

Observe V-E Day Very Quietly In Brunswick County

People Very Thankful But
In Remembrance Of
The Boys In The Pacific
There Was No Big Cele-
bration Made Of Day

PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS
SUN. DAY OF THANKS

American People Urged To
Assemble In Their Churches
And Homes Sunday
To Give Thanks
To God For End
Of War

When the official announce-
ment of the end of the war came
through yesterday morning at 9
o'clock there was a rush to close
all places of business for the
day. Following less than ten min-
utes of demonstration and noise
making, most Southport people
hurried to their churches for
thanks services. This time very
few people were inclined to make
a big whoop-and-holler event of
the occasion. When the Pacific
job is finished there will be time
for a big out-and-out celebration.
Following the service at the
churches yesterday, the day might
have been mistaken for any
quiet Sunday. With the exception
of one cafe and the post office,
both of which had to remain
open, no business was carried on
anywhere.

From the few residents of the
county who were in town yester-
day it was learned that the same
quiet observance prevailed every-
where. People were happy and
thankful. There was every evi-
dence that Brunswick folks were
looking forward to the day when
Japan will be brought to the same
unconditional surrender that fell
to the lot of the German armed
forces yesterday.

In announcing the uncondi-
tional surrender of Germany, Presi-
dent Truman set next Sunday,
May 14, as a Day of Thanks, a
day when the American people
should assemble in their churches
and homes and give thanks to
God that one great step has been
made toward ending the five
years of warfare.

The following day, Monday,
May 14, another characte-
ristic of the American people.
For our men who have been
fighting in the Pacific and those
who are still to fight and die
there, we can do nothing less
than subscribe to the 7th War
Bond issue in a manner that will
convince Japan of the power be-
hind the forces that are fighting
them on land, sea and air.

Clothing Drive Ends May 15th

Schools Brought In Large
Number Of Garments For
Overseas Relief

Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, county
chairman for the local clothing
collection, reports today that the
schools of the county have re-
sponded magnificently in this
worthy effort. Large boxes filled
with used clothing have been
turned in to her and are now be-
ing packed for shipment.

The clothing has to be sent to
Raleigh and L. S. B. Frink is
in charge of getting it there. A
number of men have assisted Mrs.
Cranmer in packing the boxes.
The drive, originally scheduled
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Brief News Flashes

OFFICES TO CLOSE
According to County Auditor
R. C. St. George all county offices
will be closed on Thursday (May
10) because of N. C. Memorial
Day.

KILLED IN ACTION
Chief Petty Officer Ashley
Glen Toler, who was stationed
at Fort Caswell for about a year,
two years ago, was killed in ac-
tion recently, according to press
dispatches. He was a native of
Brunswick County and a son of the
Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Toler. Dur-
ing his stay here he served aboard
a mine-sweeper and it is under-
stood that he met his death
aboard this vessel.

NOW IN ITALY
Lt. Mattie Johnson Robinson,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R.
Johnson of Winnabow, recently
arrived in Italy where she will
serve as nurse in the Army.



Text Of Truman Proclamation

WASHINGTON.—Following is
text of President Truman's pro-
clamation on end of war in Eu-
rope: By The President of the
United States of America. A pro-
clamation. The Allied armies,
through sacrifice and devotion and
with God's help, have won from
Germany a final and uncondi-
tional surrender. The Western World
has been freed of the evil forces
which for five years and longer
have imprisoned the bodies and
broken the lives of millions upon
millions of freeborn men. They
have violated their churches, de-
stroyed their homes, corrupted
their children, and murdered their
loved ones. Our armies of libera-
tion have restored freedom to
these suffering peoples, whose
spirit and will the oppressors
could never enslave. Much re-
mains to be done. The victory won
in the West must now be won in
the East. The whole world must
be cleansed of the evil from
which half the world has been
freed. United, the peace loving
nations have demonstrated that
their arms are stronger
by far than the might of Dicta-
tors or the Tyranny of military
cliques that once caused us soft
and weak. The power of our
peoples to defend themselves against
all enemies will be proved in the
Pacific as it has been proved in
Europe. For the triumph of spirit
and of arms which we have won,
and for its promise to peoples
everywhere who join us in the
love of freedom, it is fitting that
we, as a nation, give thanks to
Almighty God, who has strength-
ened us and given us the victory.
Now, therefore, I, Harry S. Tru-
man, President of the United
States of America, do hereby
appoint Sunday, May 13, 1945, to
be a Day of Prayer. I call upon
the people of the United States,
what ever their faith, to unite in
offering joyful thanks to God for
the victory we have won and to
pray that he will support us to
the end of our present struggle
and guide us into the way of
peace. I also call upon my coun-
trymen to dedicate this day of
triumph to the memory of those
who have given their lives to
make possible our victory. In wit-
ness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of
the United States of America to
be affixed. Done at the city of
Washington this eighth day of
May, in the year of our Lord
1945, and of the independence of
the United States of America the
169th.

Knitting Is Lagging Behind

The number of knitted gar-
ments turned in during March
was so small that the report was
not given to the paper, but
April brought in even fewer. It
is hoped the knitters will do bet-
ter in May.

For March, knitters were Mrs.
G. D. Robinson, Mrs. Luther Har-
rison, Miss Annie M. Newton, Mrs.
E. M. McEachern, Mrs. Cynthia
Lewis, Mrs. Lizzie Southern, Mrs.
Mary McKeithan, Mrs. Blanche
Larsen, and Mrs. Edith Simmons.
For April they were Mrs. R.
B. Thompson and Mrs. C. Ed
Taylor.

City Election Quietest Ever

Seems Most Southport Folk
Forgot All About City
Election Yesterday Be-
cause Of End Of War In
Europe

Competing with such a major
event as V-E Day, the Southport
City election was completely
smothered yesterday. Almost
everybody forgot about the elec-
tion and a very few were re-
minded of it and went to cast
their ballots. Justhow many votes
were cast could not be ascertained
last night. Nobody cared any-
way. There was no competition
for any of the candidates nomi-
nated for aldermen and mayor
at the convention of two weeks
ago. "So," said one citizen,
"what does it matter whether we
vote or not?"

Robert Thompson and Prince
O'Brien were elected aldermen in
Ward 1. In Ward 2, C. R. Living-
ston and Herbert Livingston are
to look after the interests of the
citizens. In Ward 3, Dr. L. C.
Fergus and M. R. Saunders were
elected. Mayor John D. Eriksen
was re-elected. The other five
are all new men on the board.

Traffic Violations Featured Court

Offenders For Traffic Vi-
olations The Most Numer-
ous In Brunswick County
Recorder's Court

The officers are continuing to
bear down on violators of the
automobile laws, of the 15 cases
heard in Recorder's Court here
Monday, 10 were for traffic viola-
tions. In most such cases the of-
fenders get off with the costs or
a small fine and costs. The Min-
ute Docket shows the following
cases handled Monday:

Edna Mae Waddell, no opera-
tors license, judgment suspended
on payment of costs.
George Odell Sertingne, improper
brakes on truck and trailer,
\$10.00 and costs, fine remitted.
Jack Hardy, improper brakes
and failure to stop at stop sign,
judgment suspended on payment
of a \$10.00 fine and costs.
Oliver Evans, improper brakes,
judgment suspended on payment
of costs.
Willie Harvey Bryant, no opera-
tors license, judgment suspended
on payment of a fine of \$5.00
and costs.

Frank Privett, assaulting offi-
cer while in discharge of his duty,
continued to May 28th.
Frank Privett, drunk driving
and reckless operation, continued
to May 28th.
Oscar Johnson, reckless opera-
tion, judgment suspended on pay-
ment of a fine of \$25.00 and
costs.
Willie Washington, assault, not
guilty.

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Tennis Club Is Organized

Robert Thompson Is Chair-
man Of Newly Formed
Club; Construction Is
Planned

A Tennis club was organized
on Monday night by interested
citizens who have as their first
major project the raising of funds
to construct at least one, and
possibly two, concrete tennis
courts. Robert Thompson was
elected chairman of the club.

Mrs. Fred Willing will serve as
vice-chairman. Miss Wilma Bar-
nett as secretary, and Mrs. Dal-
las Pigott will be treasurer.
Mrs. E. J. Prevette has been
placed in charge of raising funds
for the construction. Dick Bren-
for (Continued on Page 4)

Welfare Officer Pay Stopped By Commissioners

Summary Action Taken On
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TWO MEMBERS VOTE
SUPPORTING DOCTOR

Outcome Of Differences Be-
tween Two County Work-
ers Still Regarded As
Very Uncertain

Acting as the result of a dead-
lock that has existed for some
time between Dr. L. C. Fergus,
county health officer, and Mrs.
Maude Phelps, county welfare
officer, the board of county com-
missioners passed a resolution
Monday stopping the salary of
Mrs. Phelps.

It appears that the welfare
worker and county doctor can-
not work in harmony with each
other, this despite the fact that
their jobs require close coopera-
tion. Recently the board of com-
missioners passed a resolution
asking Mrs. Phelps to resign and
the board of welfare countered
with a like resolution, asking Dr.
Fergus to resign. The following
is a verbatim copy of the resolu-
tion passed by the board of coun-
ty commissioners Monday:

"Motion of J. N. Sowell, second-
ed by A. P. Russ, that the appro-
priate division of the Local Gov-
ernment Commission be advised
and the County Auditor for
Brunswick county be directed not
to include or incorporate in the
1945-46 budget any salary for
Mrs. Maude Phelps, for the reason
that in their opinion it is for the
best interest of the Welfare
of the Health Department of
Brunswick county government."

In voting on this motion A. P.
Russ and J. N. Sowell voted "Yes".
O. P. Bellamy desired that his
vote be registered, "No."

Farmers Ordering Ground Limestone

Orders For Over Six Hun-
dred Tons Placed With
AAA Office Prior To
This Week, Want Thou-
sands

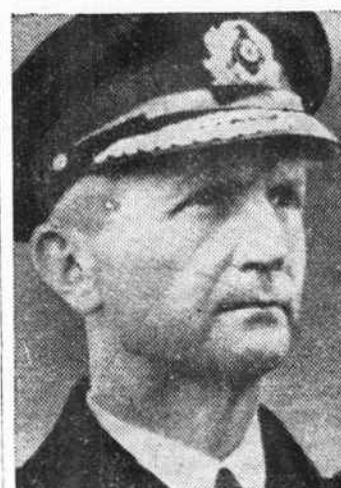
Previous to Saturday Brunswick
county members of the AAA had
signed orders for a total of 613
tons of ground agricultural lime-
stone to be delivered on the farms
this summer and fall. C. O. Ben-
nett, president of the organiza-
tion, stated this week that it
was hoped to have orders for at
least a thousand tons by the end
of the month.

This year the limestone will be
delivered to the fields by the
government. No transportation
problems for the farmers will be
involved.

For sour and acid soils nothing
has been found that will approach
ground limestone to produce bet-
ter crops.

Farmers who are in need of
the product and who wish to take
advantage of the farm delivery
should see the AAA office, sign
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Surrenders For Germany



FUEHRER GRAND ADMIRAL
KARL DONITZ, who surren-
dered unconditionally to the Western
Allies and Russia for the German
people. This act brought to a
close the first phase of the war
for the Four Freedoms. Japan is
next on the list.

War Seemed Far Away to America In September '39

It was in Sept. 1939, that
war news took over the front
pages of newspapers and first
place in the worried thoughts of
the nation.

On Sept. 1 of that year, how-
ever, war seemed far, far away.
This is what occupied Americans
on that day.

A lieutenant colonel named
Lewis B. Hershey was finishing
a four-year chore—preparing a
simple, peacetime selective ser-
vice system which he was destin-
ed to head.

Army officials, complaining
that there was not a single fully
organized division in the United
States Army, urged passage of a
bill to raise Army peace-time
strength to 280,000.

There was a brief stir after
Sen. D. Worth Clark (D-Idaho)
returned from the Panama canal
saying soldiers down there had
to use obsolete guns and anti-air-
craft equipment of World War I.

Americans whistled "Over the
Rainbow," strained the upper
register with "Sunrise Serenade,"
or bowed around the ball room
to "Beer Barrel Polka."

"Grapes of Wrath," a book
about the Okies that John Stein-
beck wrote, was rousing Califor-
nians' wrath.

"Inside Asia" was top non-fic-
tion, even though what was going
on inside Europe was to affect
the American way of life more
immediately.

The New York Yankees were
coasting to another American
league pennant, and in the Na-
tional, the Cincinnati Reds and
St. Louis Cards were battling for
the dubious honor of having their
brains kicked out in the World
Series.

Gen. George C. Marshall was
chief of staff then, but Gen.
Dwight D. Eisenhower was a
lieutenant colonel back from an
assignment in the Philippines,
where he had learned to fly.

Lt. Gen. Mark Clark was a
major at Fort Lewis, Wash., and
Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle of
Tokyo bombing fame was a
major in the reserve corps.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur was a
retired chief of staff serving as
field marshal of the Philippine
army.

Foreclosures Are Ordered

Board Of Commissioners
Feel It Now Necessary To
Institute And Carry Out
Final Action

At their meeting on Monday,
the board of county commis-
sioners advocated that all delinquent
taxes be cleared up, that execu-
tions be made against all land-
owners who are in arrears for 5
years or more, and that their
property be foreclosed upon and
sold if payments are not made
immediately.

The board took the position that
if taxes are not paid during the
present prosperous times they
never will be paid. In fairness to
the people who do pay taxes and
thus do their part toward carry-
ing on the county government,
the commissioners feel that oth-
ers who get equal benefits should
also be made to pay theirs.

Questioned regarding the order
of the commissioners, Tax Collec-
tor W. P. Jorgensen stated yester-
day (Continued on page four)

Straight Government Talk About 7th War Loan Drive Which Starts Next Week

New Registrants
Selective Service

Eight white and seven colored
men have recently registered with
the local selective service board.
Their names and addresses are as
follows:

Clarence David Gore, Holly
Ridge; Clifton Garland Gore, Le-
land; B. Carlyle, Ash; Francis
Martin Hollis, Leland; Harold
Phillip Cox, Bolivia; James Ellis
Hewett, Supply; George Francis
Ganey, Jr., Leland. All of the
above are white.

The colored registrants are:
James Louis Clemmons, South-
port; Willie McMillan, Spring Hill,
N. C.; ohn Norwood Bellamy, Le-
land; Samuel Lee Robbins, Le-
land; James Oliver McNeil,
Southport; Henry Lee Patrick, Le-
land; Hardy Bullard, r., Leland.

Killing Was Over A Ten Cent Fare

Shallotte Man Recently Kil-
led In Charleston Was
Shot Without Warning
Over A Trivial Sum Paid
As Bus Fare

E. V. Gore, Shallotte citizen,
whose son, Alric A. Gore, was
shot and killed by a Negro pas-
senger on his bus in Charleston,
S. C., three weeks ago, stated Sat-
urday that he had not yet been
advised of any date being best for
the trial of the alleged murderer
of his son.

Young Gore was a veteran of
this war, receiving an honorable
discharge, he entered the employ
of the South Carolina Power com-
pany in Charleston several months
ago and was employed as a bus
driver for the company.

Since the report of the murder
appeared in this paper an eye-
witness who was a passenger on
the bus at the time of the killing
has described it in detail. His story
is that the Negro got on the bus,
paid a ten cent fare and traveled
some two blocks. He then walked
up to the operator and demanded
his money back, saying he want-
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Hospital Supper Was A Success

Gratifying Returns From
Efforts To Buy New Steri-
lizer And Other Needed
Articles For Doshier Mem-
orial Hospital

The supper given at the Meth-
odist church annex on Thursday
night for the benefit of the J.
Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital
was a wonderful success, accord-
ing to officials of the Woman's
Auxiliary of the hospital, which
had the occasion in charge.

The proceeds from this supper,
along with contributions, will be
used to buy a new and modern
sterilizer for dishes and glass-
ware at the hospital.

In addition to the Southport
and Brunswick county aid towards
buying this sterilizer and other
needed matters at the hospital,
the Woman's Auxiliary is very
appreciative of several Wilming-
ton firms for their donations of
foodstuffs and money to the hos-
pital and to aid in buying the
sterilizer.

Hospital Day Next Saturday

Woman's Auxiliary Of J.
Arthur Doshier Memorial
Hospital Urges That All
Interested Visit Hospital
Saturday

Saturday of this week, May 12,
is National Hospital Day. The
Woman's Auxiliary of the J. Ar-
thur Doshier Memorial Hospital,
and all who are connected with
the hospital and interested in its
welfare, are most anxious that
each person in the county, re-
gardless of race, color or creed,
be given an opportunity to help
in the great work the hospital is
doing.

This can be done by visiting
the hospital at any time between
two and five o'clock Saturday.
Bring any gifts, large or small,
that may be useful to the hos-
pital. If it is inconvenient for you
to visit the hospital your gifts
may be left with Miss Lottie
Mae Newton at the bus station,
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Straight Answers To The
Fair Question Of Why
The 7th War Loan Is By
Far The Most Important
Of Any Yet

TO CONQUER THE JAPS
WILL NOT BE EASY JOB

Turning From The War In
Europe The Home Front
Must Back The Fight-
ing Forces For Speedy
End To Japanese

The Straight Talk about the
7th War Loan, a little folder that
is being distributed among the
public, is the most clear and con-
cise reasoning of anything that
has been read, regarding why the
American people should rally to
the war bond drive, which begins
next Monday.

Realizing that many people do
not read folders, regarding most
of them as merely advertising,
this Straight Talk is being pub-
lished below and the information
therein is commended as valuable
to all patriotic Americans:

"You may be wondering, 'Why
this biggest of all individual
quotas now? Haven't we already
reached the peak?'"

A fair question — requiring a
straight answer.

THE MONEY IS NEEDED
FOR WAR

The Battle of Japan has just
begun. It must be backed up,
paid for, fought for by a free
people, intent on sweeping the
Pacific clear of fascist hate-
forever.

With the war in the West our
first and major concern, we have
not yet been able to go all-out in
the East. But neither has the
Jap.

The war to crush Japan will
be bigger, tougher, and longer
than most Americans expect. The
Allied Military Command has
estimated that it will take years,
not months.

The destruction of Japan's arm-
ies has not yet reached the an-
nual rate of normal replacements
— between 200,000 and 250,000
men a year. And the Japs, as our
men in the Pacific know, fights
to the death.

As far as Japan is concerned,
the outer Empire—and the men
who defend it—are expendables.
The Jap will fight the Battle of
Japan from inside the inner Em-
pire, of which Iwo Jima was an
outpost. And Iwo Jima, according
to Admiral Nimitz, was a pattern
of the resistance our forces may
expect to meet in future offen-
sives.

NEW TASKS, NEW NEEDS

The single greatest obstacle to
our crushing of Japan is distance.
While in the Battle of Europe
supply ships from our bases in
England had only an overnight
run to make, ships in the Pacific
have long-reach round trips tak-
ing up to 5 months to make.

To crush Japan will take time,
heroic and backbreaking effort,
overpowering equipment.

Millions of fighting men—fresh-
ly outfitted and equipped—will
have to be moved from Europe
halfway around the globe; and
supplied day-in, day-out by hun-
dreds of new ships now building.
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Ration Pointers

PROCESSED FOODS:
BLUE STAMPS
H-2, J-2, K-2, L-2, M-2 ...
expire June 2.
N-2, P-2, Q-2, R-2, S-2 ...
expire June 30.
T-2, U-2, V-2, W-2, X-2 ...
expire July 31.
Y-2, Z-2, A-1, B-1, C-1 ...
expire August 31.
MEATS & FATS
RED STAMPS
Y-5, Z-5, A-2, B-2, C-2, D-
2 ... expire June 2.
E-2, F-2, G-2, H-2, J-2 ...
expire June 30.
K-2, L-2, M-2, N-2, P-2 ...
expire July 31.
Q-2, R-2, S-2, T-2, U-2 ...
expire August 31.
SUGAR
Sugar Stamp No. 35 ...
good for five pounds ... ex-
pires June 2.
Sugar Stamp No. 36 ...
good for five pounds ... ex-
pires August 31.
SHOES
Airplane Stamp No. 1, 2,
and 3 now good.
FUEL OIL
Period 4 and 5 (last sea-
son) and Periods 1, 2, 3, 4
and 5 (this season) valid for
10 gallons each.
GASOLINE
A-15 coupons good through
June 21.