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MIGHTY 7TH OPENS MONDAY

J. F. May Retires After 26 Years

James Fenner May, associated with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for the past 26 years, honorably retired from active duty with the company on April 21, of this year.

Mr. May's service with the Metropolitan began in Roanoke Rapids with his first credit being made April 14, 1919.

Last week at the regular meeting of the Rotary Club, of which Mr. May is an esteemed member, C. J. Cox, district manager of the insurance company, with headquarters in Raleigh, presented Mr. May with a retirement emblem and a certificate of recognition signed by Leroy A. Lincoln, president, and A. Rogers Maynard, superintendent of agencies.

The certificate read: "In recognition of your faithful service for the company over a period of 26 years we express our deep appreciation and extend to you our felicitations upon your honorable retirement from active service."

As further evidence of the high esteem in which Mr. May was held by officials of the Metropolitan, Cecil J. North, vice president of the company, writes as follows:

"By the time you receive this letter you will have begun your retirement and become a full-fledged 'alumnus' of Metropolitan. I am happy to wish you many years of enjoyment of your new estate.

"We always feel keenly the passing from active service of those men who for many years have so ably represented the Company in their community, and we want you to know how much we appreciate what a great contribution your years of faithful service have been to the important place which the Company holds.

"I am sure that you have made a host of friends both in the Company and out and that these associations will serve to make your retirement a happy one.

"I hope too that as an alumnus you will continue to have an interest and sentiment for your Alma Mater. The best of luck and happiness in all the years to come."

And A. Rogers Maynard, superintendent of agencies, writes:

"The date April 21, 1945, marks a most eventful occasion in your business career, as it represents the date on which you will officially retire from active service with our Company. I am reminded on occasions such as this that while you have justly earned your retirement, Mother Metropolitan by your passing from active service suffers the loss of one of her valued representatives.

During my visit to Raleigh in November of last year I had hoped to meet you personally but due to conditions beyond my control that hope did not materialize. However, I want you to know that I am most appreciative of the 26 years you devoted to serving the company.

After 26 Years



Shown above is James Fenner May, tagged "the best fisherman" in this section, and who has been honorably retired after 26 years of service with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

"Red" Pearce Expected Home

W. D. Pearce, F1/c ("Red") has landed in California and is expected home soon. Red has been serving in the South Pacific. He entered service in August, 1943, and went across in July, 1944. His wife resides here. She is connected with the Lucy Hasty Beauty Shop.

Is Liberated



Steak and trimmings are better than potato peeling soup and black bread, says S/Sgt. Andrew F. Ferguson, 807 Vance Street. Sgt. Ferguson was recently liberated from a Nazi prison camp. In the above picture, he is seen as he finishes his fourth tray of "chow." He was captured on December 22 during the battle of the Bulge.

Halifax County People Are Asked To Put \$1,419,000 In Uncle Sam's War Bonds

Northington Is Reported "Safe Well"

Mr and Mrs. L. H. Northington received a cablegram on Wednesday morning from their son, Pvt. Lionel F. Northington, who was previously reported as missing in action, that he was safe. The cable read as follows: "All well and safe. Writing in detail. Hope to see you soon." This was the first message his parents had received concerning their son since he had been reported lost.

Pvt. Northington, who entered service in August, 1944, went overseas in January, 1945. He was reported missing in action by the War Department since February 8, this year.

With the unconditional surrender this week of Germany to the Allied forces, the war still goes on with Japan. This phase of the struggle will be intensified with everything the United States can muster.

Money is needed by the government to bring Japan to her knees as quickly as possible and thereby save many thousands of American soldiers' lives.

Next Monday the "Mighty 7th War Bond" campaign will open. Halifax County's quota is \$1,419,000, with \$654,000 to be sold in "E" bonds. Last year the county's quota was \$1,281,000, and the citizens purchased bonds to "the tune" of \$2,405,161.

The organization that has been so successful in past campaigns will again function in this one, with F. H. Gregory of Halifax, county chairman, and H. E. Lee looking after the Roanoke Rapids end of the drive.

Remember, the war is not over—it is only half won. Japan still remains to be conquered and your money will help give the "Boys over there" the necessary guns, planes, tanks, and ammunition with which to "wind up the affair" as soon as possible.

Pvt. Taylor Freed From Nazi Prison

Pvt. Charles W. (Bill) Taylor, who has been a prisoner of war of the Germans since September 10, 1943, has been liberated by U. S. troops, according to a message received here this week. Young Taylor is the brother of Mrs. E. M. Wright, Mrs. Joe Williams and Harvey Taylor of this city. He entered the service in August, 1942, and went overseas early in 1943. He was educated in Roanoke Rapids schools and prior to going into the Army was employed by

the Rosemary Manufacturing Company.

The message to his brother, Harvey, and his family read: "I am somewhere in France. I am all right and a happy soldier getting plenty of good American food again. I would like to see you all. I don't think it will be long now. Give all the family my love. Your brother, Bill."

This is the first word received from Pvt. Taylor since his liberation and the letter was dated April 24, 1945.

Man Jailed On "Rape Attempt"

Kennie Love, a white man, said to be about 68 years old, is in Halifax County jail in lieu of \$1000 bond, charged with an attempted rape on a 14-year-old white girl.

The alleged crime is reported to have been committed in the daytime last Tuesday near the child's home in what is known as "Kings-town" on the Littleton highway.

Love waived preliminary hearing and his case is expected to come up at the next term of Superior Court.

TRUMAN PROCLAMATION

This is a solemn but a glorious hour. General Eisenhower informs me that the forces of Germany have surrendered to the United Nations. The flags of freedom fly over all Europe.

For this victory, we join in offering our thanks to the providence which has guided and sustained us through the dark days of adversity.

Our rejoicing is sobered and subdued by a supreme consciousness of the terrible price we have paid to rid the world of Hitler and his evil hand. Let us not forget, my fellow Americans, the sorrow and the heartbreak which today abide in the homes of so many of our neighbors—neighbors whose most priceless possession has been rendered as a sacrifice to redeem our liberty.

We can repay the debt which we owe to our God, to our dead and to our children only by work—by ceaseless devotion to the responsibilities which lie ahead of us. If I could give you a single watchword for the com-

ing months, that word is—work, work, work.

We must work to finish the war. Our victory is but half won. The west is free, but the east is still in bondage to the treacherous tyranny of the Japanese. When the last Japanese division has surrendered unconditionally, then only will our fighting job be done.

We must work to bind up the wounds of a suffering world—to build an abiding peace, a peace rooted in justice and in law. We can build such a peace only by hard, toilsome, painstaking work—by understanding and working with our Allies in peace as we have in war.

The job ahead is no less important, no less urgent, no less difficult than the task which now happily is done.

I call upon every American to stick to his post until the last battle is won. Until that day, let no man abandon his post or slacken his efforts.

you my formal proclamation of this occasion:

By the President of the United States of America. A proclamation.

The Allied armies, through sacrifice and devotion and with God's help, have won from Germany a final and unconditional 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, destroyed their homes, corrupted their children, and murdered their loved ones. Our armies of liberation have restored freedom to these suffering peoples, whose spirit and will the oppressors could never enslave.

Much remains 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

Election Results

Here are the tabulated figures on last Tuesday's city election:

North Ward—Mayor:	
Jenkins	420
Welch	348
South Ward—Mayor:	
Jenkins	174
Welch	198
Total vote:	
Jenkins	594
Welch	546

Frank C. Williams and Virgil E. McDowell, unopposed for city commissioners, polled the following vote: Williams, North Ward, 434; McDowell, South Ward, 242.

License Must Be Renewed At Once

License to sell beer and wine for the year beginning May 1 must be renewed at once, according to city officials. Persons who fail to do this are liable to court action.