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With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.

Roosevelt's War Message. SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 1945.

TOP OF THE MORNING The only way we can overcome the Nazi challenge is by the discovery of a sufficient faith, something that can set our soul on fire...

Sea Battle In Pacific

When the United States fleet in the Pacific grew large enough to challenge the Japanese Navy the prayer of the entire force was that the enemy would come out and fight.

Now the prayer is answered again. The invasion of Okinawa forced the Japanese to send another fleet out of hiding. It was engaged by American task groups commanded by Rear Admirals Sherman, Bradford, Bogan and Clark, who sank six of its ships...

In addition to the Yamato, enemy craft sunk was an Agano light cruiser, another light cruiser and three destroyers. American losses were three destroyers sunk. Several other destroyers and smaller ships were damaged. The air forces lost seven planes.

Baruch Speaks Out

Bernard Baruch granted an interview recently in London to a representative of Stars and Stripes. Afterwards his secretary attempted to have two paragraphs deleted but the request came too late...

Nazis Destroy Libraries

By his own account Hitler's "new order" was to be based on a new civilization, but from what he has done, or permitted and condoned, it is apparent that success for him would have brought another period as dark as the Dark Ages.

In his travels the Doctor found that libraries in England, France, Norway, Poland, Finland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Italy and Russia suffered "unprecedented" damage at the hands of the Germans. His report says: "A peculiarity of European library experience in World War II is the degree to which the damage wrought has been the result of deliberate action on the part of the Axis powers, Germany in particular."

Poland's libraries were destroyed. Fifty or more libraries were destroyed in England. The situation is not better in Russia and the other countries Hitler's hordes invaded. The only "new order" Hitler could have created if he had achieved world conquest would have been complete destruction of civilization and the substitution of complete barbarism.

Russo-Jap Break

Russia's denunciation of her neutrality pact with Japan is a "momentous development," says DeWitt MacKenzie, Associated Press analyst, in a masterpiece of restraint. Editors generally have been more outspoken. The New York Daily Mirror, for example, says, "Russia rarely talks tough unless planning and prepared to act tough."

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Interpreting The War

By ELTON C. FAY Associated Press War Analyst The inability of either Axis member to cope with, much less recover from, the deadly blows being struck by the Allies is apparent in the news of this past week.

CAROLINA FROM THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Senator Josiah Bailey's selection of a nominee to succeed Federal Judge I. M. Meekins, retired, will be announced early next week and he declined today to offer any idea of whom it might be.

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FROST DAMAGES CROPS IN STATE

CHARLOTTE, April 7.—(AP)—Heavy frost, coming in the wake of exceptionally warm weather, did considerable damage to fruit and truck crops in western North Carolina last night. Temperatures that ranged down to 20 degrees at the climax of a three-day cold snap laid a blighting blanket on the apple-growing section around Asheville and spread a lighter mantle of frost into South Carolina.

Commercial apple growers in the Asheville area said they expected the apple crop to be a total loss, amounting to around \$200,000. The thermometer dropped to 21 degrees at Waynesville and 28 at Asheville. Other crops were not so severely damaged. Buncombe County Farm Agent W. Riley Palmer said damaged truck crops and tobacco could be replanted.

At Winston-Salem, Farm Agent R. W. Pou reported probable heavy damage to Forsyth county crops, especially small grains, beans, potatoes and other early garden type produce. He said the fruit crop had suffered no material damage, that while the predicted banner crop may have been reduced somewhat there was a possibility the fruit might benefit from being thinned out by nature.

Bible Class To Honor Dr. Smith On April 15

Dr. W. T. Smith, local dentist and Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist church for 35 years, will be honored at the class' Homecoming Day program to be held April 15, it was announced yesterday by Otto Pridden, assistant teacher.

"During Dr. Smith's 35 years as a Bible teacher," Mr. Pridden said, "many hundreds have been brought under his kindly Christian influence. Some have become pastors and some missionaries. Former members of the class can be found in all phases of Wilmington life."

"Dr. Smith has made an inevitable contribution to the Christian thinking of Wilmington. His 35 years of unselfish devotion to spreading understanding and Christian fellowship is an inspirational achievement of which any man would be proud," he added.

LETTER BOX

TRIBUTE TO GEORGE P. JAMES Editor, Star-News: The passing of George P. James brings sorrow to the hearts on not only his immediate family, but also to those friends of years ago who valued his friendship and esteemed him for those qualities of heart and mind which he constantly displayed in his relationship with the problems of this world.

I knew George James as a young man when he and I were employed in the office of Col. Thomas Cowan James, general agent of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway Co., during the years of 1890 to 1895, and have kept this friendship alive to the present. His sterling character, his endless sense of humor, and his value of a real friend were some of his qualities which go to make up a real man and the loss of such a man in this day and time is a real calamity to his family, friends and associates.

May his soul rest in peace in the fervent hope of a devoted friend. Henry G. Fennell. Carolina Beach, N. C. April 7, 1945.

'Smiley' Burnette To Appear At Camp Davis

"Smiley" Burnette, who has been co-starred with Gene Autry in many screen and radio shows, will appear at the Camp Davis theater this afternoon at 1 o'clock, just before the usual Sunday afternoon matinee.

His appearance is in keeping with his policy to play military camps whenever possible. Music for the special program will be furnished by the Camp Davis "PDC-mp-hony."

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Tobacco Transplanting Underway In Robeson

LUMBERTON, April 7.—Tobacco transplanting is moving into full swing in the Lumberton flue-cured territory, with prospects for a full crop being out in the fields by May 1, Jasper C. Hutto, supervisor of the Lumberton tobacco market, said today. He added that only severe blue mold can slow down individual planting schedules.

In his second semi-monthly tobacco crop condition report of the season, the supervisor said farmers indicate the crop prospects at this stage as "good" to "extra good." The farmers are hoping for more rainfall within the next few days to help plants in getting a good start in the fields.

"Blue mold has been noted in virtually all communities, but the field reports indicate the damage has been comparatively slight," the supervisor said. "Some individual beds have been hit pretty hard, but these are exceptions. The week-end brought a substantial change in weather conditions, with a rapid drop in temperature checking plant growth for the time. Insects and weeds have given only a normal amount of trouble in the plant beds."

Czechs Pledge Practical Relations With Russia

LONDON, April 7.—(AP)—The day-old Czechoslovakia government pledged itself today to maintain "practical" military, political, economical and cultural relations with the Soviet Union. The declaration of policy was issued through its London press bureau soon after formation of the new government with left wing factions represented in two key posts.

The announcement also said mobilization of a new Czechoslovak army would continue in the liberated areas of the country, and residents of German-occupied areas would be roused to "an all-national struggle against the occupiers."

STRIKERS RETURN

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., April 7.—(AP)—Sixty civilian employees who went on strike at the navy-operated Flamingo hotel here last night, voluntarily returned to their jobs this afternoon. Navy wives "pitched in" to cook, wait on the tables in the restaurant and operate the elevators when the civilians left their posts.

PEACHES ESCAPE DAMAGE

RALEIGH, April 7.—(AP)—Agents of the State Department of Agriculture touring the Sandhills Peach Belt reported here today that last night's low temperatures apparently did not seriously damage the young crop of fruit in that area.

WILLISTON CHORUS TO GIVE PROGRAM

The Williston High School Choral organization, a group of 125 voices, directed by James Thompson, Jr., will present its third annual spring concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 15, in the high school auditorium. The singers will open their concert with the well-known "Anvil Chorus" from the Opera "Il Trovatore" by Verdi, followed by selections of by Bach and Gounod. Feature of the program will be the numbers of the mixed and male quartet, the girls choir, the eight boys and a girl, and Ruth Walker, lyric soprano.

Some of the best known spirituals, popular and patriotic selections will be sung. The first part of the program will be closed by the "Italian Street Song" with the solo sung by Ruth Walker. The Choral organization has been one of the outstanding singing groups of the city for the past several months. It has appeared at white and Negro schools and on the programs of the Rotary club, Kiwanis club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, and the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Several programs have been given for younger groups at white and Negro churches.

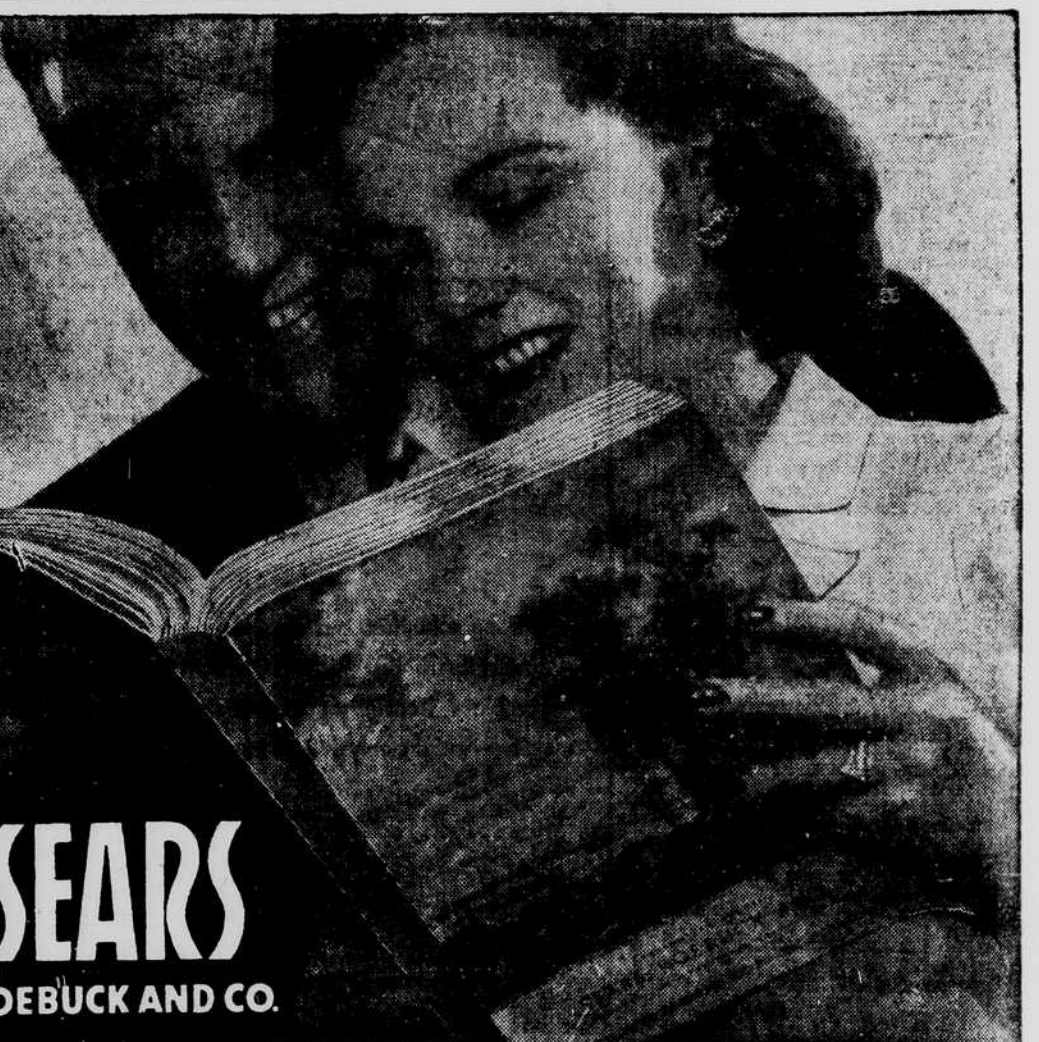
Lamb Heads Columbus County School Board

WHITEVILLE, April 7.—Major R. J. Lamb, of Whiteville, has been named chairman of the Columbus county board of education to succeed A. L. Griffin, who was not reappointed to the board.

In addition to Major Lamb, other members of the board are Al Williams, of Tabor City, Ksace Gore, of Bug Hill, J. T. Wooten, of Lake Waccamaw, and F. B. Gault, of Lake Waccamaw. Only Lamb and Gault were members of the board last year.

In its first official meeting, the board did not take any action regarding filling the office of the county superintendent of education for the next year. H. D. Browning, Jr., is the present superintendent.

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