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Americans Storm Coblenz, 50 Miles In Germany

Swift Push Sends Nazis Reeling Into Hectic Retreat

PARIS, March 7 (AP)—The American third army stormed to the middle Rhine tonight in the vicinity of the ancient fortress city of Coblenz, more than 50 miles inside Germany, with a spectacular plunge which sent the enemy reeling in overwhelming defeat.

The fourth armored division reached the river just northwest of 29 miles in 12 hours. In its greatest surge since Normandy the third army had covered 65 miles in 53 hours, making the western allies' deepest penetration of the Reich.

Nazis in Wild Retreat

The enemy fell back in hectic retreat and offered but little resistance as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's men rolled through town after town and straggled past thousands of prisoners captured in such numbers they could not all be chaperoned to the rear.

To the north the U. S. first army struck southward along the Rhine's west bank from captured Cologne to a point only two miles from Bonn, the first and third armies together having formed in the past week the greatest Allied breakthrough since St. Lo.

Retreat Is Complete

The German army which fled before the third "was the most complete picture of defeat the war in the west has produced," writes the veteran Associated Press Correspondent Edward D. Ball. "Its men were beaten, its equipment destroyed."

Thousands of German vehicles and armor were blasted into flaming wrecks, and German prisoners streamed westward in droves through the four-lane highway's narrow corridor, many of them unescorted and carrying white flags over their heads.

Coblenz Fall Near

The city of Coblenz, lying at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle and serving as a communications hub for a large area, was "almost within the grasp" of the third army tonight, Correspondent Ball wrote from the front.

With the U. S. first army crashing against Nazi defenses only two miles from Bonn, river city south of captured Cologne, Gen. Eisenhower's mighty forces threatened to overrun the remaining enemy-held portion of Germany north of the Moselle river.

Today's Campus

As Time Goes By

Seems as though certain localities gain and lose importance as time goes by. In explaining this fact to his English history class, Prof. Harry H. Kimber cited the example of the Island of Guadalupe which was important in the days of George the Third and not important again until the days of American prohibition.

Good Deed for Day

There are varied types of students every college student knows. Eileen Seymour, East Lansing senior, devised a new test for the English department, asking her class in poetry if they would mind attending a lecture rather than class. Eileen protested vigorously. "I want to come to class, I like your class," she asserted. Eileen looked rather confused but managed to stammer out, "You know that's the nicest thing anyone has ever said to me."

Typographical Error

Prof. H. H. Humphreys, of the psychology department, explaining to his 10 a.m. class how a mother raised her offspring consistently from formula and book, concluded "One day he almost died of a misprint."

Party-party, Student Club Will Stage Last Activities for Term

Working under the eclipse of the Senior ball tomorrow night, Student club will hold its last winter term party in the new game rooms of Peoples church from 8:30 to 11:30.

Saturday afternoon Party-party will be held for the last time this term from 3 to 5 in the Union ballroom. Dick Snook and the orchestra, with vocalist, Norm Dean, will be featured as usual. Larry Frymore will again be M.C. of the Spartan varieties broadcast from 4 to 4:30 over WKAR.

Tea will be given by Vassar senior, and Mrs. L. Gregg, Lansing junior, and Victor Herbert du-

Ball Goers to Hear Woody Herman Play Tomorrow

Woody Herman and his "band that plays the blues" will come to State's campus tomorrow to play for the Senior ball.

Besides playing on the vaudeville circuit, on radio, recording for Decca, and appearing in three movies, Herman has proven his versatility by also doing some composing, strictly in the modern vein.

Among his instrumental hits are: "Cheppin' Wood," "Cousin to Chris," "Blue Ink," "Blue Dawn," "River Bed Blues" and "Blues on Parade," all of which have been recorded for Decca. In addition to leading his orchestra Herman frequently accompanies them on his clarinet or is featured as soloist.

Also to be featured at the dance Friday, which will be held in College auditorium from 8 p. m. to 12 midnight, are singer Frances Wayne, Chubby Jackson on the bass fiddle, and "The Woodchoppers."

During the half-hour intermission period student talent will present variety entertainment, according to Co-chairmen Marge Rice, Saginaw, and Gordon Haeschen, Pigeon.

Miss Rice will be M.C. for the program which will include songs by the Chi O trio; Helen Muncie, B. J. Ruhlberg, Yvonne Behler, trick roping by Gordon Stocking, accompanied by vocalist Merrill Walker and pianist Lenore Huddleston and a tenor sax act featuring Gene Wolfe.

Artists to Present Scenes From Well-Known Operas

Metropolitan Ensemble to Give Concert Tonight

Soprano Jarmil Novotna, contralto Herta Glaz, tenor Raoul Jobin, and baritone Martial Singher, composing the Metropolitan Opera Artists ensemble, will be presented in a concert this evening at 8:15 in College auditorium as a regular feature of the Lecture-Concert series according to Dean S. E. Crowe.

Wearing colorful costumes, these actor-singers will present six complete scenes from well-known operas to the piano accompaniment of Leo Muller. The scenes which will be enacted are from the operas "Mignon," "Samson and Delilah," "La Traviata," "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and "Martha."

Opera Star at 17

Jarmila Novotna, a native of Czechoslovakia, sang her first opera role, Violetta in "La Traviata," at the age of 17, in the Prague National Opera. Later she appeared at the Paris Grand Opera, Vienna State Opera, La Scala, Warsaw Opera and under Toscanini at Salzburg.

Now an American citizen, Herta Glaz was born in Vienna, making her debut at the State Opera in Breslau where she remained for two seasons. Later she performed at the famous Glyndebourne Opera Festival and at the Prague Opera house.

Born in Quebec, Raoul Jobin made his operatic debut at the Paris Opera at Tylalt in "Romeo and Juliet" and during the 15 months that followed, the French-Canadian tenor set a record of 111 performances. Since that early debut in Paris, Jobin has appeared as soloist with leading orchestras as well as in recital throughout Europe, Canada, and both the Americas.

Wins Contract

Martial Singher, who at this evening's concert will present the prologue from "Pagliacci," is a native of the French town of Orlon Ste. Marie, and studied at the Paris Conservatory.

His appearance as a guest on the Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air program won for him a Metropolitan contract and recognition as one of the country's outstanding concert recitalists.



FOUR OPERA STARS to sing tonight

Russian Armies Begin Final Drive on Berlin From Oder Positions

LONDON, March 7 (AP)—Marshal G. K. Zhukov's first white Russian army group began today the long-expected general frontal assault on Berlin from its Oder river bridgeheads 30 to 40 miles to the east, the Germans announced.

The attackers jumped off after a gigantic 24-hour artillery barrage and punched into the outer defenses of Kaestrin, which was under attack from north, east, and south, Berlin's alarmed broadcasters said. They credited Zhukov with using seven armies, including two tank armies.

Moscow said nothing of any such development, but Soviet silence is customary at the start of a major operation.

Faculty, Townspeople Plan Third Summer for Victory Gardens

Organized in the spring of 1943 as a result of the victory garden program, Wolverine Gardens, Inc., is making plans for a third summer of gardening, according to Justin Zinn, president and assistant professor of geology, geography, and physical science.

Membership was made up entirely of faculty members at first, but since many have been called into service, approximately one-half of the members today are faculty men. Vacancies have been filled by East Lansing and Lansing residents.

Garden Plots Ready

Two acres provide garden plots of one-eighth of an acre each for gardeners. The Kedzie plots are within East Lansing city limits, between Gunson street and Kedzie road. East of Teraine golf course, northwest of the city limits is the Snyder garden area.

Paul Morrison, geology and geography department, vice-president; Dave Hall, civil engineering department, secretary; Joseph Holsinger, physical education department, member of the board of directors, and Zinn are faculty members who preside in Wolverine Gardens, Inc. Proud Group.

Making up a well integrated group, the gardeners take pride in their work and enjoy the experience, Zinn added. Last summer some became discouraged because of the small amount of rainfall. This summer we are hoping for more rain, he continued.

Plots are still available in the Snyder and Kedzie areas for anyone who is interested, Zinn said.

SWL Chooses New Officer Group

Agnes Evans, Marietta junior, was elected president of SWL, Spartan Women's League, at elections held last night. She succeeds Kitty Mitchell, East Lansing senior, in the office.

Selected to serve as vice-president was Jean Kauderer, Owasco sophomore, Margot Jacques, Grand Rapids sophomore, will serve as secretary for the coming year.

In charge of monetary affairs will be Jane Kuhlhorst, New Boomer, Ohio, junior. The new junior representative will be Phyllis Kelley, Fenton sophomore, while Mary Maoney, Battle Creek freshman, will be the sophomore representative. Members at large will be Pat Lord, Detroit sophomore, and Jean McCreary, Chelsea junior.

Newly appointed officers of the carousel sponsoring group include social chairman Nedra MacDuff, Dora Jean Lindbloom, Detroit junior, will be the art chairman, while Esther Erickson, Jackson junior, will serve as radio chairman.

Irene Cunat, Buffalo, N. Y., sophomore, will head the personality group, while Thais Lucas, Berrien Springs sophomore, will be the publicity chairman. Grace Kline, Grosse Pointe junior, will be membership chairman.

There will be a meeting of all new and old board members at 4 p.m. Monday in the Union.

Pratt-Whitney Awards Program to Come to End

The Pratt-Whitney scholarship program will be discontinued at the end of the term, according to Dean S. E. Crowe, director of the program. Lack of qualified and interested persons for the scholarships was given as the reason for ending the program.

The last class of women taking the Pratt-Whitney course at State will graduate at the conclusion of this term. From State they will go to the Pratt-Whitney plant a Hartford, Conn., where they will remain for a year.

Resorts Will Offer Summer Positions

Representatives of Michigan resorts and Great Lakes cruises will be at State spring term to interview girls interested in summer jobs, Prof. Tom King, placement director, announced.

Resorts in the northern part of the state, Mackinac, Petoskey, White Lake and Grand Haven, wish to hire a number of State women principally as waitresses. The steamship lines also are offering this type of work.

Summer camps will be offer-

TIME TABLE

- Senior Ball committees 7 p.m., 115 Union annex
- Tower Guard, 7:15 p.m. Beaumont Tower
- Grey Ladies, 7:15 p.m. 130 Morrill hall
- Mortar board, 7:30 p.m. Org. room 1, Union
- Campus 4-H club, 7:30 p.m. Spartan room, Union

BULLETIN

Thursday, March 8

Hand to hand combat with grenade.

Councils, raged at the news of two Jima today.

Japanese remnants savagely testing every foot of ground.

American marines pressed for a decision.

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Fraternity Bowling League to End Competition Tonight

After more than three months of competition the fraternity bowling league will come to a close tonight with Alpha Tau Omega finally entrenched in first place. The ATOs hold the high individual, high game and high series scores.

The second and third place cups are at stake in tonight's bowling when Sigma Nu bowls Theta Chi. Cups are being awarded to the top three teams and recognition will be given to the high individual, Keith Steffe. ATO holds the high score with 240.

The bowling league was started after a year's absence this fall in an effort to get fraternity men on campus better acquainted with each other under conditions in which they could enjoy the competition.

The bowling competition has been directed by Bob Butler, Theta Chi, and Bill Graham, Phi Delta Sigma. 13 of the 15 fraternities now active on campus participated in the league.

Air Assaults Hit Nazi Ruhr Lines

LONDON, March 7 (AP)—Approximately 1,200 American heavy bombers and strafing fighters stepped up the offensive aimed at isolating the Ruhr from main German supply lines today with attacks on three rail belts running into the menaced German industrial zone.

While the rail lines were being hammered, four motor fuel planes within the battered Ruhr were bombarded in a coordinated assault.

RAF bombers were reported over western Germany tonight by night by the Nazis "sighting" warning service.

More than 900 Flying Fortress and Liberator of the U.S. eighth air force and 250 fighters attacked the long, concrete, four-track viaduct near Bielefeld, 60 miles northeast of the Ruhr on the main line to central Germany and struck at rail yards at Soest, 30 miles of Dortmund, and Siegen, 35 miles east of Cologne. Eight air force operations today followed a seven-hour attack by RAF Mosquito bombers and Lancasters last night on enemy troop and armor concentrations in the West area on the east bank of the Rhine.

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In Campus Quarters

By DOTTIE La MONT and NAN TRABUE

PRE-EXAM premonitions and the usual after-affect apprehensions hold the limelight this week. Well, what's a little exam here and there, says who? There's always spring vacations to look forward to, so before we are too deep in "blue book blues" we'll pass on a little more cheerful bits to scan.

More of the same is seen after a quick look at the bright face of Jean Forrester, Dearborn junior, who is one of those lucky persons to have someone home from New Guinea after a year's absence. Lt. James Bristol of the air corps is the certain someone, who highlighted his leave with a ring for Jean.

Ens. Joe Waterson, FarmHouse, 46, left the campus not so long ago in the state of blissful bachelorhood, but not for long did that state of affairs exist. Joe was back for a visit last week with his new bride, the former Nancy Fletcher of Birmingham.

It's Delta Zeta and SAE again making their way into print. Vera Schumacher, San Francisco freshman, finds herself with strict priorities made definite with a ring. The gift is from Jack O'Connell, USN, stationed in New London, Conn. Incidentally, the pin is from the chapter at the University of St. Louis.

New officers are still being elected and now the Alpha Xi Deltas have come forth with their slate for the coming year. Ginny Boehler will be wielding the president's gavel while Mary Marshall will assist her as vice-president. Joyce Johnson will take over the duties of recording secretary and Gertrude Hamann will be treasurer.

Continuing with Greek officers we find the Sigma Kappas have voted for Betty Butler as president, Mary Kay Babcock for vice-president, Betty Marshall as recording secretary, and Marion Thorne for treasurer.

The Gamma Phis have completed their elections and the results show that Ruth Kettel will be the next proxy. Lou Robinson has been chosen for vice-president, Jessie Sanson for recording secretary, and Margaret Ann DeGroot will be the new treasurer.

Starting out once more with local election results, there's a new bunch of them over at Delta Zeta House. Peggy Trone now holds the high office of president with Arny Seven as vice-president, Dot Little as treasurer and Phyl Hamonisky for recording secretary.

Grin and Bear It . . . By Lichty



"Looks like spring should be here soon. Spotted the girls' bare legs are losing that mottled, purplish . . ."

Orchestrates Group Names CLASSIFIED ADS Eight New Dancers

Junior Orchestras added eight women to its membership last Saturday. Certain modern dance techniques had to be passed, and each could be required to present an original dance composition.

The new members are Patricia Pomeroy, Middleton freshman; Doreen Rinehart, Lansing sophomore; Ira J. Robolt, Detroit freshman; Mary Kay Babcock, Detroit sophomore; Winifred Jenkins, Detroit sophomore; Gertrude Salmons, Detroit sophomore; and Markine Traynor, Sward Creek sophomore.

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