

# Republicans Will Meet

The Mecklenburg County Republican Committee will meet Monday at 8:15 P. M. at the Hotel Charlotte, vice-chairman, announced today.

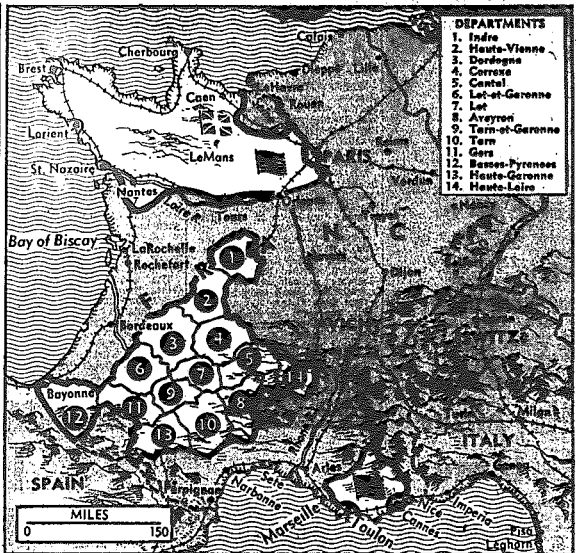
All Republicans and members of the "Dewey for President" Club are invited to attend this meeting, called by Mrs. Hicks in the absence of J. M. Van Hoy, chairman, who is out of town at present.

The meeting will be held in Parlors A, B and C of the Hotel Charlotte, and Mrs. Hicks will preside. Campaign activities will be discussed, and speakers yet to be announced, will also be on the program.

Assisting Mrs. Hicks with the meeting will be E. J. Presser and A. Benson Davis, co-chairmen of the Mecklenburg County "Dewey for President" Club.

## Colored Division Of Chest Meets Tonight

The Colored division of the War-Community Chest will meet at 8 P. M. today in the 2nd St. Branch of the YMCA to engage in discussions of routine activities. Harry H. Plater, the chairman, will preside.



FRENCH LIBERATE MUCH OF THEIR COUNTRY — Climaxing their historic underground battle against tyranny with capture of Paris, French Forces of the Interior have liberated some 50,000 square miles of France. Indicated on the map above are the fourteen departments officially announced as under Free France's Cross of Lorraine banner.

- DEPARTMENTS
1. Indre
  2. Haute-Vienne
  3. Dordogne
  4. Creuse
  5. Lot-et-Garonne
  6. Lot
  7. Mayenne
  8. Tarn-et-Garonne
  9. Tarn
  10. Gers
  11. Hautes-Pyrenees
  12. Hautes-Garonnes
  13. Hautes-Loire

## Says Army Sees End Of Nazis By Oct. 1

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, of the House Post-War Military Policy Committee said today that the Army tentatively looks to Oct. 1, 1944, as the date for the end of the war against Germany.

Woodrum interpreted the statement at a hearing at which Rear Adm. James H. Irish, inventory control officer for the Navy, indicated the Navy expects to be still fighting in the Pacific through 1945.

Woodrum did not amplify nor explain the source of his information.

Admiral Irish made his comment after declaring that "the successful prosecution of the Navy's war in the Pacific is being handicapped by the failure to obtain necessary ships, such as troop carriers, refrigerating ships, and other important parts of the shipbuilding program."

Discussing supplies and surpluses Irish said:

"We are assuming that the war will proceed on at least until the end of 1944."

Almost simultaneously, it was emphasized at the White House that President Roosevelt is having no part of predictions on the end of the war.

A reporter asked him at his news conference if he could give any idea of when he expected a collapse of Germany.

My, said the President replied, adding that he has been very careful about such things and that he is about the only person who hasn't said when he expected the European war to be over.

Reporters then asked him how long he thought the war against Japan would continue after Germany collapses but Mr. Roosevelt said such things are pure speculation.

## Deaths And Funerals

**Richard Watts**  
Funeral services for Richard Watts, 35, who died in a local hospital Wednesday afternoon, were held this morning at 11 at the home, 131 Hillside Ave. The Rev. Henry P. Powell, pastor of Dilworth Methodist Church officiated and burial was in Elmwood Cemetery.

**Active pallbearers** were Edward E. Suttie, J. Harry Lawing, Clarence Hurst, R. Scott Baum, W. Sutton Alexander, and Harry W. Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. J. Squires, Dr. Elias Falcon, C. O. Kuester, William H. Bobbitt, J. Lester Wolfe, Fred H. White, Maury Johnston, Evans Boatwick, and Kirkman, Fort Hendrix, Henry B. Benoit, Carl G. McCraw, and Fred H. White Jr.

**Mrs. Letha M. Ganitt**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Letha Malinda Ganitt, who died at her home on W. McDowell St. yesterday after a long illness, were held at the Allen St. Baptist Church this afternoon at 2 P. M. Rev. Clyde Yates, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. Walter Jones, former pastor here, and by Sharon McGehee, pastor.

**Pallbearers** were W. R. Hopkins, J. F. Byers, Ed Griffin, Mack Beglet, O. T. Sinclair and Guy Moser.

## Japanese Patrol Vessel Is Sunk

BY NORMAN BELL  
AN ALEUTIANS BASE—(Delayed)—A 50-foot Japanese patrol vessel was sunk and a 75-footer badly damaged by Navy Ventura bombers which darted in and out of the fog as clouds to strike at the enemy in the Northern Kuriles today and yesterday.

One of two enemy fighters out of a group of seven which dared attack the speedy Venturas was shot down. Another fighter was destroyed on the ground.

Reading planes bombed and strafed the air field and installations at Kakumbebi, Masugawa and Kurama Zaki on Furubishiro Island and at Myoshino on Shinko-shu Island.

One direct hit was scored on a building at Masugawa.

## Recreation Group In Business Gathering

The staff of the Charlotte Defense Recreation Committee met this morning in the Soldiers' Information Center to discuss routine business matters and a schedule for the coming two weeks.

Mrs. Merle B. Ramsey, director of the Soldiers' Recreation program, presided over the meeting, which was concluded with an informal discussion.

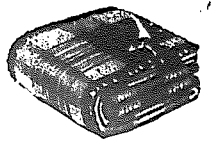
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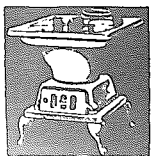
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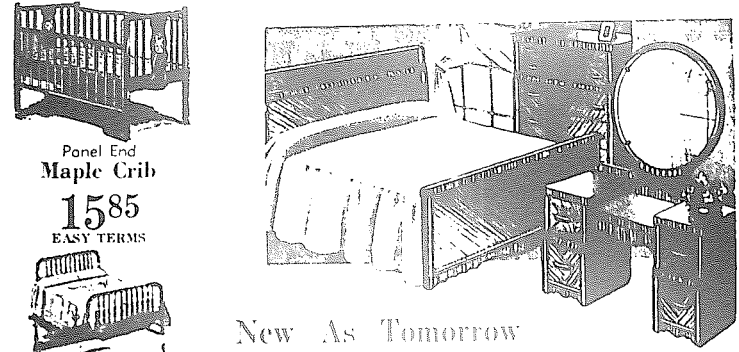


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**Daughter Is Born To Actress Judy Canova**  
HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — A girl weighing eight pounds was born last night to Film Actress Judy Canova — Miss Canova's husband is Pvt. Chester England, stationed at Camp Ritchie, Md.

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