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ONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

EVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, MONDAY, JULY 3, 1944

8-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.25 SEMI-WEEKLY, \$2.00 A YEA

## COUNTY BOARD NAMES

Set Opening Date Of Schools For Summer Term, Monday, July 19th.

### Markets, Cafes Are Inspected

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# THE LATEST WAR NEWS

Troops of the American First Army have advanced in widely separated level attacks and select favorable "Jump off" positions seath of Si. Lo d'Ouvville and west of Caumont, while British artillery has smashed a 28th German counter-threat at the Odon-River bridgehead in the bitterty fought Caus sector. The activity o fGen. Omar N. Bradley's forces in the southern part of the Cherbourg Peninsula was the first since the drive on the port of Cherbourg was launched two weeks ago.

MOSCOW—The wall creeted by the Nusis in front of the Baltic Republics and Poland began to feel the pressure of the advancing Red Army tooky as German forces recled backward in White Russia in a retreat which Russian field dispatches described as a whole-sale rout.

PEAR HARBOR—Grim Americans held strategic new ridge posi-tions today above the town of Garspan and nearby Tanapag Harbor, on the northwestern constal stretch of Saipan which may center a now imminent show-down battle.

CHUNGKING—A communique from Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilweil's headquarters indicated today that Japanese troops had cut the Canton-Hankow tallway at Leiyang, 34 airline miles southeast of Hengyang in their firive to split China.

### Men in Service Union County's

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McManus of Monroe have received good news from their son, Hoyte, who was wounded in Italy on May 23. Friday they received a letter from him written on June 20 from a hospital in Italy. While they had previously been informed that he had been wounded they did not know till the letter came what the nature of the wounds were. They are in the right les and arm and Hoyte said that he was now looking forward to soon being at home.

Sinsign Hill Seymour, son of Mrs. Sinel Beymour of Monoroe, is stationed in Boston. He wrote home that he had dinner the other evening with his chapitain, who was nowe other than Olandain Percy B. Upchurch, his particular is a tevilian life, and he had also was up that way taking a course.

### Staff Chiefs Warn Country

Asserts Victory Will Be Postponed If Home Front Fails

WORK MUST CONTINUE

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"The battles now in progress entail heavy losses in material which American industry must replace," the report said, "and any slackening in the needed production will only delay ultimate victory."

The sombre report, warning against overoptimism on the home front, reached the President from Gen, Geo. C. Marshall, chief of staff, Adm. Ennest King, and Gen. H. H. Arnold of the Air forces, the three United States joint chiefs of staff.

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The report said favorable news from the fighting fronts appears to have started a public feeling that the war is as good as won, and declared the prospects of victory will be cut down unless that idea is checked immediately.

The three top men of America's armed forces declared the war "is not yet won; it will be won the sooner if everybody in war work sticks to his job til complete victory has been attained."

U. S. Airmen Have Destroyed

12,000 Warplanes Since

Pearl Harbor

The three military comamnders visited the Normandy front shortly after the Allies smashed into the Prench the Allies smashed into the French coast. Today's report to President Roosevelt, the commander in chief was their first detailed analysis of the home-front reaction to the invasion. They said the progress of the fighting deserves "the highest gratification" of America, but warned a home-front let-down may prove disastrous. Following is the text of the report made public at the White House:

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as In City Will Be At Star As July 4th Is Observed.

Tomorrow, Jluy 4th, will be observed as a holiday in the city with practi- Troops Surround Gara cally all business places closed in servance of the day, with a few places closed today and remaining closed

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The July Fourth holiday, anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, that is being reasserted by American armed services in the current global World War II, will be a day of freedom from work for only a part of the community's employed population. Work as usual has been declared necessary for civilian and uniformed personnels in the Army and other defense work agencies. In accordance with the recommendation of the Merchants Association, business houses will close, permitting their employees a day of relaxation, and will remain open the entire day Wednesday, foregoing the Wednesday afternoon closing period for this week only. Administrative offices at the courthouse and city hall will be closed in observance of the day as will the banks of the city.

## Jap Air Power Hit Hard Blow

ENEMY IS WEAKENING

more than 12,000 Japaense planes since the war started—better than one plane shot down or hombed on the ground every two hours since the Pearl Harbor ;

This was disclosed by a Navy report

### Tankees Pust Japanese Back

Capital Of Jap Held Island

### MUCH EQUIPMENT TAKEN

Garapan, peacetime capital Marianas islands, on three a have captured heights over Tanapag harbor three miles Garapan on the northwest Saipan.

On the east coast, other units ed to within five and a helf m the island's porthern tip, where Point's airdrome is still in Jahands.

U. S. forces also capta tain village of Charantabuts. The vances ranged from 500 yards t mile alon gibe entire American f Saturday, Admiral Chester W. Ni announced in a mid-afternoon of

munique.

The admiral's morning communique announced the capture of more than 200 prisoners, presumably military personnel, the destruction or capture of 30 tanks, and the burial of 6,015 enemy dead.

Nimits also reported that the Japanese made a futile serial counterattack, their tenth of the Saipan campaign, this time against transports and screening vessels, before dawn Saturday.

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