank and fruitful discussions of the general principles questions and plans relating to the establishment of an international peace and security organization in accordance with the principles contained in the Moscow four-nation declaration, the Connally resolution, and other similar declarations made in this country.

"I am definitely encouraged and am ready to proceed, with the approval of the President, with informal discussions on this subject with Great Britain, Russia and China, and then with governments of other United Nations."

SOFT BALL LEAGUE

(By Walter Jones, Sports Editor)

Baptist Defeat Methodist For League Lead; Christians Upset Baptist

The Board of Directors of the local Softball League this week voted to add 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons to the Softball Schedule, at which time double-headers will be played, the first game to start at 4:30 P. M. The first of these twin bills will be Wednesday, June 7th. Regular Monday and Thursday games will continue as usual.

Schedule Week of June 5th.

Monday: Baptist vs. Pres.-Eps. at 6:15 P. M.

Wednesday: Baptist vs. Christians 4:30 P. M., and Methodist vs. Pres.-Eps.

Thursday: Christians vs. Methoddists 6:15 P. M.

In the Softball game played Thursday, May 25th, the Baptist beat the Methodist 8 to 4. The losers scored 4 runs in the first inning and held this lead until the 6th inning when the Baptist put on a 5 run rally to sew up the game. Rev. Ed Chambless, baptist 2nd basemdn, made the most sensational catch of the season when he made a backhanded stab of a line drive to cut off at least two Methodist runs. Both teams were undefeated prior to this game.

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Methodist	4	0	0	0	0	0	0—	4	6	3
Baptist	0	0	1	2	0	5	x—	8	5	4

In Monday's play, behind the fine pitching of Frank Allen and the superb fielding of the entire Christian team, the Baptist were defeated 11 to 2. This was the first defeat for Manager Arthur Joyner's team. The Christians went to work and scored 4 runs in the first inning and after that the Baptist were never in the ball game. Tuesday afternoon for the winners, pulled a neat fielding play when he handled a hard ground ball while his head was turned in the opposite direction. The losers presented several new players including Louie Crouch in left field, who prevented a new method of handling fly balls. Martin hit a home run for the Baptist.

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Christians	4	2	0	0	0	1	4—	11	10	1
Baptists	0	0	0	0	2	0	0—	2	5	7

Softball League Standings As Of May 31st.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Baptist	3	1	.750
Methodist	2	1	.666
Christians	2	2	.500
Pres.-Eps.	0	3	.000

LAYERS

There were 416 million layers on U. S. farms in April, 9 per cent more than a year ago and 37 per cent more than the ten year average. Egg production was 4 per cent greater than last year for the month.

Invasion Prayer For "D-Day"

New York.—On invasion prayer for use on D-Day was issued recently by Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

The prayer was made public as the Association of Army and Navy Wives requested that all churches of all denominations remain open for a "prayer filvasion" when the invasion was made known, and as Gov. Thomas E. Dewey proclaimed D-Day as one of prayer "to Almighty God for the success of our armed forces and the safety of our valiant fighting men."

The prayer:

"Almighty and most merciful God, Father of all mankind, lover of every life, hear, we beseeth Thee, the cry of Thy children in this dark hour of conflict and danger.

"Thou hast been the refuge and strength, in all generations, of those who put their trust in Thee. May it please Thee this day to draw to Thyself the hearts of those who struggle and endure to the uttermost. Have mercy on them and suffer not their faith in Thee to fail. Guide and protect them by Thy light and strength that they may be kept from evil.

"May Thy comfort be sufficient for all who shffer pain or who wait in the agony of uncertainty.

"O righteous and omnipotent God, who, in their tragedies and conflicts, judgest the hearts of men and the purposes of nations, enter into this struggle with Thy transforming power, that out of its anguish there may come a victory of righteousness. May there arise a new order which shall endure because in it Thy will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us and cleanse us, as well as those who strive against us, that we may be fit instruments of Thy purposes.

"Unto Thy most gracious keeping we commend our loved ones and ourselves, ascribing unto Thee all praise and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

Senate Chaplain Offers Prayer Dealing With Invasion.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the Senate, offered prayer at the opening of the Senate session Tuesday, in which he referred to the coming invasion, asking for "Thy favoring might as we stand at Armageddon and battle for the Lord."

Text of the prayer follows:

"Eternal and gracious Father, even as we hush our earthish spirits in the quiet that hallows every altar of true prayer we are conscious of sounds on the earth and stare in the heavens that quicken all hearts with expectation. In a world where multitudes of Thy children have been plunged into the dark despair of a cruel tyranny which has enslaved peaceful nations we bow in sorrowful pity, asking that Thou wilt strengthen our spirits and steel our hands to strike the decisive blow for freedom as the supreme hour of attack draws near.

"We front defiant and desperate conquerors without care or conscience, whose pagan banners are stained with innocent blood and whose ruthless way is paved with broken bodies, demolished homes, tortured captives and desecrated treasures of culture and art.

"Out of the depths of the good earth which is Thine, out of the toiling sweat of patriot warriors in the factories we have builded, out of the sweet young lives from our homes and hearts, against this blatant perversion of all that is human and divine Thou hast commissioned us to forge the thunderbolts of Thy wrath and of Thy day of deliverance.

"Through these tense times of preparation Thy grace has made us strong. Before the awaited signal to free a continent and to break the rod of the oppressor in all the earth, we humbly pray for Thy favoring might as we stand at Armageddon and battle for the Lord, whose is the kingdom and the power and the glory. Amen."—Washington Star.

ALLIED FORCES ARE INCHING THEIR WAY TOWARD ROME

WAR IN BRIEF

Allied troops fighting in the Alban Hills near Rome have launched a double outflanking movement aimed at early capture of the Italian capital. Crack German troops are fighting savagely and losses have been heavy on both sides. British and French troops to the south are advancing steadily toward the Eternal City.

Roaring into skies almost empty of German fighters, Allied planes yesterday continued their widespread pre-invasion raids upon Europe. American heavies hit Ploesti oilfields and Nazi rail targets.

Two Americans are taken from a neutral Portuguese vessel in mid-ocean, by a German submarine that threatened to sink the ship.

Germans intensifying their brutality against anti-Nazi patriots in Europe, carrying out mass shootings in France, Belgium and Holland, thus giving further evidence to their invasion jitters.

Fighting dies down on Biak Island off the Dutch New Guinea coast, with Americans still blocked from Mokmer airdrome. Meanwhile, Rabaul, Wewak and Kuriles are raided again.

Germans continue heavy attacks against Russian positions near Iasi, in Romania, but fail to make any progress.

German Fighters Scarce as Bomb Push Continues

American Planes Hit Ploesti Oil Fields And Vital Nazi Railway Centers

London, May 31.—Powerful forces of between 3,200 and 3,500 American heavy bombers and fighters from west and south today bombarded four German railway centers and the Nazi oil source at Ploesti in Romania in a thunderous finale for a month which saw Allied planes fly a record-breaking 148,000 sorties.

In skies virtually clear of the enemy and at a cost of only one bomber and four fighters, from 750 to 1,000 American heavyweights from Britain pounded crowded railway yards at Hamm, Osnabruck, Schwerte and Soest—transport centers just inside Germany which feed the coastal defense zones.

For the fourth consecutive day more than 1,200 fighters flew escort, but finding no opposition in the air, they swooped down and shot up more than 35 locomotives and aircraft parked on airdromes.

Late in the day Thunderbolt and Lightening fighter-bombers attacking two Western German airdromes struck the first sizeable fighter opposition, 30 FW-190s, and shot down five without loss to themselves.

There were indications that British night bombers were following up the daylight attacks both from Britain and from Italy.

Off Again.

(The Nazi-controlled radios at Calais and Luxemburg suspended "owing to the approach of enemy aircraft," the Federal Communications Commissioner reported.)

Smoke clouds visible for miles rolled up from the Ploesti fields after upward of 750 Fortresses and Liberators from Italy dropped their cargoes of destruction, hitting at least one major refinery. It was the third straight day of big bomber attack on Central Europe from the south.

While the Mediterranean air raiders met enemy fighters and heavy flak, the blows from Britain caught the German air force with its guard down and met little opposition from the ground or air. Some planes flew through great cloud banks and had to use overcast bombing techniques.

One task force veered south to draw off possible fighter packs and raked an enemy air base at Luxeil, about 200 miles east and south of Paris on the invasion coast. They rumbled over the Channel for three hours, one formation requiring a half hour to pass.

Take Warning Tobacco Growers With Oil Curers!

One more day—Saturday, June 3rd, will be given in Farmville for the benefit of those in this community who were either too busy reseeding tobacco, or who simply neglected to attend to sign last Friday and Saturday, for the "Sign-up" for Fuel Oil for the curing of 1944 tobacco crops.

Those who fail to take advantage of this opportunity will be required to go to County Agent in Greenville.

C. H. FLANAGAN.

Germans Fighting Terrific Rearguard Action While Trying To Extricate Main Forces From Southern Italian Front

Allied Headquarters, Naples, May 31.—The Fifth army fought Germans today 14 miles from Rome and the Eighth army smashed into the outskirts of Frosinone, narrowing to 23 airline miles the distance between the two armies along the Via Casalint.

British troops advanced to a point just south of costal Pesarelis Nuova, 14 miles south of Rome. The German radio said dramatic street fighting was in progress inside Velletri, Alban hills road junction 18 miles from the capital.

To reach Frosinone's outskirts the Eighth army troops of Lieut Gen. Sir Oliver Leese advanced upon Via Casilina (Highway 6) on a broad front, with the enemy falling back steadily under pressure, an official source said. Frosinone is an important road junction and a city of 20,000—the largest in the immediate path of the current offensive.

The Eighth army previously had taken a dozen or more towns near the important highway.

Fifth army artillery interdicted the Via Casilina in the Vedmonte area, 20 miles from Rome. This and the Eighth army's advance forced the Germans to depend increasingly upon secondary routes.

But in the critical area of the Rome line, generally 16 to 20 miles south of the eternal city, enemy defenses were stubborn and skilled along 25 miles of battle zone stretching from Valmontone around the southern slopes of the Alban hills to Campo Iemini at the sea.

At some points west of Velletri, the Allies were within 6 miles of the Pope's summer home at Castel Gandolfo.

The German massed infantry, guns, tanks and flamethrowers and scattered mines in profusion in a do-or-die attempt to check an Allied breakthrough of their long established steel and stone fortifications. The din of approaching battle grew louder in Rome as the Fifth army attacked gallantly and without pause.

"Strong enemy resistance is being encountered by the Fifth army all along the enemy line from Valmontone to the sea," the Allied communique stated. "It is now clear that the enemy intends to hold this line at all costs."

Boring away on the left flank the British have crossed the Moletta river all along the coastal sector. They worked their way through the village of L'Americano, on the coast 18 airline miles from the mouth of the Tiber. They also occupied Adres, two and a half miles east and slightly south of Campo Iemini, coastal terminus of the German fortress wall extending through Velletri to Valmontone, key to the Via Casilina 20 miles southeast of Rome.

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American fought virtually yard by yard into the outskirts of Villa Crocetta, just southeast of the bulwarked town of Lanuvio, in the Alban hills 16 miles southeast of Rome.

The Eighth army wheeled steadily forward against enemy rearguards through the mountains of central Italy, occupying such towns as Alfedena, Fontana, Strangolfgalli, Pofi, Cocceano and Arpino and closing to within four miles of Frosinone—a major exit for the desperately-placed Nazis on that sector of the front.

The German radio reported "dramatic street fighting" in Velletri, strongpoint 18 miles southeast of the city of Rome, and said the stubborn fighting there was pinning down heavy Allied forces and "enables us gradually to move back the German front on the central and eastern sector."

"German troops are also retreating at Alfedena in the upper Sangro valley in the course of a general movement backwards," the report said. A big tank battle was reported around Lanuvio, midway point in the German line from Valmontone to the sea. The Nazis said 78 of 200 Fifth army tanks were smashed. The enemy said American troops were being buried beneath ruins of buildings which Nazi shock troops were blowing up in Velletri. "The battle south of Rome seems nearing its climax," the report added.

RED CROSS NOTES

The local surgical dressing station shipped 8,000 dressings to County Headquarters, Thursday. Completion of this large number is due to splendid cooperation rendered by Farmville women during the past several days. The quota is still large and everyone is urged to spend as much time as possible at the Red Cross Room, each Tuesday and Wednesday.

If we spend the money we just can move Hy our Hitler, we'll produce enough guns and tanks to make a million dollars a single year.