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VICTORY IN EUROPE

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And even more so in view of the part of the job still unfinished. Never before in the history of our country has such a complete and overwhelming victory found us with such a great task still remaining before the full fruits of peace could be enjoyed. In hundreds and thousands of homes V-E Day could mean no more than the certainty that the full weight of our war might will now be thrown into the task of shortening the war against our other enemy, Japan. V-E Day is meaningless to them, and in a sense to all of us, apart from the fact that final victory is brought nearer.

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Why the smile? These Cadets War Bonds, they have a right to be jubilant.

White Minister Quits In Protest Soldier Treatment

WAR MOTHERS HOLD DEDICATION SERVICE

RALEIGH — The American War Mothers Chapter I held their dedication service at Chavis Park, May 4, at 3:30 o'clock. At which time a tree and stone bench were dedicated to the boys and girls who have and are now serving in the armed forces. The tree in honor of those living, the bench in memory of those who have paid the supreme sacrifice. An overture by the Washington High School Band under the direction of Mr. John L. Livingston. Invocation by Reverend J. W. Jones, pastor of the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church. The Washington High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. E. M. M. Kelly, sang the following numbers: "My Country 'Tis of Thee, America the Beautiful and God Bless America." Prayers were made by Mrs. Lillian Logan, president of the chapter. A few of the war mother presented a pageant, "Tribute to the Tree." After which the band played "Taps." The speakers of the afternoon were presented: Mayor G. H. Andrews and Pastor Payne, dean of Shaw University by Mrs. N. S. Devane and Mrs. Ethel Young, respectively. The mayor graciously accepted the dedication of the tree and bench and said that it is very fitting that the mothers are the ones to be dedicated. Raleigh was one forest of oak and for a long while was called the city of oaks.

Rev. Herbert Quits Service Commission

Wilmington — The Looney case, in which charges a city policeman accused of being drunk on duty were dismissed by the City Civil Service Commission, is again in the limelight. Rev. J. Furman Herbert, a member of the Commission, has resigned in protest to the Commission's handling of the case. He stood out against the decision of the majority of the Commission in the Looney case and took a stand for what he called absolute justice. His utterances regarding the case in which a discharged colored serviceman and white waitress allegedly were mistreated by the policeman, were pronounced and significant. Negroes here say Rev. Herbert effectively revealed how a Christian should apply Christian principles in interracial matters.

NNW ESSAY RESULTS ANNOUNCED

LOUISVILLE, KY. — Winners in the National High School Essay contest sponsored by the Negro Newspaper Publishers Association were announced this week by the organization's Newspaper Week Committee.

The prize-winning essay on the subject "The Negro Newspaper, Crusader For Real Democracy" was written by James Burns, Jr., sophomore student at the Sumner High School of Kansas City, Kansas. Second prize went to Audrey H. White of the Hampton Institute High School, Hampton, Va. Third place went to Rita Thaler, Morris High School of the Bronx, New York.

The essays were adjudged the best of more than one thousand original entries. They first won prizes as one of the three top-ranking contributions to the local contests. (Continued on back page)

Race Is Happy That Conflict Is Over In Europe

By Geo. F. King

With formal announcements of European victory, V-E Day was proclaimed by President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin, over the radio, at 9 a. m. Tuesday, May 8. Following the formal announcements over the radio by Prime Minister Churchill there was an official two-day celebration in England.

The announcement and proclamation by President Truman were full of utterances that revealed that he wanted the people in this country to temper their celebration with prayers and thanksgiving and with the thought that the war against Japan must be prosecuted to the limit Sunday, May 13, is the day set aside by President Truman, in his proclamation, as a Day of Prayer.

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wishing that the great factor in the down-fall of Nazism and Fascism and Japan—the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had lived to see V-E Day.

Sunday the colored churches will wholeheartedly joined in the observance of that Day of Prayer. Indications are that Mr. Churchill will meet President Truman soon after V-E Day and that the meeting will be widened into a Big Three conference with Premier Stalin. The present Polish problem, with its latest developments, is believed to be among the urgent factors in bringing together President Truman, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Stalin at a near date.

North Carolina Organizes Progressive Voters League

GREENSBORO — A special committee for the organization of the North Carolina Progressive Voters League met on Friday, May 4, at the Market Street YMCA in Greensboro.

The meeting was opened by the singing of America; then the invocation was offered by the Rev. E. C. Grogan, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Statesville. The organization and work of the Progressive Voters League stressing the values of the proposed State Organization.

The purpose of this League is to promote the general welfare of the people in every village, town, and city of the State. "The greatest secret weapon that the people have today is the ballot," stressed R. H. Beatty of Fayetteville. "We can get more Negro policemen, public libraries, and playgrounds through organized use of the ballot. This is being done in some communities, but it can achieve fullest results if continued. Focusing attention on the struggle of our group to attain full democracy in our State and in our Nation, Mr. Beatty stirred the representatives" by quoting the "Weary Traveler."

Dr. C. C. Spaulding, H. V. Price, the Rev. W. A. Tutt, the Rev. S. E. Daly, F. G. Carnase, the Rev. S. G. Matthews and many others were to the Acting President expressing their interest in the work. Others stated their regret at their inability to attend the gathering.

Officers as follows were elected: President, R. H. Beatty, Fayetteville; vice-presidents, T. V. Mangum, Statesville; L. W. Stubbs, Aberdeen; Z. E. Batchelor, Rocky Mount; J. H. R. Gleaves, Winston-Salem; secretary, E. F. Gregg, Gastonia; assistant secretary, J. C. Johnson, Fayetteville; treasurer, W. C. Hidding, Statesville; Set-up-men, John Fair, Winston-Salem; chaplain, W. M. Jackson, Aberdeen; parliamentarian, N. L. Gregg, Greensboro; legal advisor, Attorney J. S. Bowser, Charlotte.

R. H. Beatty of Fayetteville, presided over the sessions; Miss Alma Melnyre of A and T College served as conference stenographer.

Paul Robeson Blasts Peace Conference Saboteurs

CHICAGO, Ill. (CNS)—In a gigantic peace rally sponsored by the Wilson League 25 of the United Packinghouse Workers, a branch of the Chicago Federation of Labor, celebrated star of the stage, screen and radio, and who is currently appearing in this city in the production, "Othello," took side with the layman, whose fate is being sifted by representatives of world powers at the San Francisco conference.

Robeson avowed that the warped minds that sponsored the sell-out of many European countries, are the polluted faculties which would like to commit sabotage to the San Francisco conference but in view of the overall importance to our war, the common people are well aware of such disfavor and won't stand for it. At his rally approximately three thousand workers forfeited their lunch period to listen to Robeson and Mayor Kelley emphasize the importance of unity, so that they find "unworking class people of the world might enjoy a permanent peace."

Robeson, standing on a sound truck bedecked with flags of 46 United Nations, told the workers: "If you don't believe that twisted minds are still at work, read the Chicago Tribune."

"You are the people, who for the first time in history, are taking your rightful places in directing the destiny of the world; you are the people who know the deep meaning of the ideal that we must live in a world where all men are free," Robeson concluded.

Mayor Kelly bestowed the loss of President Roosevelt, under whose guidance it is believed, would have brought about many of the realities which we are fighting for. He emphasized this need for "unworking class people of the world" as well as being carried forward by President Truman.

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At the time of this story, there was a complete absence of fighting, except on long fronts where circumstances were such that the fighters hadn't been fully reached. Credence, from reports mainly from Stalingrad, was that Germany had decided not to make a battlefield. Grand Admiral Doenitz and his henchmen, from the proclamations issued by President Truman, Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin, had surrounded on all fronts including the Russian.

The capitulation of Nazi Germany has brought much joy to Afro-Americans everywhere. They have sanely expressed their joy and joined with the world in

Dr. Dorton Urges All To Stay On Job Diligently

RALEIGH — The V-E Day period is one to stir the spirit of satisfaction and thankfulness that one formidable enemy has been eliminated, but should not interfere with the harder and possibly longer task of eliminating the other and more distant enemy, Dr. J. S. Dorton, State director of the War Manpower Commission, warns.

Dr. Dorton calls upon the more than 400 employees of the War Manpower Commission and its U. S. Employment Service to set an example to all workers, as well as to all employers, to stay on the job and work diligently and constantly to combat the enemy.

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CHURCH CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

CHAPEL HILL — The Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Celebration of the Rock Hill Baptist Church was held with appropriate ceremonies each night during the week of April 1-8.

The celebration opened Sunday with preaching and Holy Communion by the Pastor. Highlighting the week were special programs by the Negro Business Men's League, the Orange County Training School Faculty, featuring an address by Mr. D. M. Jernagin, principal, and a special Candle Lighting Service in memory of all those having served in the Armed Forces, and the unveiling of the U. S. Flag by the Boy Scouts. Special music was rendered by the Junior Choir of the church with Mr. L. B. Booth as chorister, and the OCTS under the direction of Mrs. Raddso. \$1,015 was the amount raised during the week's service. \$100 was given to the Shaw University New Development Program and \$50 to Lott Carey Convention. The remainder of the funds will be used for church improvement.

The Church was founded in 1870 and Rev. J. H. Hackney was its pastor for 61 years. The Deacons of the church are Messrs. C. Maddox, L. F. Caldwell, George Trice, Sherman Purfoy, Silas Pettiford, William McCullary, Walter McCullary and London Partin. Rev. J. R. Stanford is the pastor of the church at present and composed a special anniversary hymn for the celebration. Mrs. Katie Finnie headed a special committee to raise funds during the celebration.

Durham Editor Defeated In City Council Race

Staff Correspondent

Durham — Although Louis E. Austin, Durham editor and state ushers' head, polled nearly 1,000 votes in this city's councilmanic election Tuesday, he fell short of his opponent's 2,872, and was defeated Austin polled 989 votes. Austin entered the race in Durham's Third Ward and was opposed by B. F. Sewell, tobacco factory foreman. Balloting was on a city-wide basis.

All Durham incumbents, including Mayor W. F. Carr, who was unopposed, were returned to office.

Durham election officials were unanimous in their agreement that the election was one of the quietest ever held here. The entry of Austin, the only Negro candidate, created little outward excitement.

Except for constant reference to him as "Negro" appeared almost no interest on the part of whites. There are sources in Durham, however, who charge that a subtle undercover campaign was staged to defeat him, citing his race as reasons for opposing him.

This correspondent talked with citizens who were at the polls as early as 6:30 when they opened, and he was among a group of half a dozen voters who stood in the corridor of the Durham County Court House as Mayor W. F. Carr and other city officials took a final look at 6:30 Tuesday night when the polls closed.

No indication was given at any of the places the correspondent visited of any attempt to intimidate or to foil the orderly process of government.

On the surface, Durham took the entry of its Negro councilmanic candidate in stride.

PA. GOP KNIFES FEPC BILL

HARRISBURG (C)—The last opportunity to bring about enactment of a fair employment practices measure at the 1945 session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly has been lost due to the knifing of Republican Party.

The Republican majority or a straight party vote of 28-18 refused Democratic efforts to discharge the hostile Labor and Industry Committee from further consideration of the bill.

San Francisco Conference

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The San Francisco Conference of the United Nations moved forward at an increased pace, its political pathway clear.

Working assignments were handed out to each of the participating nations — with definite jobs to be done.

KEY POINT TO NEW ZEALAND

One appointment of special interest was that of New Zealand as Chairman of the Committee on the International Trusteeship System under the General Assembly, New Zealand under Australia have views on the control of mandates and Japanese islands captured in the Pacific differing considerably with the desires of official circles in London.

Belgium was put in charge of the Commission on General Principles, which will draft the preamble, Statement of purpose and principles, Membership and general provisions including the secretary and amendments. This is where the issue of the Atlantic Charter and the adherence of the America to principles of justice will come up, as well as that of liberalizing the regulations for amendment of the Charter. The Philippines went the post of temporary Assistant Secretary-General, Luxembourg for this Commission, and to Luxembourg that of assistant secretary general.

Two committees are included in the Commission. One, that on preamble purposes and principles, the Ukraine will hold the Chairmanship and Syria that of rapporteur. On the other, that on membership and general provisions, Costa Rica will be Chairman, Haiti rapporteur for membership and Saudi Arabia for general provisions.

South Africa obtained the Presidency of the Committee on the Dumbarton Oaks proposals should be modified to increase the rights of the smaller nations in the General Assembly.

Panama received the post of rapporteur and Liberia that of assistant secretary general for this Commission.

The Committee points structure and procedures — Chairman, Turkey; Rapporteur, White Russia.

Political and Security Functions — Chairman, Bolivia; Rapporteur, Dominican Republic.

Economic and Social Cooperation — Chairman, India; Rapporteur, Guatemala.

Trusteeship System — Chairman, New Zealand; Rapporteur, Luxembourg.

Appointments to the Commission on the Security Council which will control the use of armed forces to restrain aggression were — President, Norway; Rapporteur, Paraguay; Assistant Secretary-General, Honduras; Offices on the committee under this Commission were distributed as follows: Structure and Procedures — Chairman, Greece; Rapporteur, El Salvador; Peaceful Settlement of Disputes — Chairman, Uruguay; Rapporteur, the Soviet Union.

No Reduction In Draft In Spite Of V-E Day

WASHINGTON — The "call tote," the Chief of Staff pointed out, probably be increased "by some 50,000 men over the next three months," and the capitulation of the Germans will have little or no effect on this number.

However it is of great necessity, Gen. Marshall maintained, to start an increased flow into the Pacific area where replacements are needed for the casualties suffered in that area, and for the men who should be relieved after many months of hard fighting under the most disagreeable weather conditions.

In a letter to Chairman May (D-Ky.), of the House Military Com-

BUSINESS AS USUAL IN CITY ON V-E DAY

RALEIGH — Except for a conscious feeling of deep gratitude and prayerfulness on the part of Raleigh citizens on V-E Day, the city's workday activities moved along as usual. Perhaps, the anticipation of the day was greater than the realization of it when it finally was upon us.

It would be erroneous to say, however, that our pulses were not heightened to some degree, but such a "set-up," we believe, served as an impetus to work harder than ever to get the whole thing over and done with. Now, that we have tasted of the sweetness of victory, how avid must be our determination to get our rightful share!

The day found us listening with intense interest in the radio speech by President Truman, which proved to be sobering and thought-provoking, reminding us of what the war so far has meant in the loss of loved ones, materials and health. His proclamation followed.

In practically every church in Raleigh were found individuals gathered with a feeling of "togetherness" in offering special prayers of thanksgiving, and petitioning the Almighty for victory over our remaining foes.

Governor Cherry also issued a proclamation which said in text: "The present achievement of our armed forces is but a milestone in our war program. The war is not over, and this is no time for an 'all-out' expression of our restrained enthusiasm and pent-up personal emotions. On the fighting fronts of the Japanese Axis powers, much remains to be done. I beg you not to let any essential war work slow up or stop."

Lights came on again in the streets of Raleigh, lifting the brown-out which has existed, as in other cities and towns, for months. And in every theatre the National Anthem was played and vigorously sung.

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NEW YORK (C)—J. E. Mitchell, Editor of the St. Louis Argus, was received by President Truman at the White House during his brief stay in Washington, D. C. where he had gone to attend an Executive meeting of the National Negro Press Association.

At the close of the Press meeting Mr. Mitchell came to New York to visit with his sister, Mrs. Hattie Powell. While here he saw St. Louis' own Lou Swartz—Actress and Entertainer, Lt. Ina McFadden (WAC) and Joe "Ziggy" Johnson, Producer. He left New York the last of the week for his home in St. Louis.

Saint Agnes Holds Second Induction

RALEIGH — Honoring the second anniversary of the United States Cadet Corp Saint Agnes School of Nursing will induct 38 Pre-Cadet Nurses Saturday afternoon at 2 p. m. on the lawn in front of the Nurses Home.

Dr. T. L. Umphlet will induct the Cadets. Miss Thelma Anderson will sing the Cadet Anthem.

Dr. A. W. Tucker, administrator of the hospital, will preside at the ceremony. The American Legion, American troop 59, will lead the processional. Mr. R. M. Godley, director of the school, will present the Cadets for induction.

The public is invited.

Man's Body Mangled By ACL Train

ROCKY MOUNT — The life of Mance Hargrove, about 60, was snuffed out under the wheels of a south-bound Atlantic Coast Line train Saturday morning about 9, at the crossing is equipped with lights and a bell, but has no gate.

According to a police report, the man had waited for a north-bound train to pass, and attempted to cross the tracks without seeing the approaching south-bound engine.