SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

MONROE, N. C., UNION COUNTY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1944

8-MONTHS, 75c; 6-MONTHS, \$1.25 SEMI-WELL, \$2.00 A YEAR

### War Fund Drive Launched Here

Campaign Officially Opened At Meeting Held Tuesday

COUNTY'S QUOTA \$14,208

The United War Fund Drive was officially launched here Tuesday night in a joint meeting of the Monroe Rotary and Lions clubs in the dining Rotary and Lions clubs in the dining room of Hotel Monroe, with Dr. I. O. Greer, Superintendent of the Mills Home, Thomasville, N. C., and State Vice-Chairman of the drive as guesspeaker. Principals of the county schools, who are serving as co-chairmen of the drive in the various communities, were also guests of the clubs it the meeting.

at the meeting. E. H. Broome, chairman of the drive E. H. Broome, chairman of the drive in Union county was master of cereman in Union County in Union Count ballads and has appeared on interna- Mrs. B. J. Maye.

tional radio programs.

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Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Link, Jr., and the group Dr. Greer interestingly related incidents and cited numerous examples of the work that is being accomplished through the United War stationed in Florida, spent the week-

affected by the war in comparison to the peoples who have had their homes destroyed by bombs and shells. The gift to the United War Fund will digift to the United War Fund will di-rectly benefit these people as well as gette of the U. S. Army. our men in the armed forces, who are Miss Lollie Harrell of Bostic, and

back this campaign to the limit."

#### **CALLS UPON WOMEN** TO LEARN POLITICS

Says It's High Time Women Knew Something About Issues

"There are no limits to the political heights North Carolina women can reach if they realize things on a 50-50 basis," said Mrs. B. B. Everett of Palmyra, state Democratic vice chair-

She said this is the year for wo to cease einb apathetic about their political privileges. "After all, women won their battle fo rihe right to vote 24 years ago. It's high time they learn more and do more about politics, now that they're working with the men and not for them."
"Our year," Mrs. Everett calls 1944.

whenu women may cast 60 per cent of hie votes in the November elec-tions. But the big thing, she said, is for women to learn about their parties. The sooner they do, the sooner they wil cease being "tolerated" as enfranchised simpletons and become responsible co-workers with men. come responsible co-workers with men.

Al though Mrs. Everett's five grown children "think it is rather a joke for mother to have a desk and a title," this Hallfax county farm woman has the responsibility for making North Carolina's Democratic women vote-conscious. From her desk at Democratic headquarters in Raleigh, ahe is tackling the problem of "getting out the vote" of the women in the state's delivered to the foxholes as well as the dominant party.

Weeks leave from the western front where he has been with General Pattern's Third Army since it invaded France July 3.

"Everywhere you go along the front ballots," said the Marion Junction, Ala., newspaperman. "You know the mail goes right to the firing line. It's delivered to the foxholes as well as the barracks."

Life on the western front is no

# NEWS AND EVENTS OF WEEK FROM WINGATE

(By Mrs. B. E. Bivens) Rev. Brooks Jerome of Stanfield

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Chaney of Baltimore, Md., died October 17, 1944, in a Baltimore

Mrs. J. J. Perry is in Norfolk, Va., where she is visiting her children and sister, Mrs. Walter Perry.

Miss Frances Perry, a student at A. S. T. C., Boone, visited Miss Fronnie Perry during the week-end. Mrs. John Hallman and Mrs. Hal

Pineville, spent the week-end in Wingate with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smith.

He plead for the cause stating, "This J. M. Lowery and Mrs. Tom Lowery, among the most worthy causes, Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards and is among the most worthy causes, Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards and which we are asked to support. The children, Max and Nancy spent the people of America have been little week-end in Mt. Ulla with Mrs. Edwards' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mc-

Laughlin. Mrs. Jack Hargette has been in Ala-

held as prisoners of war in enemy Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harrell of Leland, territory. We owe it to ourselves to visited Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Michael re-Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harrell of Leland,

back this campaign to the limit."

Union county's quota has been set at \$14,206.00 with the county divided into 13 districts, and principals of the Divisional meeting which was held in the Pritchard Memorial Baptist church in Charlotte last week were: the Pritchard Memorial Baptist church in Charlotte last week were: the pritchard as follows: \$19,908 War Mesdames J. W. Bivens, John A. Bivens, Fund; \$2,300 for Boy Scout work in the county and \$1,000 for Infantile Paralysis.

E. H. Broome, county chairman, stated this morning that he was polk, Ray Braswell, J. C. Bivens, Brady Broome, B. L. Hallman, D. S. McCollum, L. C. Bivers, Brady Broome, B. S. Braswell, Earl Williams, Tris Williams, "especially anxious that every citizen of the county has an opportunity to make a donation. If the canvasser and Rev. W. C. Link, Jr., pastor of falls to call on you, communicate with

make a denation. If the canvasser and Rev. W. C. Link, Jr., pastor of falls to call on you, communicate with your school principal, who will see that your donation it properly received."

Assisting in the drive in Monroe are members of the Lions, Rotary and B. and P. Women's Clubs and the Meivin Deese Post of the American Legion. The drive will continue through Tuesday, October 31.

Are conversed and Rev. W. C. Link, Jr., pastor of the church.

Mrs. Cora Lee Jenkins recently visually in the drive in Monroe and Mrs. Wade Flowers.

Yesterday's resumption of daylight pounding of German war industries to hear of his sudden illness. On Tuesday at the Union Baptist Association he had a severe heart attack and was carried to a heavier falk barrage over Hamburg the Germans sent up a thick smoke screen. Yesterday's resumption of daylight to hear of his sudden illness. On Tuesday at the Union Baptist Association he had a severe heart attack and was carried to a heavier falk barrage over Hamburg the Germans sent up a thick smoke screen. Yesterday's resumption of daylight to hear of his sudden illness. On Tuesday at the Union Baptist Association he had a severe heart attack and was carried to a heavier falk barrage over Hamburg the Germans sent up a thick smoke screen. Yesterday's resumption of daylight to hear of his sudden illness. On Tuesday at the Union Baptist Association he had a severe heart attack and was carried to a heavier falk barrage over Hamburg the Germans sent up a thick smoke screen. Yesterday's resumption of daylight to hear of his sudden illness. On Tuesday of idleness due to had weather.

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# G. I.'s Sweat Over Ballots

cently. Mrs. Smith's brother, Bernard

Returned War Correspondent Savs Soldiers Interested In Election

#### MANY VOTE IN FOXHOLES

Ed Ball reported yesterday.

Ball, who began his AP career in the Alabama State bureau, at Mont-

headquarters in the state's vote" of the women in the state's annant party.

The biggest job is getting women register, she said, but the most impressed in thing this election year is to co-ordinate the political efforts of the women with those of the men.

"When men and women belong to an organization, they should work to-gether." Mrss Evirett said. "Nobody ever heard of women Methodists and ever heard of women helong to a station of the women women ever heard of women helong to a station of the heard of women women ever heard everywhere mud slows up cation and everywhere mud slows up cation and everywhere mud slows up cation and everywh

# 2200 Bombers Raid Germany

Industry, Transportation, Oil **Producing Facilities Get** Pasting

DESPITE BAD WEATHER

Devastating blows were rained on German industry and transportation and oil producing facilities yesterday Mrs. John Hallman and Mrs. Hall by more than 1,200 American and Mrs. Benson E. Bivens.

Miss Elsie Smith, who teaches at out despite bad weather.

The U. S. Eighth Air force struck at the remnants of natural oil refining installations in the Hamburg ares and Grace Bivens, daughter of Corum for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring overseas in England, is visiting stern synthetic oil plants. They also attacked Hamm, the hub of transportations in the Hamburg area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and for the fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and fourth time, at Geisenkirchen, home of the Scholven-Buer and Noring area and the scholven-Buer and Noring area and the scholven-Buer and Noring area and the scholven-Buer and the scholven attacked Hamm, the hub of transpor-

Halifaxes and Lancasters dronned over

British bombers dropped their loads on a synthetic oil plant at Homberg A communique said the RAF lost four hombers. Mustangs which escorted the Amer-

can bombers strafed targets around Hamburg and reported disabling eight ocomotives, 36 oil tank cars and four freight cars. Germany's largest railway yards are

located at Hamm, and through them have been moving supplies for the Western front as well as raw materials for Hitler's factories.

Antiaircraft fire was weak over Hamm, but in addition to a heavier flak barrage over Hamburg the Ger-

enemy waters.

#### INCREASE IN HOLIDAY **PAY ROLLS PERMISSIBLE**

Monroe Office Of /War Manpower Ohio. Commission States Facts. Realizing that it has been the neces-

ary custom of retail establishments to increase their payrolls during the Christmas season in order to efficiently handle increased business, the State Management-Labor Committee and the Manpower Priorities Committee have approved a recommendation of the State Manpower Director, Dr. J. S. Dorton, to allow 20 percent in-crease in employment ceilings to all retail establishments who are in stret United States soldiers at the front are taking "quite a bit" of interest in the forthcoming presidential election, Associated Press War Correspondent Program. Such retail firms should make application. make application for the allowance by letter to the local office of the United States Employment Service. The period covered by this allowance will begin November 1, 1944, and re-

weeks leave from the western front where he has been with General Patton's Third Army since it invaded France July 3.

"Everywhere you go along the front you find G. I.'s sweating over their ballots," said the Marion Junction, Ala, newspaperman "You know the local United States Employment season should address their letters to the local United States Employment Service office located in the Health Buiking, 202 East Franklin Street, "It was stated by John G. Edwards Supervising Interviewer-in-Charge of that office. "Such written requests will be handled as quickly and efficiently as possible and those firms making application will be notified immediately of approval of their request."

"Firms that employ more than 25, who feel that a 20 percent increase will not be sufficient must file Form 53,270, Application for Increase in Ceiling, in the regular manner," Mr. Edwards said. "However, firms of less than 25 employees who feel that a 20 percent increase will not be adequate may make request for additional personnel by letter only."

SGT. GEO. BALLENTINE MISSING

#### THE LATEST WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

U. S. PACIFIC HEADQUAR-TERS, PEARL HARBOR—At least TERS, PEARL HARBOR—At least eighteen first lise Japanese war-ships were sunk or damaged in a decisive defeat of the Japanese fleet in Fhilippines waters that may have shortened the war by months, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today.

Combined reports of Nimits and Gen. Douglas Biscarthur on three major sugargements involving the bulk of the Japanese fleet listed a total of 26 major enemy ships plus several destroyers sunk or damaged.

The overall total was: Six definitely sunk, including two carriers. Three probably sunk, two battleships.

Seventeen others plus "several Seventeen others plus "several destroyers" damaged.

The grushing three-fold defeat apparently left the Emperor's navy stripped of the carrier, battleship and cruiser power necessary to again engage the U. S. Fleet in a major lection, successfully oppose a landing on the China coast, or strongly defend the shores of Japan itself from attack.

LONDON-Combined Allied naval and land forces are attempting to land on the south coast of the flooded Dutch island of Walcheren where big German guns guard the approaches to Antwerp, the Berlin radio said today. Wal-cheren is at the mouth of the Schelde estuary and its dikes have been blasted open by bombs. Shortly infterwards, Berlin said the Allies had "begun a landing."

MOSCOW-Russian and Polish troops, suddenly renewing the of-fensive in the Warsaw area, have idenly renewing the ofdriven a bridgehead at least six miles deep across the Vistala Riv-er just north of the beleaguered Polish capital, outflanked the city and posed still another threat to East Prussa from the south, Mos-cow revealed today.

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEAD-QUARTERS, LEYTE, PHILIP-PINES—Mod-caked Yanks today siammed shut the southern door of strategic Leyte (Valley, a potential Japanese death trap, and tighten-ed their stranglehold on Nipponese communications with adjacent is-

# Union County's Men In Service

Sgt. West In England

tion, England-Staff Sergeant Henry Henry C. West, 209 Wilson street, Monroe, is a gadio operator of a Flying Fortress, at this veteran heavy island inhabitants, MacArthur said branch of our armed forces;
bombardment base comamnded by that "seldom" had enemy-occupied colonel James S. Sutton, of Findlay, shores been penetrated by a military of the City of Monroe, here

As a radio gunner, the efforts of Sgt. West and other combat men on ment Division, of which this group is northern Mindanao, MacArthur rea part, was awarded a presidential ci-tation for "extraordinary heroism, determination and esprit de corps," displayed in carrying out the highly suc-cessful attack on the enemy aircraft plants at Oschersleben, Germany, on

was a student at North Carolina State the Nashville but the rules forbid us College, in the class of 1942.

Cpl. John R. Welsh, Jr., who has been spending a furlough here with his family and his parents, Mr. and Antonio, Texas, where he has entered an officers training school at Fort Sam

Sgt. Crowley In Mediterranean Area 15th AAF In Italy—Sergeant Sidney M. Crowley, 20, of Waxhaw, has been assigned to the oldest heavy bombardment group in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations. He is an aerial gunner on a 15th Air Force

an aerial gunner on a 15th Air Force Flying Fortress.

A graduate of Wesley Chapel high schol, he was employed by the Central Lumber company of Charlotte, when he enlisted in the Army on April 10, 1943. He attended the aerial gunnery school at Las Vegas, Nevada where he received his gunner's wings.

The organization to which he has been assigned has flown over 350 combat missions, bombing enemy installations in almost every Axis-dominated country in Europe from bases in England, North Africa, Russia and Italy.

Lieut, Whitley Awarded Air Medal

# More Villages

Thrust By MacArthur's Men Carries Battle Near Provisional Capital

TAKE DOMINATING HILLS

Aided by carrier planes and dominating hill position,s American ground forces pressed their advantages on Leyte island in the central Philippines yesterday, scoring general gains all along the front and freeing 14 more

villages or towns. MacAnthur's communique devoted argely to the naval actions, reported that American doughboys had thrust forward in the northern sector of the Leyte front to the north of Tacloban, provisional capital of the newly inaugurated Philippine constitutional

Enemy forces "are disintegrating in one sector" of that area, it was reported. Seizure of dominating hills west of

Palo, also in the northern sector, and the capture of Ponaun, 10 miles to the south, also were announced. In the southern sector of the front, elements of the 24th corps captured the main road center of Burauen, nine niles inland from Dulag beachhead. Japanese shore-based planes made large scale daylight attack on Allied hipping in Leyte gulf before dawn Tuesday, headquarters reported. Fighter planes from American carriers tore into the enemy and broke up the formation. In this fierce aerial action 53 enemy planes were shot from the

skies by naval airmen. Antiaircraft fire accounted for three more. General advances on Leyte, with the freeing of 14 more villages, was reported by MacArthur in a delayed communique Wednesday. The most extensive advance was in the southern sector.

Elements of the 96th Infantry division in that area enveloped the strong coastal Catmon hill positions held by the Japanese and pushed and Europe. within eight miles of Tabontabon. That town is on the Guinarona river eight miles northwest of Dulas and four miles northeast of San Pablo airfield, captured earlier.

Substantial gains in the Tenth corps area—the northern sector—placed the doughboys of the 24th division farther west of Palo and Tacloban. Forward elements drove ahead from the line of hills seized from the Nipponess which dominate the coast between Palo and Tacloban. Small scale enemy counterattacks and night infiltration

areas, over the "Voice of Freedom" radio, operating on Leyte, MacArthur urged them to harrass their conquerfurther instructions.

that "seldom" had enemy-occupied THEREFORE, I, V. D. Sikes, Mayor shores been penetrated by a military of the City of Monroe, hereby pro-

Raids by supporting aircraft Sunday ported, destroyed or damaged 65 Japanese aircraft, 64 of them on the ground. Intense anti-aircraft fire shot down six Allied planes but all aircrews except one pilot were rescued.

January 11, 1944.

Before entering the AAF, Sgt. West We knew for months that he was on

meet now.

Cpl. Charles W. Laney, stationed with the Army Air Force in France, and Oddle R. Laney, who is with an M. P. Co., have written their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Laney of Marsh-t ville, that they met in France on October first. This is the first time they had met in three years. Oddle enlisted in the Army Air Force on December 8, 1941, and received his training at Sheppard Field, Texas, and Robins Field, Ga. He went overseas in July, 1943, and has never received a furlough home. Both boys have been overseas 15 months. They are stationed near each other and can see each other often. They have another the method of the two cars and bullets and grenades exploded continuously throughout the operation. Such hero-time by Technician Tysinger, accomplished without regard for is personal safety, reflects great credit on himself and the armed forces."

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Pvt. Dewitt Helms, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Helms of R2, Waxhaw, speni the week-end at his home near. Waxhaw. Pvt. Helms would be glad to hear from his friends back home. His address is: Pvt. Narris D. Helms, ASN.

Schools Of County Will Be Visited During Week Of October 30.

The Union County Health Depart ment in cooperation with the Division of Oral Hygiene of the State Board of Health is sponsoring a puppet show in the schools of Union county the week of October 30.

Misses Mary and Nan Davis are in charge of the show, which will be pre-sented three times daily at the various U. S. OFFICIALS PLEASED schools of the county according to the following schedule. The shows are free and the patrons of the different

Fairview, 1 p. m.

Thursday, November 2—Mineral Springs, 9 a. m.; Wesley Chapel, 11 a. m.; Indian Trail, 1 p. m. Friday, November 3—New Salem, 9 a. m.; Fairfield, 11 a. m.; Marshville,

# Observe Navv Day Tomorrow

1 p. m.

Mayor Sikes Issues Proclamation In Observance Of Occasion

#### NAVY IN LEADING ROLE

The annual observance of Navy Day, tomorrow, Friday, October 27th, could not be held at a more appropriate time, for our fleets in the Atlantic and Pacific are now playing such a leading role in defeat of the enemy of the conflict. and the invasion of the Philippines

In observance of the day, Mayor V. D. Sikes, of Monroe, today issued the following proclamation: WHEREAS, The United States Navy

is Vanguard of our victorious offen-sives against the enemy, and, WHEREAS, our naval forces now constitute the mightiest fleet in the history of the world's navys, and, WHEREAS, the surface, undersea and air arms of our fleet now hold almost complete superiority over those of the enemy, and, WHEREAS, the unprecedented auc

attempts were stopped short.

Speaking to Filipinos in the battle ground forces ashore on hostile battlefronts throughout the world has been magnificent, and,

ors constantly. Those outside the the recognition of the people of the C. West, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. battle zones were cautioned to await United States owe their Navy is annually emphasized by the aside of one day to accalim that

comamnder with "a greater potential claim Friday, October twenty-seventh of interior support." nineteen hundred and forty-four as Navy Day, and call upon the citizens recognition when the First Bombard-ment Division of which this group to States Navy, and its coordinated seaggoing might, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Naval Aviation. WHEREUNTO, I have set my hand this 26th day of October, nineteen

hundred and forty-four. V. D. SIKES.

Mayor, City of Monroe, N. C. mentioning it. But now that the cen- N. Tysinger, 34433059, Field Artillery sor has let it be known that the United States Army is awarded the Nashville was the ship that carried Bronze Star for meritorious conduct General MacArthur, it can surely be in action on July 10, 1944, and on the no harm to mention the name of a 25th of July, 1944, in France. While no harm to mention the name of a member of the crew. Not only was at a forward position Technician Tysis thrown here that James was on the Nashville, but his parents have just received a letter from his brother, Lane, a Seabee also in that invasion, saying that James was on the Nash-ness, rain, mud and heavy traffic of ville that had just landed General armored vehicles. On a later date MacArthur. This letter came through the above group again evacuated two with top speed. James and Lane often one-fourth ton vehicles while being subjected to enemy fire. This mission

Hayne Wilson Baucom, who left for the Navy on September 5, is stationed at Bainbridge, Md. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Baucom of R2, Monroe. Hayne would like to hear from all his friends. His address is Hayne Wilson Baucom, A. S. Co. 3518 Bks. 317 L, U. S. N. T. C. Bainbridge, Maryland.

Major W. H. Williams who has returned from overseas where he served for some time and later was in the hospital for months, was sent to the States and has been taking treatment in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., refrom all his friends. His address is turned to his home here several days ago. He has been in hospitals now for more than a year. He is very much better and is able to drive a car, and get around the house pretty well. He will be here with his family for some time. Major W. H. Williams who has re-

### Yanks Liberate HEALTH DEPARTMENT Jap Navy Dealt Crushing Blow

Enemy Fleet Staggers As U. S. Forces Pound Nips In Big Sea Battle

The Imperial Japanese fleet, which raced out of its hiding places to pre-sent a massive challenge to American liberation of the Philippines, has been communities in which they will be presented are invited to attend.

Morrday, October 30—John D. Hodges, 9 a. m.; Wingate, 11 a. m.; Union, 1 p. m.

Tuesday, October 31—Jackson, 9 a. Tuesday, October 31—Jackson, 9 a. m.; Weddington, m.; Waxhaw, 11 a. m.; Weddington, message from Admiral William

1 p. m.

Wednesday, November 1—Benton
Heights, 9 a. m.; Unionville 11 a. m.;
Fairview, 1 p. m.
Thursday, November 2—Mineral
Springs, 9 a. m.; Wesley Chapel 11
Springs, 9 a. m.; Wesley Chapel 11

sources presented this picture:
Five Japanese battleships damaged,
with some possibly sunk. An aircraft
carrier sunk. Several cruisers and destroyers sunk and others badly dam American losses so far made public

were the light carrier Princeton, an escort carrier, and several P. T. boats sunk and a number of planes lost. Several escort carriers and destroyers damaged. It was obvious, however, that so much of the full story remained to be told that these tabulations would

undergo extensive revision. The OWI picked up a special state-ment from General Douglas MacAr-thur, as transmitted by the signal corps, which said:

"The Japanese navy has received its most crushing defeat of the war. Its future efforts can only be on dwindling scale." If so, the Battle of the Philippines may be ranked in this war, as was the Battle of Jutland in World War I, as the decisive naval engagement

Immediate results for the United States certainly were an easing of the problem of maintaining and supplying the ground forces in the Philippines—and perhabs the opening of the way, without any serious enemy the way, without any serious enemy naval challenge, to the coast of China. As first word of the American disaster at Pearl Harbor came from the White House, so also came an announcement of the Japanese defeat.

President Roosevelt called reporters to his office at 5:18 p. m. and read them the supportunity.

them this announcement:
"The President received today a report from Admiral Halsey that the Japanese navy in the Philippin area has been defeated, seriously damaged and routed by the United States navy

in that area."
Although Admiral Halsey referred to the enemy navy in "the Philippine area," Admiral Ernest J. King, com-mander in chief of the fleet, already had told reporters that this apparently included "practically all of the Japanese fleet." Obviously elated, the President told

ese defeat had just reached through the Navy department and his military chief of staff, Admiral William D. Leahy. Sitting in shirt sleeves before a desk piled with work, Mr. Roosevelt first said he had called them in because he wanted to give them a flash.

the reporters the news of the Japan-

And it is a flash, he added. Six reporters were on duty in the white House news room when Presidential Secretary Stephen Early shouted for them to hustle into the presidential office.

First indications were the engage-ment did not bring heavy surface ships into a slugging match with their big guns but was brought entirely by air blows and light vessels.

The Japanese units approached in two major elements with a third large enemy force of land-based planes at-

tacking the American fleet. It was the enemy land-based planes which mortally wounded the Prince-ton a communique from Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Keziah and two children, Anne Clark and Jimmy, of Kannapolis spent the week-end with Mrs. Keziah's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clark at their home on Weddington road. Mrs. Olin Sikes and Mrs. Sikes Sanders went to Cheraw, S. O., wi they attended the funeral of Crawford, mother of Jim Craw who with his wife often visit in